

FINANCE CONCENTRATION

Program Description

The **Finance Concentration** within the Associate in Science in Business Administration is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree in finance or a related business field.

This concentration provides a foundation in financial principles, investment analysis, corporate finance, and economic decision-making. Students examine how organizations manage capital, evaluate risk, and make strategic financial decisions. Coursework emphasizes quantitative reasoning, financial analysis, and the interpretation of economic data to support sound business planning.

The program combines core business coursework with focused preparation in financial management, preparing students for upper-level study in finance and related disciplines.

Transfer Information

The Finance concentration is structured to align with bachelor's degree programs in finance and related disciplines such as financial planning, banking, investment management, and corporate finance.

Students are encouraged to work closely with faculty and Advising & Transfer Services to ensure coursework aligns with the requirements of their intended transfer institution. Students planning to transfer within New Jersey should explore the "Transfer Programs" feature on NJ Transfer (www.njtransfer.org) to review articulation agreements and institutional requirements.

Because finance programs often require strong preparation in mathematics and economics, early academic planning is strongly recommended.

Career Information

The A.S. in Business Administration – Finance Concentration is designed primarily for transfer. A bachelor's degree is typically required for professional roles in finance, and some careers require additional certification or licensure.

With further education, graduates may pursue careers such as:

- Financial Analyst
- Investment Analyst
- Banking Associate
- Financial Planner
- Corporate Finance Professional
- Risk Management Analyst

Students are encouraged to consult with faculty and Career Services early in their academic journey to explore transfer pathways, internships, and long-term career planning in finance and financial services.

First Semester		Credit Hours
ENGL 151	English I	3
MATH 156 or MATH 166 or (MATH 191 or higher)	¹	3-4
STSC 150	Student Success Seminar ²	2
ECON 151	Macroeconomic Principles	3
BUSN 134	Principles of Marketing	3
Credit Hours		14-15
Second Semester		Credit Hours
ENGL 152	English II	3
MATH 156 or MATH 166 or (MATH 191 or higher)	¹	3-4
ECON 152	Microeconomics Principles	3
CSIT 123	Integrated Office Software	3
ACCT 161	Principles of Accounting I	3
Credit Hours		15-16
Third Semester		Credit Hours
BUSN 251	Business Law I	3
BUSN 272	Principles of Investments	3
ACCT 162	Principles of Accounting II	3
Humanities or Social Science Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/)		3
Lab Science Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/)		4
Credit Hours		16
Fourth Semester		Credit Hours
BUSN 271	Principles of Management	3
BUSN 275	Principles of Finance	3
COMM 154	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Humanities Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/)		3
Electives to meet 60 credits ³		2-3
Credit Hours		14-15
Total Credit Hours		59-62

¹ Many four-year business degree programs require Precalculus or Calculus as the entry-level math course. Students planning to transfer to Stockton University business programs should take Statistics. Kean Ocean students should take College Algebra and a second math course in Precalculus. Students should speak with an academic advisor when making course selections.

² A variety of STSC -Student Success Seminar courses are available.

³ Students should speak with an academic advisor when selecting elective. Students planning to transfer to Stockton University should take ACCT 263.