Program Overview

This major provides an understanding of the fundamental theory and practice pertaining to finance in order to make sound financial decisions. Students are taught to think logically about financial problems so they can formulate and implement value maximizing decisions and policies. Students learn the importance of monetary systems, credit, prices, money markets, and financial institutions.

Academic Advising

It is recommended that students meet with an advisor regarding their individualized degree plan at least once per year.

Business School Advising

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General Graduation Requirements & Policies

All CU Denver Business students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 applicable course hours.
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA) and business GPA.
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper division (3000/4000 level) credits.
4. Complete a minimum of 30 CU Denver business course hours in good standing.

Course Schedule & Delivery Modes

CU Denver offers courses in both in person (IP) and online (OL) delivery modes. This is designed as an in-person degree, but some required classes are only offered online. Below are the required classes for this major and when they are generally offered in person and online. Students will need to choose core classes and electives that meet their individual needs:

**COURSE SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

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|  | **When** | **Fall** | **Spring** | **Summer** |
| **Core Classes** |  |  |  |  |
| ENGL 1020 | Semester 1 | IP & OL | IP & OL | IP & OL |
| ENGL 2030 | Semester 2 | IP & OL | IP & OL | IP & OL |
| MATH 1060 Finite Math | Semester 1 | IP & OL | IP & OL | OL |
| Social Sciences: ECON 2012 | Semester 3 | IP & OL | IP & OL | IP & OL |
| **Graduation Requirements for Business** |  |  |  |  |
| UNIV 1110 College Success | Semester 1 | IP & OL | IP & OL |  |
| COMM 2050 Business and Professional Speaking | Semester 2 | IP & OL | IP & OL | OL |
| ECON 2022 Principles of Economics: Microeconomics | Semester 4 | IP & OL | IP & OL | IP & OL |
| ENGL 3170 Business Writing | Semester 4 | IP & OL | IP & OL | OL |
| **Business Core:** |  |  |  |  |
| BUSN 2110+BUSN 3110 | Semesters 2 & 3 | IP & OL | IP & OL | - |
| ISMG 2050 Introduction to Business Problem Solving | Semester 2 | IP & OL | IP & OL | OL |
| BANA 2010 Business Statistics | Semester 3 | IP & OL | IP & OL | IP & OL |
| ACCT 2200 Financial Accounting & Financial Statement Analysis | Semester 3 | IP & OL | IP & OL | Either IP or OL |
| ACCT 2220 Managerial Accounting and Professional Issues | Semester 4 | IP & OL | IP & OL | OL |
| BLAW 3050 Business Law and Ethics | Semester 6 | IP & OL | IP & OL | OL |
| BANA 3000 Operations Management | Semester 7 | IP & OL | IP & OL | IP & OL |
| FNCE 3000 Principles of Finance | Semester 6 | IP & OL | IP & OL | OL |
| ISMG 3000 Technology in Business | Semester 6 | IP & OL | IP & OL | OL |
| MGMT 3000 Managing Individuals and Teams | Semester 5 | IP & OL | IP & OL | OL |
| MKTG 3000 Principles of Marketing | Semester 5 | IP & OL | IP & OL | OL |
| MGMT 4500 Business Policy and Strategic Management | Semester 8 | IP & OL | IP & OL | OL (May) |
| **Finance Required Classes** |  |  |  |  |
| FNCE 3500 Management of Business Capital | Semester 6 | IP | IP | OL |
| FNCE 3600 Financial Markets and Institutions | Semester 7 | IP & OL | OL | - |
| FNCE 3700 Investment and Portfolio Management | Semester 6 | IP | IP | OL |
| FNCE 4370 International Finance | Semester 6 | IP & OL | IP & OL | OL |
| FNCE 4500 Corporate Financial Decisions | Semester 8 | IP | IP | OL |
| FNCE Elective | Semester 6-8 | IP & OL | IP & OL | OL |

Sample Academic Plan of Study

The following academic plan is a ***sample*** pathway to completing degree requirements. This schedule can be adjusted to accommodate AP, IB, and/or CLEP credits, as well as courses taken during the summer sessions. Students should tailor this plan based on transfer credit, course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, and add-on programs such as minors or double majors. Students must complete an experiential learning credit (internship, study abroad program, or project-based course) and a capstone course taken in their final semester. **This plan assumes that the foreign language graduation requirement has been completed with high school courses or proficiency exam.**

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| Year One | **Semester 1** | Credits |  | **Semester** **2** | Credits |
| ENGL 1020 Core Composition I | 3 |  | ISMG 2050 Intro to Business Problem Solving | 3 |
| MATH 1060 Finite Math | 3 |  | ENGL 2030 Core Composition II | 3 |
| Arts, Humanities, OR Behavioral Science | 3 |  | COMM 2050 Business and Professional Speaking | 3 |
| Arts, Humanities, OR Behavioral Science | 3 |  | Natural and Physical Sciences with a Lab | 4 |
| UNIV 1110 College Success | 1 |  | Arts, Humanities, OR Behavioral Science | 3 |
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| **TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS** | **13** |  | **TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS** | **16** |

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| Year Two | **Semester 3** | Credits |  | **Semester 4** | Credits |
| ACCT 2200 Financial Accounting and Financial Statement Analysis | 3 |  | ACCT 2220 Managerial Accounting and Professional Issues | 3 |
| BANA 2010 Business Statistics | 3 |  | ECON 2022 Principles of Economics: Microeconomics | 3 |
| Social Sciences: ECON 2012 Macroeconomics | 3 |  | Natural and Physical Sciences | 3 |
| ENGL 3170 Business Writing | 3 |  | General Elective *(or Regional Expertise/ Language)* | 3 |
| General Elective *(or Regional Expertise/ Language)* | 3 |  | General Elective *(or Regional Expertise)* | 3 |
| BUSN 2110 Cultivating Emotional Intelligence | 1 |  | BUSN 3110 Career & Professional Development | 1 |
| **TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS** | **16** |  | **TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS** | **16** |

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| Year Three | **Semester 5** | Credits |  | **Semester 6** | Credits |
| FNCE 3000 Principles of Finance | 3 |  | FNCE 3500 Management of Business Capital | 3 |
| BLAW 3050 Business Law and Ethics | 3 |  | FNCE 3700 Investment and Portfolio Management | 3 |
| MGMT 3000 Managing Individuals and Teams | 3 |  | BANA 3000 Operations Management | 3 |
| ISMG 3000 Technology in Business | 3 |  | MKTG 3000 Principles of Marketing | 3 |
| International Perspectives | 3 |  | International Studies: FNCE 4370 | 3 |
| **TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS** | **15** |  | **TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS** | **15** |

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| Year Four | **Semester 7** | Credits |  | **Semester 8** | Credits |
| FNCE 3600 Financial Markets and Institutions | 3 |  | FNCE 4500 Corporate Financial Decisions | 3 |
| FNCE Elective | 3 |  | FNCE Elective | 3 |
| FNCE Elective | 3 |  | MGMT 4500 Business Policy and Strategic Management | 3 |
| FNCE/CMDT/RISK Elective | 3 |  | Cultural Diversity | 3 |
| Experiential Learning | 3 |  | General Elective | 2 |
| **TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS** | **15** |  | **TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS** | **14** |

Degree Requirements

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| **Courses** | **Credits** | **Prerequisites/Notes** | **Term** | **Credits** | **Grade** |
| \*Students are responsible for consulting advisors for current prerequisite and scheduling information as they change regularly | | |  |  |  |
| **Required CU Denver Core Curriculum Coursework** | **34** |  |  |  |  |
| ENGL 1020 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| ENGL 2030 | 3 | ENGL 2030 |  |  |  |
| MATH 1060 Finite Math | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Arts | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Humanities | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Behavioral Sciences | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Social Sciences: ECON 2012 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Natural and Physical Sciences **with lab** | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| Natural and Physical science | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Cultural Diversity | 3 | Junior Standing - BUSN/MGMT 4100 recommended |  |  |  |
| International Perspectives | 3 | INTB 3000, INTB 4400 or MKTG4200 recommended |  |  |  |
| **Graduation Requirements for Business** | **13** |  |  |  |  |
| UNIV 1110 College Success | 1 | Only required for entering first term freshmen |  |  |  |
| COMM 2050 Business and Professional Speaking | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| ECON 2022 Principles of Economics: Microeconomics | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| ENGL 3170 Business Writing | 3 | Sophomore standing |  |  |  |
| Experiential Learning | 3 | Options: internship, business study abroad, or MGMT 4120, 4825, 4900, or ENTP 3900 |  |  |  |
| **Business Core** | **35** |  |  |  |  |
| BUSN 2110+BUSN 3110 | 2 | 1 credit each |  |  |  |
| ISMG 2050 Introduction to Business Problem Solving | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| BANA 2010 Business Statistics | 3 | MATH 1060 with **C-** or better |  |  |  |
| ACCT 2200 Financial Acct and Statement Analysis | 3 | MATH 1060 with **C-** or better |  |  |  |
| ACCT 2220 Managerial Acct and Professional Issues | 3 | ACCT 2200 with **C-** or better |  |  |  |
| BLAW 3050 Business Law and Ethics | 3 | 45 + credits complete |  |  |  |
| BANA 3000 Operations Management | 3 | ACCT 2200, BANA 2010 with **C-** or better & 45 + credits |  |  |  |
| FNCE 3000 Principles of Finance | 3 | MATH 1060, ACCT 2200, BANA 2010 with **C-** or better, ECON 2012, ECON 2022 & 45 + credits complete |  |  |  |
| ISMG 3000 Technology in Business | 3 | 45 + credits complete |  |  |  |
| MGMT 3000 Managing Individuals and Teams | 3 | 45 + credits complete |  |  |  |
| MKTG 3000 Principles of Marketing | 3 | BANA 2010, COMM 2050 with **C-** or better & 45+ credits |  |  |  |
| MGMT 4500 Business Policy and Strategic Management | 3 | All Business Core with **C-** or better |  |  |  |
| **International Studies** | **3** |  |  |  |  |
| FNCE 4370 International Financial Management | 3 | FNCE 3000 with C or better and Junior Standing |  |  |  |
| **Major: Finance** | **24** |  |  |  |  |
| FNCE 3500 Management of Business Capital | 3 | FNCE 3000 with C or better and Junior Standing |  |  |  |
| FNCE 3600 Financial Markets and Institutions | 3 | FNCE 3000 with C or better and Junior Standing |  |  |  |
| FNCE 3700 Investment and Portfolio Management | 3 | FNCE 3000 with C or better and Junior Standing |  |  |  |
| FNCE 4500 Corporate Financial Decisions | 3 | FNCE 3000 & 3500 & 3700 with C or better |  |  |  |
| FNCE Elective | 3 | **FNCE 4370 may not be used as a FNCE elective** |  |  |  |
| FNCE Elective | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| FNCE Elective | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| FNCE/CMDT/RISK Elective | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Language Proficiency Level 1 and 2 or Regional Expertise** | **10** | If proficiency is met, student is responsible for completing 10 additional electives |  |  |  |
| **Other Courses-Electives** | **1** | 11 if language proficiency is met |  |  |  |
| **Total Credit Hours: 120** | | |  |  |  |