

Finance -- Career Resources

What can I do with a degree in Finance?

The duties of financial managers vary with their specific titles, which include controller, treasurer or finance officer, credit manager, cash manager, and risk and insurance manager. Controllers direct the preparation of financial reports that summarize and forecast the organization's financial position, such as income statements, balance sheets, and analyses of future earnings or expenses. Treasurers and finance officers direct the organization's financial goals, objectives, and budgets. They oversee the investment of funds, manage associated risks, supervise cash management activities, and execute capital-raising strategies to support a firm's expansion. Credit managers oversee the firm's issuance of credit, establishing credit-rating criteria, determining credit ceilings, and monitoring the collections of past-due accounts. Managers specializing in international finance develop financial and accounting systems for the banking transactions of multinational organizations.

Cash managers monitor and control the flow of cash receipts and disbursements to meet the business and investment needs of the firm. Risk and insurance managers oversee programs to minimize risks and losses that might arise from financial transactions and business operations undertaken by the institution. They also manage the organization's insurance budget.

(From: Occupational Outlook Handbook, Bureau of Labor Statistics, <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos001.htm>)

Includes Traditional and Non-Traditional Titles, some require additional training or graduate/post-graduate degrees

Finance Job-Related Titles			
Financial Analysis	Financial Reporting	International Finance	University Instructor
Cash Management	Payroll	Professional Ethics	Foundations and
Credit Management	Benefits	Enforcement	Charitable Trusts
Budget Analysis	Real Estate	Internal Revenue	
Investment	Risk Management	Service	
Management			
Investor Relations			

Bureau of Labor Statistics Information:

Accountant (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos001.htm>)

- Most accounting and auditing jobs require at least a bachelor's degree in accounting or a related field.
- Overall job opportunities should be favorable; jobseekers who obtain professional recognition through certification or licensure, a master's degree, proficiency in accounting and auditing computer software, or specialized expertise will have the best opportunities.
- According to a salary survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, bachelor's degree candidates in accounting received starting offers averaging \$43,269 a year in 2005; master's degree candidates in accounting were offered \$46,251 initially.

Financial Manager (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos010.htm>)

- About 3 out of 10 work in finance and insurance industries.
- A bachelor's degree in finance, accounting, or a related field is the minimum academic preparation, but many employers increasingly seek graduates with a master's degree in business administration, economics, finance, or risk management.
- Experience may be more important than formal education for some financial manager positions—most notably, branch managers in banks.
- Jobseekers are likely to face competition.

Financial Analyst (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos259.htm>)

- A college degree and good interpersonal skills are among the most important qualifications for these workers.
- Although both occupations will benefit from an increase in investing by individuals, personal financial advisors will benefit more.
- Financial analysts and personal financial advisors who have earned a professional designation are expected to have the best opportunities; competition is anticipated to be keen for highly lucrative positions in investment banking.
- About 4 out of 10 personal financial advisors are self-employed.

Accounting / Auditing/Finance Job Search/Listings Websites

- Career Bank (<http://www.careerbank.com/>)
 Professional Finance Job Search and Career Information (<http://www.jobsinthemoney.com>)
 Financial Job Network (<http://financialjobnet.com>)
 Robert Half International Staffing – Finance and Accounting Jobs
 (<http://www.roberthalffinance.com/Home?inTrack=logo>)
 FINANCIALjobs.com (<http://financialjobs.com/>)

Professional Associations, Organizations, and List-servs

- Government Finance Officers Association (<http://www.gfoa.org/main/about.shtml>)
 Association for Financial Professionals (<http://www.afponline.org/>)
 National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (<http://www.nacva.com/>)
 NACHA--The Electronics Payments Association (<http://www.nacha.org/>)
 Institute of Management Accountants (<http://www.imanet.org/>)
 National Association of Payment Professionals (<http://www.naopp.com/index.html>)
 Financial Women International (<http://www.fwi.org/>)
 Financial Managers Society (<http://www.fmsinc.org/cms/>)
 Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors (<http://www.airacira.org/>)
 Association for Management Information in Financial Services (<http://www.amifs.org/>)
 American Bankers Association (<http://www.aba.com/default.htm>)

UNT Student Organizations

- Alpha Kappa Psi (<http://orgs.unt.edu/akpsi/>)
 Beta Gamma Sigma (<http://www.coba.unt.edu/bgs/>)
 Delta Sigma Pi (http://orgs.unt.edu/unt_dsp/home.htm)
 Financial Management Association (<http://orgs.unt.edu/finance/>)
 Hispanic Business Student Association - UNT chapter of NHBA (<http://orgs.unt.edu/hbsa/>)
 Phi Chi Theta (http://orgs.unt.edu/unt_pct/index.htm)

Books and Print Resources

Student Development Office Career Services Collection:

Title	Author	ISBN	Year	Also Available At
Opportunities in Business Management Careers	Irene Place	0844223255	1998	amazon.com, UNT-Denton
Career Opportunities in Banking, Finance, and Insurance	Thomas P. Fitch	0816045127	2002	amazon.com

General Accounting / Auditing Books at UNT Dallas Library:

Title	Call Number	Year
Plunkett's Financial Services Industry Almanac [includes separate CD-ROM; ask at Desk]	HG 65 .P58 2000-2001 c.2	2000

Other Suggested Titles:

Title	Author	ISBN	Year	Available at
Resumes for Banking and Financial Careers	Vgm Career Horizons (Editor)	0844241563	1993	amazon.com
The Harvard Business School Guide to Careers in Finance 2001	Harvard University Finance Club (Corporate Author),	1578513243	2000	amazon.com
The Vault Guide to Finance Interviews, 6th Edition	D. Bhatawedekhar	1581313047	2005	amazon.com