What can I do with a Major in Finance?

Skills Developed

- Ability to Learn Quickly
- Ability to Maintain Confidentiality
- Ability to Recognize the Dynamics & Politics of an Organization
- Ability to Work on a Team
- Accuracy & Precision in Dealing with Figures
- Analyze & Interpret Data
- Communication Skills
- Computer Knowledge
- Confidence in Knowledge & Suggestions
- Empathetic
- Flexibility in the Workplace
- Good Negotiation Skills
- High Ethical Standards
- Highly Motivated & Entrepreneurial
- Organizational Ability
- Persistent
- Persuasive
- Prepare & Organize Records
- Reading Comprehension
- Sharp Analytical Skills
- Strong Interpersonal Skills

Work Environments

Finance majors have a wide range of career opportunities available to them. Graduates may find employment with/in government, large corporations, banks and securities businesses, entrepreneurial firms, or not-for-profit organizations. Recent financial graduates have accepted positions in oil companies, banks and credit unions, stock brokerages, manufacturers, retailers, and small businesses.
Graduates may also find positions in private businesses, federal agencies, universities and research institutions, hospitals, finance companies, insurance firms, brokerage firms, real estate companies, investment trusts and firms, internal revenue services, and securities exchange commissions.

**Key Areas of Specialization:**

**Entry Level Job Titles**

These jobs are normally intended for new graduates and require 0 to 2 years of experience. It is important to note that many entry level positions require some related experience or demonstrated ability to perform job-related tasks. Even those positions that do not require experience will still prefer an experienced candidate, if one is available.

- Assistant Credit Analyst
- Assistant Securities Analyst
- Assistant Trust Analyst
- Bank Representative
- Bank Teller
- Bookkeeper
- Budget Analyst Intern
- Client Services Representative
- Commodities Trader
- Financial Advisor Trainee
- Financial Representative
- Foreign Exchange Trader
- Insurance Sales Agent
- Investment Research Intern
- Junior Budget Consultant
- Junior Credit Counselor
- Junior Portfolio Analyst
- Loan Processor
- Mutual Fund Processor
- Payroll Administrator
- Personal Banking Officer/Trainer
- Personal Financial Advisor

**Note:** The U of L offers various resources and programs to facilitate students in gaining work and volunteer experience. Find an entry level position on the CES job board or join the Management or Arts & Science Cooperative Education Programs. Summer jobs, part-time work, internship positions and volunteer experience help students to enhance their skillset and accumulate work experience for their future career.

**Related Job Titles**

These jobs generally require extensive, relevant work experience and/or further education.

- Actuary
- Area Manager for Business Banking
- Assistant Comptroller
- Auditor
- Bank Customer Service Supervisor
- Bank Examiner
- Bank Manager
- Banking Call Centre Senior Manager
- Bankruptcy Specialist
- Chief Executive Officer
- Chief Financial Officer
- Chief Negotiations Advisor
- Claim Adjuster
- Commercial Banker
- Commercial Loan Officer
- Commodities Trader
- Commodity Trading Advisor/Manager
- Consumer Credit Officer
- Consumer Credit/Loan Officer
- Cost Manager
- Credit and Collection Specialist
- Credit Manager
- External Auditor
- Financial Analyst/Advisor
- Financial Consultant
- Financial Economist
- Financial Planner
- Financial Reporting & Accountability Director
- Financial Researcher
- Financial Service Analyst
- Financial Writer
- Insurance Adjuster
- Insurance Advisor
- Insurance Agent & Broker
- Insurance Underwriter
- Internal Auditor
- Investment Advisor
- Investment Analyst/Advisor
- Investment Banker
- Loan Administrator
- Loan Administrator
- Loan Officer
- Mergers/Acquisitions Manager
- Mortgage Associate
- Mutual Fund Manager

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• Personal Loan Officer  • Treasury Management Specialist  • Underwriter
• Property Manager  • Trust Analyst  • Stock Broker

Thinking Outside the Box: Other Possible Job Titles

On average, people change their careers three to five times in their lifetime. So, no matter what major you choose, you may still be interested in opportunities totally unrelated to your program of study. We encourage you to be open to all possibilities! Your undergraduate degree can be a springboard for other educational pursuits, and your transferable skills and experience can prepare you to work in a multitude of settings.

• Assessor  • Industrial Buyer  • Real Estate Appraiser
• Auctioneer  • Internal Revenue Investigator  • Real Estate Developer
• Chief Administrative Officer  • International Trade Specialist  • Reinsurance Analyst
• Claims Adjuster  • Inventory Control Specialist  • Sales Representative
• Collections Agent  • Management Advisory Services Consultant  • School Business Official
• Direct Seller  • Management Consultant  • Securities Broker
• Economist  • Methods & Procedures Specialist  • Special Event Coordinator
• Entrepreneur  • Professor  • Statistician
• Estate Planner  • Purchasing Agents  • Systems Analyst
• Forensic Accountant  • Human Resources Professional  • Training and Development Professional
• Income Tax Specialist  • Professional Credit and Financial Association of Calgary

Useful Resources

Recommended websites to assist in exploring the field of Finance and its career opportunities.

Alberta Treasury Board and Finance
http://www.finance.alberta.ca/
Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada
http://www.afoa.ca/

Department of Finance Canada
http://www.fin.gc.ca/
The Financial Advisors Association of Canada
http://www.advocis.ca/

Financial Consumer Agency of Canada
http://www.fcac-acfc.gc.ca/
Association for Financial Professional
http://www.afponline.ca/

Financial Markets Association of Canada
http://www.fmac.ca/
Canadian Institute of Actuaries
http://www.actuaries.ca/

Financial Planning Standards Council
http://www.fpsc.ca/
The Investment Funds Institute of Canada
https://www.ific.ca

Professional Credit and Financial Association of Calgary
http://www.pcfac.ca/
Financial Post
http://www.financialpost.com/index.html
Campus Resources

Career & Employment Services (CES)
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/ces/

Career Counselling (Counselling Services)
http://www.uleth.ca/counselling/

Academic Advising
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-advising

Native Student Advising
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/native-student-advising

Student Success Centre – Study Skills, Learning Strategies & Tutoring
http://www.uleth.ca/student-success-centre/

Accommodated Learning Centre
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/accommodated-learning-centre/

International Centre for Students
http://www.uleth.ca/international/

Registrar Office & Student Services
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/

Scholarship & Students Finance
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/student-finance/

U of L Students’ Union & Student Clubs
http://www.ulsu.ca/

Campus Job Resources

Career & Employment Services Job Board
CES Job board

Arts & Science Applied Studies
http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/applied-studies/students

Arts & Science Co-op Education & Internship
http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/coop

Management Co-op Education
http://www.uleth.ca/management/co-op

Study Abroad & Exchanges
http://www.uleth.ca/international/content/study-abroad-exchanges

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http://www.uleth.ca/management/study-abroad

Career & Employment Services (CES)

CES assists U of L students and graduates with their career exploration and work search needs.

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