

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number _____ or Degree Plan(s) **BBA in Finance**

State the requested change and reason. A memo may be attached if more space is necessary.

See attached memo.

Circle the number that corresponds to the requested change. Degree plan changes are on the second page.

		COUNCIL ³							
	Change to a Course	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	UGEC	GRAD	Provost	President
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	A	I			I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	A	I			I	I
3.	Course term(s)	A	I	A	I			I	I
4.	Content (substantive change)	A	A	A	I			A	I
5.	Number of hours (lecture, lab, contact)	A	A	A	A			A	I
6.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I			I	I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A			A	I
8.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	I			I	I
9.	Course fee(s)	A	--	A	--			A	I
10.	From U to G <i>or</i> G to U	A	A	A	A			A	I
11.	Cross list with another department: U or G level	A	A	A	A			A	I
12.	Department of record	A	A	A	A			A	I
13.	Open or close a course	A	A	A	A			A	I
14.	New course — See website for application and process. This change includes combining or splitting a course(s).	A	A	A	A			A	I

Note: When an academic unit does not have a council, the UGEC and/or UUAC will serve as its academic council, depending on the nature of the issue.

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1.	University Requirements — Change in approved course content ⁶	A	A	A	A			A			--	A	--									
2.	University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A	A			A			A	A	A	--								
3.	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements ⁶	A	--	--	A			A			--	A	--									
4.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A	A			A			A	A	A	--								
5.	Major — Revision of major ^{4,5}	A	A	A	A			A			--	A	--									
6.	Major — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A	A			A			--	A	--									
7.	Major — Add ^{4,5}	A	A	A	A			A			A	A	I									
8.	Major – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A			A			A	A	I									
9.	Major – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.																				
10.	GPA — Revise major or cumulative requirement	A	A	A	A			A			A	A	--									
11.	Minor — Revise course selection	A	A	A	I			I			--	I	--									
12.	Minor — Add	A	A	A	A			A			--	A	--									
13.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A			A			--	A	--									
14.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.																				
15.	Degree — Add	A	A	A	A			A			A	A	I									
16.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A			A			A	A	I									
17.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.																				
18.	Any change to a graduate degree program	A	A	A	A			A			--	A	--									

COUNCIL ³										
	Provost-Proposed Change	Provost	Department	Dean	TEC	UUAC	Graduate	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
1.	Major/Graduate Program – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			A	A	I
2.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			--	A	--
3.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			A	A	I

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	Change to the Catalog Information	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President
1.	General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees ⁷	--	--	--	A			A	A	A
2.	Admission requirements	--	--	--	A			A	A	A
3.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	--	--	--	A			A	A	A
4.	Requirements for graduating with honors	--	--	--	A			A	A	A

¹ Councils may request additional information about "Information" items. These items are approved as "Consent Agenda."

² The Dean and Department should respond to the Provost's recommendation to close a program in writing. Advise & Respond (R) requires that the voting body should receive the written responses at least one week prior to the vote.

³ All courses that meet University Requirements for general education must go through UGEC. Courses or degrees offered only to students seeking teacher certification must go through the Teacher Education Council. All undergraduate changes must go before the UUAC. All graduate degree plan changes must go through the Graduate Council.

⁴ A minimum of 30 hours is required for a major. A maximum is specified for each degree (e.g., BA, BS). The university minimum for elective hours is 6, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible.

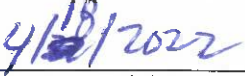
⁵ Program or course changes that apply to any major that includes Teacher Certification will be reviewed by the college, the Teacher Education Council (TEC), and then the UUAC.

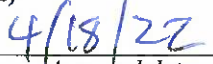
⁶ Courses that satisfy ACU's University Requirements (General Education) will normally have lower-level numbering, be free of prerequisites and co-requisites, appeal to more than one or two majors, and "not narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession" (SACS 2.7.3). Departments may request exceptions to the first three criteria.

⁷ The UUAC approved the clarification that "general requirements for graduation" means the enumerated items in the "General Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees" section of the catalog.

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 _____ <i>Signature</i>	Department/School Chair(s)  _____ <i>Approval date</i>
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Teacher Education Council	
_____ <i>Chair's signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

General Education Council	
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Undergraduate Academic Council	
_____ <i>Chair's signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

Graduate Council	
_____ <i>Chair's signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

Provost	
_____ <i>Signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

Faculty	
_____ <i>Chair of faculty senate</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

President	
_____ <i>Signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

Summary of Proposed Changes to FIN degree beyond Business Foundations changes

The first change we are requesting is that the name of the degree be changed to Finance from Financial Management. This change was suggested by our Visiting Committee and reflects the update of the curriculum to be more finance-intensive.

We are proposing numerous changes to the major requirements for the BBA in Financial Management (Finance) degree for several reasons. First, changes in the field of finance in recent years cause us to want to prepare students in a different way than previously. It has been over two decades since substantial changes have been made to the FIN major. Our Visiting Committees and other alumni suggested similar changes. And finally, we believe this redesigned major will better prepare students for their careers by focusing their major-specific studies in a well-aligned, coherent direction. There are five changes from the previous major requirements.

1. The Information Systems requirement has been moved to the newly designed tracks (described below). Previously all FIN majors had to choose between ACCT 324 and IS 324.
2. The Finance Core now requires a student to complete both ECON 260 and ECON 261. That requirement was previously part of the COBA Business Foundations. The new BBA Foundations allows a student to choose between ECON 260 and 261. Pursuing a Finance major requires the student to complete the other 200-level ECON course not already taken.
3. The Finance Core now includes a professional development requirement of either ACCT 499 (Accounting Internship), FIN 499 (Finance Internship), or ENGL 326 (Business and Professional Writing). Previously all FIN majors were required to take ENGL 326.
4. Previously FIN majors were given the choice between BLAW 363 (Legal Environment of Business) and BLAW 461 (Business Law II). The Business Law requirement is now part of the COBA Business Foundations. All FIN students will now be required to take the modified version of BLAW 363 (Introduction to Business Law and Ethics) as part of the BBA Foundations.
5. Previously, FIN majors were required to take 9 hours of advanced ACCT or FIN (300-499) courses. We are proposing to delete that requirement and replace it with the requirement that all FIN students must choose one of four newly designed 12-hour tracks (Financial Management Track, Fintech and Analytics Track, Wealth Management Track, and Financial Analysis Track).

FIN Degree Summary:

56 hours in university Gen Ed (as of 2022)
24 hours in proposed BBA core
27 hours in proposed FIN core
12 hours in specified proposed FIN track
9 hours of electives

Total Hours = 128

These changes are addressed below:

BBA in ~~FINANCE~~ **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

Convention used:

STRIKE-THROUGH RED = REMOVE

PLAIN BLACK TEXT = NO CHANGE

GREEN TEXT = ADD OR CHANGE

BLUE TEXT = EXPLANATION OR COMMENT NOT INCLUDED IN CATALOG

Business Foundations Common to all BBA Degrees: Showing Revisions

Business

ACCT 210 - Financial Accounting (3)

~~BLAW 363 - Legal Environment of Business (3)~~

BLAW 363 - Introduction to Business Law and Ethics (3) [Comment: renamed course]

BUSA 120 - Introduction to Business (2)

ENTR 120 - Introduction to Entrepreneurship (1)

~~ECON 260 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)~~

~~ECON 261 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)~~

Choose one of the following: [Comment: only one ECON course]

ECON 260 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)*, or

ECON 261 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)*

FIN 310 - Financial Management (3)

~~IS 322 - Business Statistics (3)~~

IS 222 - Analytics 1: Statistics (3) [Comment: renamed and numbered]

IT 263 - Analytics 2: Data Management and Visualization (3) [Comment: new course]

MGMT 330 - Management and Organizational Behavior (3)

~~MGMT 331 - Operations Management (3)~~

MKTG 320 - Principles of Marketing (3)

Choose one of the following international courses:

BUSA 419 - International Business (3)*

~~FIN 419 - International Finance (3)~~

ENTR 419 - Global Entrepreneur (3)*

MKTG 419 - International Marketing (3)*

Choose one of the following math courses:

MATH 130 - Finite Math for Applications (3)*

MATH 131 - Calculus for Application (3)*

MATH 185 - Calculus I (3)*

MATH 186 - Calculus II (3)*

*Note: hours may also fulfill university requirements and are not included in total major hours.

TOTAL: ~~27~~ 24 credit hours

BBA in FINANCE Core (27 Hours): Showing Revisions

Choose one of the following:

- ACCT 211 - Managerial Accounting (3), or
- ACCT 302 - Cost Accounting I (3)
- ACCT 310 - Intermediate Accounting I (3)
- ACCT 311 - Intermediate Accounting II (3)
- Any ECON course numbered 260-269 that has not already been taken for credit (3)
- ~~BLAW 363 - Legal Environment of Business Credit Hours: 3~~
- ~~or~~
- ~~BLAW 461 - Business Law II Credit Hours: 3~~
- FIN 311 - Money and Banking (3)
- FIN 411 - Principles of Investment (3)
- FIN 412 - Financial Theory and Practice (3)
- ~~IS 324 - Management Information Systems Credit Hours: 3~~
- ~~or~~
- ~~ACCT 324 - Accounting Information Systems Credit Hours: 3~~
- MGMT 439 - Strategic Management (3) (capstone and writing-intensive course)
- ~~Choose 3 courses: Advanced ACCT and/or FIN (300-499) Credit Hours: 9~~

~~English~~ Professional Development

Choose one of the following:

- ENGL 326 - Business and Professional Writing (3)
- ACCT 499 – Accounting Internship (3), or
- FIN 499 – Finance Internship (3)

Financial Management Track (12 Hours): Showing Revisions

Choose one of the following:

IS 324 - Management Information Systems (3), or

ACCT 324 - Accounting Information Systems (3)

Choose any three upper-level FIN courses (9)

Fintech and Analytics Track (12 Hours): Showing Revisions

CS 115 – Scripting 1 (3)

IS 432 – Analytics 3: Data Mining (3)*

Choose one of the following:

CS 116 – Scripting for Analytics (3), or

IS 442 – Analytics 4: Business Analytics Projects (3)

Choose any upper-level FIN course (3)

*Note: For the FIN: Fintech and Analytics Track, IS 432 meets the Information Systems requirement.

Wealth Management Track (12 Hours): Showing Revisions

Choose one of the following:

IS 324 - Management Information Systems (3), or

ACCT 324 - Accounting Information Systems (3)

FIN 416 – Personal Financial Planning (3)

ACCT 302 – Income Tax I (3)

Choose any upper-level ACCT or FIN course (3)

Financial Analysis Track (12 Hours): Showing Revisions

Choose one of the following:

IS 324 - Management Information Systems (3), or

ACCT 324 - Accounting Information Systems (3)

FIN 419 – International Financial Markets (3)

FIN 439 – Student Managed Investment Fund (3)

Choose any upper-level FIN course (3)