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## LaGrange College

### Course Catalog - Finance

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#### Applied Finance - Minor in Applied Finance

**Type:**Minor

Students who complete the Applied Finance minor will develop an understanding of financial theory and of economic and financial behavior that will allow them to effectively analyze, problem-solve, and communicate results that will bring added value to a wide range of business careers..

A minor in Applied Finance consists of the following 15 semester hours of coursework:

- [ACCT 2211 - Principles of Financial Accounting](#)
- [FNCE 2300 - Personal Finance](#)
- [FNCE 3353 - Corporate Finance](#)
- [FNCE 3354 - Business Performance Analysis](#)
- [FNCE 4550 - Internship in Applied Finance](#) or an additional FNCE course at the 3000 level or above, approved by the program coordinator

## **B.B.A. with a concentration in Finance - B.B.A. with a concentration in Finance**

### **Type:Major**

The Business programs are committed to providing degree programs that will prepare students to thrive in the corporate arena, in mission-based enterprises, or as entrepreneurs. Program faculty support the college-wide student learning outcomes of communication, critical thinking, creativity, and connectivity through a series of courses that develop an increasingly nuanced understanding of the complexities of business.

A student seeking to earn a BBA with a concentration in Finance must satisfy the Gateway (pre-major) courses, complete the Business Common Core, and 18 hours of concentration courses. In addition to satisfying the Gateway courses, potential majors must have an overall GPA of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale.

Once a student has been accepted into the BBA program, all classes must be completed with a C- or higher to count toward the department's graduation requirements. A student who earns less than a C- in a major course will need to repeat the course in a subsequent semester.

A Business major whose overall or major GPA falls below a 2.50/4.00 may be placed on departmental probation and will be expected to work closely with the faculty advisors to develop a strategy to return the GPA to the expected level.

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration degree must complete 45 semester hours of major coursework beyond the general education (Ethos) requirement of 40 hours and the 9 hours of pre-major Gateway courses. Students will complete the total required 120 hours as follows:

Ethos courses	40 hours
Gateway Courses (pre-major)	9 hours
Common Business Core	27 hours
Concentration Core	18 unique hours
General Electives	26 hours
Total	120 hours

### Gateway Courses:

The required Gateway courses are:

- [ACCT 2211](#) Principles of Financial Accounting
- [ECON 2200](#) Principles of Economics
- [MGMT 2200](#) Foundations in Business

### Common Business Core Courses:

- [ACCT 2212](#) Principles of Managerial Accounting
- [FNCE 3353](#) Corporate Finance or [FNCE3354](#) Business Performance Analysis
- [MGMT 3312](#) Business Communication
- [MGMT 3370](#) Management and Organizational Behavior

- [MGMT 3392](#) International Business or [MGMT 3393](#) Cultural Aspects of International Business
- [MGMT 4451](#) Legal and Ethical Environment of Business
- [MRKT 3380](#) Principles of Marketing
- [MATH 1114](#) Introduction to Statistics or [PSYC 2298](#) Behavioral Statistics

Concentration Courses:

### Finance Concentration

- [FNCE 2300](#) Personal Finance or [FNCE 3352](#) Financial Markets and Institutions
- [FNCE 3353](#) Corporate Finance (can also satisfy a requirement in the Business Core)
- [FNCE 3355](#) Investments
- [FNCE 3360](#) Financial Models and Valuations
- [FNCE 4310](#) Portfolio Management
- [FNCE 4320](#) Advanced Corporate Finance
- [FNCE 4350](#) Strategic Financial Analysis

### FNCE 2300 - Personal Finance

This course promotes financial freedom. Students will learn personal finance concepts including budgeting, saving and investing, spending wisely, and managing debt. These concepts will be applied by students to their unique goals, values, and challenges. Overall, the course promotes a financially literate mindset and provides a toolkit for lifelong responsibility with money.

**Grade Basis:** L

**Credit hours:** 3.0

**Lecture hours:** 3.0

### FNCE 2310 - Financial Analysis with Excel

What separates entry-level analysts from strategic financial advisors? The ability to transform raw financial data into compelling insights using Excel as a professional analysis tool. Master both fundamental and advanced Excel techniques while learning to evaluate company performance, identify trends, and create powerful financial presentations. By the end of this course, you'll have the technical proficiency and judgment essential for competitive finance roles.

**Grade Basis:** L

**Credit hours:** 3.0

**Lecture hours:** 3.0

**Prerequisites:**

- [MATH 1114](#) - Introduction to Statistics
- [PSYC 2298](#) - Behavioral Statistics

**Restrictions:**

- Must pass MATH 1114 OR PSYC 2298 before taking
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**FNCE 2550 - Internship in Finance**

(1-6 credits) An opportunity for students to gain added early applied experience and insight in approved off-campus settings. Internships consist of at least 40 working hours per credit hour in areas related to the discipline. Assignments may include selected readings, public presentation, and a final portfolio containing essays, weekly journal, and supporting material. Advisors, program coordinators, department chairs, and the internship coordinator (or designee) must approve the internship before a student begins their work. Internships will be taken as pass/no credit.

**Grade Basis:** P**Credit hours:** 3.0**Lecture hours:** 3.0**Restrictions:**

- Approval of internship required
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**FNCE 3352 - Financial Markets & Institutions**

Financial modeling is essential to modern corporate finance and investment valuation, helping professionals forecast performance, evaluate decisions, and communicate financial insights. This course trains you to build dynamic models that link financial statements and inform key business choices. You'll master advanced Excel, multiple valuation methods, and scenario analysis to create models used in investment banking, investment management, corporate development, and strategic planning.

**Grade Basis:** L**Credit hours:** 3.0**Lecture hours:** 3.0**Prerequisites:**

- [ACCT 2212](#) - Principles of Managerial Accounting
  - [FNCE 3353](#) - Corporate Finance
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**FNCE 3353 - Corporate Finance**

Part I of this course looks at the management of existing resources, including the use of financial statements and ratio analysis in assessing the firm's financial health, its strengths and weaknesses, recent performance and future prospects. Emphasis is placed on the ties between a company's operating activities and its financial performance. Part II examines financial forecasting with emphasis on managing growth.

Part III considers the financing of the firm's operations with a close look at financial leverage. And Part IV addresses the use of discounted cash flow techniques to evaluate investing opportunities.

**Grade Basis:** AL

**Credit hours:** 3.0

**Lecture hours:** 3.0

**Prerequisites:**

- [ACCT 2211](#) - Principles of Financial Accounting
- [ECON 2200](#) - Principles of Economics
- [MGMT 2200](#) - Foundations in Business

**Restrictions:**

- Offered in fall and spring semesters
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## **FNCE 3354 - Business Performance Analysis**

A comprehensive survey of the basic tools and models used in contemporary financial statement analysis.

**Grade Basis:** AL

**Credit hours:** 3.0

**Lecture hours:** 3.0

**Prerequisites:**

- [ACCT 2211](#) - Principles of Financial Accounting
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## **FNCE3355 - Investments**

Investing is about maximizing return per unit of risk, a balance that separates successful investors from the rest. This course teaches you to think like a portfolio manager, blending quantitative analysis with strategic decision-making. You'll master modern portfolio theory, value securities across asset classes, use derivatives to improve performance, and apply these skills to personal finance, retirement planning, and insurance.

**Grade Basis:** L

**Credit hours:** 3.0

**Lecture hours:** 3.0

**Prerequisites:**

- [ACCT 2211](#) - Principles of Financial Accounting
- [ECON 2200](#) - Principles of Economics
- [FNCE 3353](#) - Corporate Finance
- [MGMT 2200](#) - Foundations in Business

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## **FNCE 3360 - Financial Models and Valuations**

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**Grade Basis:** L

**Credit hours:** 3.0

**Lecture hours:** 3.0

**Prerequisites:**

- [ACCT 2212](#) - Principles of Managerial Accounting
- [FNCE 3353](#) - Corporate Finance

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## **FNCE 4000 - Entrepreneurial Finance**

The course explores the financing of startups and small businesses from the perspective of both the entrepreneur and investors. Students will learn about valuation and terms of financing as well as different funding options for new firms, such as micro-finance, crowd-funding, angel investing, and venture capital.

**Grade Basis:** AL

**Credit hours:** 3.0

**Lecture hours:** 3.0

**Restrictions:**

- Offered in fall semester

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**Grade Basis:** L

**Credit hours:** 3.0

**Lecture hours:** 3.0

**Prerequisites:**

- [ENTR 3000](#) - Entrepreneurship and Innovation

## **FNCE 4310 - Portfolio Management**

This course prepares students to construct, monitor, and optimize multi-asset portfolios that maximize risk adjusted returns. You'll master asset allocation, evaluate alternative investments, and address the needs of both individual and institutional investors using real world case studies and industry-standard tools.

**Grade Basis:** L

**Credit hours:** 3.0

**Lecture hours:** 3.0

**Prerequisites:**

- [FNCE 3353](#) - Corporate Finance
  - [FNCE 3354](#) - Business Performance Analysis
  - [FNCE3355](#) - Investments
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## **FNCE4320 - Advanced Corporate Finance**

Advanced corporate finance demands strategic thinking and deep analysis of how financial decisions impact value. This course builds on core principles to tackle complex challenges facing modern firms. You'll master valuation beyond basic DCF, assess capital structure with taxes and distress, and evaluate mergers, acquisitions, and spin-offs. Case studies build the skills needed for roles in investment banking, private equity, and senior finance roles.

**Grade Basis:** L

**Credit hours:** 3.0

**Lecture hours:** 3.0

**Prerequisites:**

- [FNCE 3353](#) - Corporate Finance
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## **FNCE 4350 - Strategic Financial Analysis**

This capstone course challenges you to apply years of finance education to real world problems through case analysis and a strategic financial project. You'll evaluate capital budgeting decisions, mergers and acquisitions, investment portfolios, and the role of markets in strategy. Using real data, you will build models, assess risk, and demonstrate mastery of valuation and strategic thinking to prepare for advanced roles in finance or graduate study.

**Grade Basis:** L

**Credit hours:** 3.0

**Lecture hours:** 3.0

**Prerequisites:**

- [FNCE 2310](#) - Financial Analysis with Excel
  - [FNCE 3353](#) - Corporate Finance
  - [FNCE 3354](#) - Business Performance Analysis
  - [FNCE3355](#) - Investments
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## **FNCE 4482 - Special Topics in Finance**

Special topics in Finance can cover any Finance topic not covered in other classes.

**Grade Basis:** L

**Credit hours:** 3.0

**Lecture hours:** 3.0

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## **FNCE 4550 - Internship in Applied Finance**

(1-6 Hours) An opportunity for students to gain added applied experience and insight in approved off-campus settings. Internships consist of at least 40 working hours per credit hour in areas related to the discipline. Assignments may include selected readings, public presentation, and a final portfolio containing essays, weekly journal, and supporting material. Advisors, program coordinators, department chairs, and the internship coordinator (or designee) must approve the internship before a student begins their work. Internships will be taken as pass/no credit.

**Grade Basis:** P

**Credit hours:** 1.0

**Lecture hours:** 3.0

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