What can I do with a major in...

FINANCE

Fundamentally, working in finance is about managing money. The three main categories of finance are public, corporate and personal finance. Because most businesses realize the value in mindfully managing their assets, there will always be work for financial planners, analysts, managers and executives.

INDUSTRIES:
Corporate finance, Commercial banking, Investment Banking, Private Equity and Venture Capital

Top 10 Occupations
Personal finance advisors
Financial examiners
Financial managers
Financial analysts
Accountants
Treasurers and controllers
Financial Quantitative analysts
Credit counselors
Loan counselors
Tax examiners and collectors

Popular Employers
Capital One Financial
Fidelity National Financial
Principal Financial Group
New York Life Insurance
Fannie Mae
Chubb
United States Automobile Association
TIAA-CREF

Related Occupations
Labor Relations Specialists
Loan Officers
Logisticians
Managemtn Analysts

SALARY
$65,710
Median Annual
$55,670
Entry Level
Main Areas of Finance: Daily Concerns

- In personal finance, decisions are made about paying for education, financing goods (such as real estate and vehicles), buying health and property insurance, and investing and saving for retirement.
- Corporate finance managers balance risk and profitability, study and forecast economic trends, work to maximize stock value, and apply principles of financial risk management.
- Public finance is concerned with the financial dealings of states, as well as related public entities such as school districts or government agencies.

Advice from the Pros

Work the Employer Angle.
Focus on companies instead of a specific job. Make a list of the top 10 companies you'd like to work for and review their listings to learn more about the type of finance positions they're looking for.

Make Something out of a Little
Even if you don't have a lot of work experience, you can still create a great resume by drawing upon your education. Mention your classes, knowledge and special projects. Instead of listing duties in jobs unrelated to finance, list accomplishments, and draw out your your skills.

Research.
Put a lot of effort into searching for a job. Research companies you'd like to work for and make sure that your skills and experience line up with what they're looking for.

Make Connections.
Start networking TODAY. Take advantage of every on-campus opportunity to connect with companies. Maximize your use of the services offered by the career center. Ask if the finance department can arrange internships or has relationships with employers.

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