

COMMERCE: FINANCE (BCom)

Department of Management

Many students are interested in careers in financial institutions, or within the finance functional area of corporations or other large organizations. The Commerce Specialist program in Finance includes courses covering corporate finance, investment theory, financial derivatives (futures and options), financial management, mergers and acquisitions, security analysis, behavioural finance, fixed income and international finance. These courses provide a solid foundation for understanding how funds are raised in the capital markets, and how organizations allocate their financial resources efficiently.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we've pulled together information and interesting suggestions to get you started. As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. In fact, activities such as joining an academic society, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study at UTM. Read through the chart and create your own plan using [My Program Plan](#) found at www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans

Programs of Study (POSt)

- Specialist Program ERSPE2034 Commerce: Finance (BCom)
- Specialist Program ERSPE2273 Commerce (BCom)
- Major Program ERMAJ1111 Commerce (Arts)

Check out...

What is neurofinance? Find out in MGT430H5. You'll study how human psychology influences financial decision making. Get ready to trade in the financial markets! MGT435H5 is a Li Koon Chun Finance Learning Centre-lab-based course providing hands-on introduction to security markets.

What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre to explore your career options.

Careers for graduates: Portfolio manager; Securities analyst; Bank manager; Budget analyst; Performance analyst; Cost manager; Investment advisor; Money manager; Personal financial planner; Business analyst; Compliance officer; Financial analyst;

Workplaces: Banks and financial institutions; Insurance companies; Government; Private and public sectors companies with a Finance functional area; Asset/Investment management; Consulting and other financial and non-financial institutions.



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SPECIALIST Program Plan

HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN

Read through each year. Investigate what appeals to you here and in any other Program Plans that apply to you.

Visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans to create your own plan using [My Program Plan](#). Update your plan yearly.



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| PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS* | <p>Enrol in courses MGM101H5; MGT120H5; ECO100Y5; and MAT133Y5/ 135Y5 (or equivalent). Check out the Management department's First-Year Success Guide.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer Planner and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.</p> <p>Start strong and get informed with utmONE and LAUNCH through the Office of Student Transition. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.</p> | <p>In second year and higher, attain 7.0 credits in Management, 5.0 credits in Economics and 2.0 credits for the Writing Requirement. View the Academic Calendar for course options.</p> <p>Consider applying for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses MGT299Y and MGT399Y. Visit the EEO website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC's P.A.R.T. to enhance your research skills.</p> |
| BUILD SKILLS | <p>Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the Get Experience Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p> | <p>Use the Career Learning Network (CLN) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities as well as Work-Study.</p> <p>Visit the Li Koon Chun Finance Learning Centre (FLC) for access to specialized resources and databases (Innovation Complex, Rm. L1245).</p> |
| BUILD A NETWORK | <p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Undergraduate Commerce Society (UCS). Ask about the UCS BizMentorship program and BizFrosh.</p> <p>Take part in the Professional Skills Development Program (PSDP). Check out the PSDP Events Calendar to stay up-to-date on Management events.</p> | <p>Do you have a professor you really like or connect with? Ask them a question during office hours. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Don't be shy! Learn Tips On How to Approach a Professor available through the Experiential Education Office (EEO).</p> <p>Attend the Management department's 2nd year Momentum Conference.</p> |
| BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET | <p>Attend events through the International Education Centre (IEC) to explore different cultures through food, music, and sport or through sight-seeing around the GTA.</p> | <p>Embark on a UTM Abroad Co-Curricular Experience to Bangkok through the IEC. Travel with a faculty member and learn about one of Thailand's most successful community-based tourism initiatives.</p> <p>Prefer traveling in Canada? Check out the IEC's UTM Across Canada program.</p> |
| PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE | <p>Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</p> <p>Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options. Attend the Management department's Associate Yourself Fair.</p> | <p>Explore careers through the CC's Extern Job Shadowing Program. Visit the Professional Development & Learning Centre in KN207A.</p> <p>Considering further education? Attend the CC's Graduate and Professional Schools Fair. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.</p> |

*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.

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| <p>Ensure you are enrolling in courses that fulfill the program requirements of your degree. View the Academic Calendar for course options.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements. see the Office of the Registrar and the Management Academic Advisor for assistance. | <p>Consider a practical work-based experience through MGT480H5 Internship course. Sign up for MGT480H5 on ACORN and attend the Mandatory Orientation Session.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p> |
| <p>Interested in some friendly competition? Check out the IMI Finance Competition (IMIFC) and the SMA Finance Cup Case Competition. Register on the PSDP website.</p> | <p>Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your leadership skills? Consider working for the Li Koon Chun Finance Learning Centre as an FLC Student Assistant.</p> |
| <p>Join a professional association. Check out the Financial Advisors Association of Canada and CFA Society Toronto.</p> <p>Attend UCS's Show Me the Green Conference and the Management department's Graduating NET-WORK Conference.</p> | <p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Do you have innovative business ideas? Visit ICUBE in the lower level of the Innovation Complex to receive expert advice.</p> |
| <p>Earn credits overseas! Study for a summer, term or year at one of 120 universities including Copenhagen Business School and Paris Dauphine University (Paris 9). Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange and funding.</p> | <p>Why not work abroad? Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through GoInGlobal. Attend the Go Global Expo to learn about opportunities. See if you are eligible for International Experience Canada.</p> |
| <p>What's your next step after undergrad?</p> <p>Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a CC Career Counselling appointment. Create a job search strategy — book a CC Employment Strategies appointment.</p> <p>Considering further education? Research certification requirements for CPA, CFA, CIA.</p> | <p>Get ready for on-campus recruitment opportunities. See the CC Events Calendar for the Resume & Cover Letter Workshop, resume critiques, and the Effective Interviews Workshop.</p> <p>Attend the CC workshop Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?</p> |

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Skills developed in Commerce: Finance

To be competitive in the job market, it is essential that you can explain your skills to an employer. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills:

Communication: prepare and make oral presentations; write detailed reports; and convey concepts and ideas accurately.

Research & analytical: attention to detail; critical and analytical thinking; evaluate ideas and research; statistical analysis; and computer modeling.

Problem-solving: decision making and interpret research and data.

Organizational: time management; manage multiple priorities during peak times; and application of theoretical knowledge in practical settings (e.g. via internships).

Get involved

Check out student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- UTM Student Management Association (SMA)
- UTM Undergraduate Commerce Society (UCS)
- DECA UTM
- UTM Business Consulting Association (BCA)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs.

Services that support you

- AccessAbility Services (AS)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- Department of Management, Professional Development & Learning Centre (PDLC)
- Experiential Education Office (EEO)
- Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)
- Indigenous Centre (IC)
- International Education Centre (IEC)
- Li Koon Chun Finance Learning Centre (FLC)
- Office of Student Transition (OST)
- Office of the Registrar (OR)
- Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)
- Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)
- UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMALC)

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FUTURE STUDENTS

Admission to UTM

All program areas require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent, with six Grade 12 U/M courses, or equivalent, including English. The admission average is calculated with English plus the next best five courses. The Grade 12 prerequisites for this program are Advanced Functions and Calculus. The approximate average required for admission is mid-80s. More information is available at utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook.

NOTE: During the application process, applicants will select the Commerce admissions category, but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

Sneak Peek

Develop critical thinking and communication skills using cases to expand knowledge of financial accounting in MGT220H5. Topics include accounting's conceptual framework, analysis of business and financial statements, accounting for assets, and valuation of bonds. How are investment decisions made? Find out in MGT338H5. This course analyzes the financial investment decision-making process of individuals and firms. It provides an introduction to present-value techniques, capital budgeting decision-rules, the problem of investment under uncertainty, and portfolio theory.

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