Financial management is concerned with making decisions about pursuing uncertain investment opportunities and deciding how to finance these investments. The details of the decision-making environment change over time and across organizations, but the basic principles are quite stable. The Finance area provides a strong foundation in these basic principles so that finance students will be able to adapt to changing environments throughout their careers. Basic principles are taught in a theory framework, but many courses include cases and current news events to illustrate the theory. Many finance courses use spreadsheet and statistical software on personal computers. The Finance area maintains several databases of security prices and returns, and corporate financial information. These databases are often used in industry and several courses introduce students to them.

**Key Skills & Knowledge**

Specific applications of these skills is dependent on the role:

- Analytical Ability
- Ability to Communicate
- Broad Knowledge of the industry
- Ability to Reason
- Out-of-the-box thinking
- High Interest in Financial Markets
- Humility
- Inquisitive
- Mathematical Aptitude
- Ability to organize organizational and client goals

**Sample Job Titles**

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: [alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](http://alis.alberta.ca/occinfo)

- Account Manager, Commercial Markets
- Budget Officer
- Capital Budgeting Analyst
- Commodity Trader
- Equity Research Assistant
- Financial Accountant
- Financial Analyst
- Quantitative Analyst
- Credit Manager
- Financial Services Representative
- Compliance Officer
- Investment Banking Analyst
- Mortgage/Real Estate
- Research Associate
- Underwriting Assistant
- Bank Lending Officer
- Corporate Analyst
- Management Consultant
- Security Underwriting
- Investment
- Joint Venture Analyst

**Need help deciding what to do?**

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via CareerLink
Potential Fields

- Corporate and International Financial Management
- Personal Financial Planning and Investment Firms
- Law Firms
- Oil & Gas
- Brokerage firms
- Retail
- Wholesale & Distribution
- Telecommunication Firms, Software and IT
- Marketing & Media
- Commercial and Investment Banks
- Government Departments
- Money Management Firms
- Insurance Firms, Real Estate
- Construction Firms, Manufacturing, Engineering firms
- Health Care

Associations & Professional Development

- Canadian Securities Course (CSC)
- Certificate in Investment Performance Management (CIPM) Program
- Association for Financial Professionals Calgary (AFPC)
- Charter Financial Analyst (CFA)
- Certified Financial Planner (CFP)

Note: For sales, stocks, bonds mutual funds, insurance and real estate additional professional licenses maybe required

Student Clubs

- Calgary Portfolio Management Trust (CPMT): [http://haskayne.ucalgary.ca/cpmt](http://haskayne.ucalgary.ca/cpmt)
- Financial Management Group (FMG): [https://www.ucalgary.ca/fmg/](https://www.ucalgary.ca/fmg/)

Note: Finance area also selects a team of four students to compete in the annual Rotman International Trading Competition, which uses simulated trading cases that closely mimic different aspects of real world markets.

Aligned Majors

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- Personal Financial Planning and Investment Firms
- Law Firms
- Oil & Gas
- Brokerage firms
- Retail
- Wholesale & Distribution
- Telecommunication Firms, Software and IT
- Marketing & Media
- Commercial and Investment Banks
- Government Departments
- Money Management Firms
- Insurance Firms, Real Estate
- Construction Firms, Manufacturing, Engineering firms
- Health Care

Books & Publications

- The Management Consultant: Mastering the Art of Consultancy by Richard Newton
- Case Interview Secrets: A Former McKinsey Interviewer Reveals How to Get Multiple Job Offers in Consulting by Victor Cheng
- Issues in Money and Banking by George Macesich

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