



# Finance

The understanding and management of the financial interest of businesses, nonprofit organizations, and individual investments is fundamental to the growth and success of the world's economy. Students interested in financial careers receive an excellent professional financial education in the Finance Program at Indiana State University. The program provides the knowledge and training finance experts need to make and implement decisions regarding managing, investing, and distributing financial resources for businesses and individuals.

## Careers

Students earning a bachelor's degree in finance from Indiana State are prepared for entry-level positions in a variety of financial and non-financial institutions. A finance degree can lead to positions such as:

- Financial Manager
- Loan Officer
- Cash Manager
- Wealth Manager
- Personal Financial Planner
- Financial Analyst
- Portfolio Manager

The finance degree is also excellent preparation for certification and/or license in specified areas of financial expertise and for advanced study in finance or business. Professional finance certifications include Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Certified Financial Manager (CFM), Certified Financial Planner (CFP).



With a grand opening in 2012, the new financial trading room features multiple stock tickers and video data walls with dynamic financial information, along with access to multiple professional databases. The room and its operations are funded in part by the Minas Center for investment and Financial Education and the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

"Because it's one of the few in the country, the financial trading room gives students at ISU a good head start with the tools that are needed to come out of college more prepared than most for the financial world," said Randall Minas, a senior vice president with City Securities in Crown Point, Indiana.

## Student Involvement

Finance students have several opportunities to be involved with student organizations. Many finance students join the FMA (Financial Management Association), the Investment Club, and/or FPA (Financial Planning Association—ISU Student Chapter). Finance majors or minors also may be invited to join the business honorary Beta Gamma Sigma, or the professional business fraternities Delta Sigma Pi and Alpha Kappa Psi. These organizations provide professional learning, networking opportunities and social opportunities to meet other finance majors, business students and faculty.

## Scholarships

There are several scholarships and financial awards designated specifically for finance majors and other scholarships available only to Scott College of Business majors and minors. For more information go to: [www.indstate.edu/business/scholarships](http://www.indstate.edu/business/scholarships).

## Curriculum

Indiana State's Finance Program combines the university's general education program with a core of business courses required of all students majoring in business and 27 hours of study in the area of finance. Successful completion of course work in financial principles, theories and practices of corporations, financial institutions, and international business leads to a bachelor of science degree. The newly added Financial Planning Concentration is a CFP Board registered program.

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## Alumni Spotlight



Drew Feutz, Eminence, Indiana graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2015 with a double major in Financial Planning and Investments. Drew is a Financial Planning and Investment Analyst with Market Street Wealth Management Advisors in Indianapolis. He is involved with creating detailed financial plans for the firm's lead financial planners as well as conducting investment research and monitoring client portfolios in coordination with the firm's investment manager. Drew is currently pursuing his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ (CFP®) designation.



Clark, a financial manager for the Department of Defense, is a member of Scott College of Business' inaugural Young Professionals Board (he serves as chair). He also was a former president of ISU's successful Student Investment Club and earned his MBA from the Kelley School at IU. He also is very involved as a motivational speaker.



Benjamin Gradle, '06 of San Juan, Puerto Rico, is a risk management examiner with Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), where he works to maintain stability and confidence in the nation's financial system. He serves on the Scott College of Business' Young Professionals Board and majored in finance and business administration, with a minor in risk management, while at ISU.

## Find Out More

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