

FINANCE POINTS OF PRIDE

PROGRAM REPUTATION AND TEACHING ENVIRONMENT

- More than 1,400 juniors and seniors have chosen Finance as their major, making Finance consistently one of the largest majors on campus and the largest major in the Terry College of Business.
- Curriculum in courses is frequently analyzed to ensure students have the most up-to-date knowledge when pursuing finance careers. The courses are a blend of theory and practical applications, including areas such as mergers and acquisitions, private equity, financial modeling, international finance and capitalism.
- Faculty members have received numerous teaching accolades, including the Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professorship.

STUDENT ACTIVITY

- We work closely with many potential employers. Some recent internship placements include Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Target headquarters, Accenture, SunTrust, Nordstrom, Pfizer, Nike, Wells Fargo, Harris Williams & Co., BankSouth, Nissan North America, Boeing, Frisch Capital Partners, PwC, Young Life, and the United Steelworkers Union. More than 80% of Finance students complete internships.
- Undergraduate students manage a \$1.3 million stock portfolio through the Student Managed Investment Fund, learning to make critical investment decisions in volatile markets. The students interact with and receive advice from professionals in the finance industry.
- The Stock Pitch Challenge, sponsored by the Student Managed Investment Fund, attracts top-tier business schools from the Southeast to UGA. Undergraduate teams present a “buy” recommendation on an undervalued stock to a panel of portfolio managers and senior executives and compete for \$8,500 in prize money.
- Many students actively participate in the Finance Society to gain educational and networking experiences. They meet with companies such as Duff & Phelps, PwC, KPMG, Deloitte, Kimberly-Clark, Siemens and many others who recruit heavily from UGA.
- Finance students also participate in many seminars, which bring in top executives and alumni who share real-world experiences with students.

PLACEMENT SUCCESS

- 94% of Finance students are employed within three months of graduation. In addition, a number of students continue their education in graduate programs across the nation.
- The largest employers of Finance students include SunTrust, Ernst & Young, Deloitte, PwC, Home Depot, KPMG, JP Morgan, Caterpillar, Accenture, Siemens, Textron, and Kimberly-Clark.
- With the support and assistance of an active alumni group in New York City, a growing number of Finance students are interning and starting their post-graduate careers on Wall Street, with offers from investment banks, private equity firms, and elite financial institutions.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Faculty perform research on topics such as corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, financial institutions, corporate finance, default risk, causes of major market movements, analyst performance, and firms' investments in workers' health.
- The impact of faculty research is reflected in the thousands of citations to their work by academic and professional financial writers.
- The department is home to the *Journal of Corporate Finance*, a highly ranked finance journal.
- Faculty members are invited to present their research and serve as keynote speakers and organizers at leading national and international finance conferences.
- Faculty members incorporate their own cutting-edge research, and that of others, into their coursework.



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