

Bachelor of Science in Business Finance Option Worksheet 2025-2026

Fall

Year 1

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| _____ BGEN 104US – Bus & Eship Seminar | 3 |
| BGEN 104US preferred; any US core satisfies requirement | |
| _____ M 121Q-College Algebra | 3 |
| Students with math placement level 400+ are exempt | |
| _____ ECNS 101IS- Econ Way of Thinking | 3 |
| _____ University Core | 3 |
| _____ University Core | 3 |
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Spring

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| _____ BGEN 204-Business Fundamentals | 3 |
| _____ STAT 216Q – Intro to Stats | 3 |
| _____ WRIT 101W – College Writing | 3 |
| _____ University Core | 3 |
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- Explore minors
- Plan ahead for study abroad
- Check your non-bus/non-econ elective count

Year 2

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| _____ ACTG 201 – Prin of Acct I | 3 |
| _____ BMIS 211 – Data Analytics I | 3 |
| _____ ECNS 204IS – Microeconomics | 3 |
| _____ BMGT 205 – Bus Communication | 3 |
| _____ Interdisciplinary Elective | 3 |
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| _____ ECNS 202 – Macroeconomics | 3 |
| _____ ACTG 223 – Prin Acct II | 3 |
| _____ BMGT 240IS – Bus Analytics | 3 |
| _____ BFIN 322 – Finance | 3 |
| _____ University Core | 3 |
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- Transition from Office of Student Services Advisors to Faculty Advisor
- Explore internship opportunities

Year 3

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| _____ BFIN 357 – Fin Markets & Inst | 3 |
| _____ ACTG 327 – Int Fin Acct & Report | 3 |
| _____ BMGT 335 – Mgmt & Org | 3 |
| _____ BMGT 322 – Operations Mgmt | 3 |
| _____ Interdisciplinary Elective | 3 |
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| _____ BMIS 312 - Data Analytics II | 3 |
| _____ BMKT 325 – Marketing | 3 |
| _____ BFIN Elective | 3 |
| _____ ACTG 441 – Fin Statement Analysis | 3 |
| _____ Interdisciplinary Elective | 3 |
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- Submit Pre-Graduation Worksheet (PGW)
- Check total credit count

Senior Year

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| _____ BGEN 361 – Business Law | 3 |
| _____ BFIN 420R – Investments | 3 |
| _____ BFIN 435-Corp Finance | 3 |
| _____ Free Elective | 6 |
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| _____ BGEN 499 – Sr Strategy Seminar | 3 |
| _____ BFIN 460 – Derivatives & Sec | 3 |
| _____ BFIN Elective | 3 |
| _____ Free Elective | 6 |
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Know Your Degree Requirements:

University:

- ☐ University Core
- ☐ 42 Upper-Division (300-400 level) Credits
- ☐ 120 Total Credits
- ☐ 2.00 Cumulative MSU GPA

Jabs:

- ☐ Required Business Courses
- ☐ Option (BFIN) Specific Required Courses
- ☐ 2 BFIN Electives
- ☐ 9 credits Interdisciplinary Electives

University Core [1 course in each category]

- ☒ **US** [University Seminar] = BGEN 104US
- ☒ **W** [Writing] = WRIT 101W
- ☒ **Q** [Quantitative Reasoning] = STAT 216Q
- ☐ **D** [Diversity]
- ☐ **CS** [Contemporary Issues in Science]
- ☐ **IN** [Natural Science]
- ☐ **IA/RA** [Art]
- ☐ **IH** [Humanities]
- ☒ **IS** [Social Science (IS)] = ECNS 101IS
- ☒ **R** [Research] = BFIN 420R

Interdisciplinary Electives: 9 credits of electives outside of business, economics and agriculture business, any level (100-400). May not double count with University Core or lower-level business degree requirements (e.g. M 121Q, STAT 216Q, ECNS 101IS, etc.)

Take 2 Finance (BFIN) Electives (6 credits):

- BFIN 317-American Financial Inst (Fall only)
- BFIN 421 – Real Estate (usually Fall & Spring)
- BFIN 456 – Entrepreneurial Finance (usually Fall)
- BFIN 458 – Com Bank Mgmt (usually Spring)
- BFIN 461 – Portfolio Mgmt (usually Fall & Spring)
- BFIN 498 – Internship (Fall, Spring & Summer)*
- ACTG 328 – Inter Accounting (usually Fall & Spring)
- ACTG 401 -Fed Income Tax (usually Fall & Spring)
- ACTG 421 – Data Analytics for Acct (usually Spring)
- ECNS 301 – Inter Micro w/ Calc (usually Fall & Spring)
- ECNS 303 – Inter Macro w/Calc (usually Fall & Spring)
- ECNS 345-Ag Fin & Credit An (usually Fall)
- ECNS 403R- Econometrics (usually Fall)
- ECNS 406 – Industrial Organizations (usually Fall)
- STAT 411 – Data Analysis I (usually Fall & Spring)

*counts as 1 elective



Advising Info

Here's what you need to know:

Academic Planning is ESSENTIAL for timely graduation.

Grades of 'C-' or better are required for pre-requisite & required courses in majors, minors, and for all university core requirements. 2.0 cumulative GPA is required to graduation from MSU.

Plan for pre-requisites; they are enforced:

- You can see pre-requisites in DegreeWorks or in the online course catalog
- The computer WILL NOT let you register for a course for which you don't have the pre-requisite.

Key Finance Pre-Req Sequences:

*BFIN 357 —> BFIN 420R, BFIN 435 & BFIN 460

*BFIN 322, BMKT 325, BMGT 335, BMIS 312, BGEN 361 & BMGT 322 —> BGEN 499

You get electives; use them wisely! Recommended electives:

Interdisciplinary Electives:

- 9 credits outside of business, economics & agriculture business
- Can be any level (100-400)
- Must be in addition to University Core
- Use DegreeWorks to track your progress
- Don't leave them until your senior year!



120 total credits are required to graduate from MSU (in any major). Use DegreeWorks to count your credits. Most Business majors need a handful of **free electives to reach 120 total credits.**

Residency Policies:

- **Jabs:** Of the upper-division credits required for business students, at least 18 credits and BGEN 499 (3 credits) must be taken at Jabs.
- **MSU:** 23 of your last 30 credits must be taken at MSU (does not include study abroad).



Jabs Advising FAQs:

How does advising in Jabs work?

- New students (1st year & transfer) and all 1st & 2nd year students are advised by professional advisors in the Jabs Office of Student Service (OSS).
- As students move into year 3 & 4 they transition to a faculty advisor.
- All students work with Jabs Office of Student Services to apply for graduation and have their degree certified. See below.

**Need to meet with an advisor?
We have appointments
& drop-in advising!**



You have to APPLY to graduate!

1. Submit pre-graduation worksheet (PGW) signed by your advisor one year prior to graduation.

Spring grads = May 1; Fall grads = Dec 1 of the previous year!

2. Your degree is certified = confirm you are on track for graduation & enter certification note in DegreeWorks.

3. You apply for graduation in MyInfo. Application is 'unlocked' by the DegreeWorks certification note.



Ready to graduate? Here's the PGW form:

Questions? Need Help?

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www.montana.edu/business/current-students/studentservices/