

Fast-Track Your Finance Career

Earn Your Bachelor's & Master's Degree on Your Schedule

Start your journey at a Washington state community college and complete the **Associate in Business- Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA/MRP)**. Seamlessly transition to CWU to earn your **Bachelor's in Business Administration with a specialization in Finance**.

Want to take your career further? You have the option to do one more year and earn your **Master of Business Administration (MBA)**.

What is Finance?

Finance builds upon a core business foundation, focusing on decision-making in three interconnected areas: corporate finance, investments, and financial markets and institutions.

A Finance specialization provides you with theoretical foundations, in-depth knowledge, and skills related to managing and analyzing financial resources. It offers expertise in areas such as corporate finance, investment strategies, financial modeling, portfolio management, financial markets, and financial planning. Our program also enhances critical thinking, quantitative analysis, and decision-making skills, preparing you for careers in banking, investment, financial consulting, corporate finance, or government.

Career Projections

- Nationally, over 26,000 job openings for financial analysts are expected to open between 2023-2033
- The average salary for Financial Analysts in Washington State is \$102,370*

Career Paths

- Financial Analyst
- Budget Analyst
- Investment Management
- Banking & Financial Services
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Finance Manager
- Risk Analyst

Why Choose This Path?

- Save time and money with a seamless transfer pathway
- Gain a competitive edge with an advanced degree
- Build valuable connections with faculty and professionals

*This is the 2024 reported average across the industry and experience levels; actual salaries will vary based on region and experience.

Your 5-Year Pathway to Success

Years 1 & 2: WA State Community College

Business DTA – Direct Transfer program

Build a strong foundation in business and seamlessly transfer to CWU for your bachelor's degree

Years 3 & 4: CWU – Bachelor's in Business Administration-Specializing in Finance*

Pursue this program at CWU-Ellensburg or online!

Year 3 – CWU

TERM 1 (15 credits)

FIN 370- Intro to Financial Management
MGT 382- Principles of Management
MKT 362- Essential Marketing Concepts

TERM 2 (15 credits)

BUS 301- Professional Development
ECON 330- Money and Banking
COM 301-Public Speaking for Business
FIN 470- Corporate Finance

TERM 3 (15 credits)

BUS 310- Professional Development 2
SCM 310-Supply Chain Management
MIS 320- Business Process Analysis and Systems
Open Elective (4 credits)

Year 4 – CWU

TERM 4 (15 credits)

FIN 475- Investments
Finance Elective (5 credits)
ENG 311- Business Writing
Open Elective (2 credits)

TERM 5 (15 credits)

Open Elective (5 credits)
Finance Elective (5 credits)
Open Elective (5 credits)

TERM 6 (15 credits)

Open Elective (5 credits)
MGT 489- Strategic Management
BUS 489- AACSB Assessment
Open Elective (3 credits)

**This is a sample plan of courses, your specific course needs and schedule may vary based on start date and previous courses taken.*

Year 5: CWU - Optional

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Take the next step and complete your MBA in just one year. With a strong foundation in ethical leadership, sustainability, and real-world problem-solving, CWU's MBA prepares you to lead with purpose and impact.

Start Your Journey Today!

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