

Finance Concentration Information

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Course Pyramid

- Core Finance 100 & 101
- The Basic Electives:
 - a) FNCE 203: Advanced Corp Finance
 - b) FNCE 205: Investment Management
 - c) FNCE 206: Financial Derivatives
- Followed by more specialised electives
 - FNCE 207 to FNCE 251 (many skipped numbers!)
 - FNCE 399's : Seminar Topics Courses
 - Independent Studies
- Remember that most finance majors take more than the minimum number of electives (4)!!

Career Choices & Elective Grouping

- In the slides that follow are suggested groupings – your summer experiences will surely affect them, don't take them as written in stone. In addition – please remember that it is best to get a broad experience by choosing among the many electives on offer, and not confine yourself to a narrow area.
- Shared Information from your classmates and seniors in various clubs that you participate in.
- Finance Advising: Profs Herring and Ramaswamy

Some Groupings

- Corp Finance and Investment Banking Interests (The Treasury Function plus Analyst's Work in Banks): FNCE 207 (Corp Valuation), FNCE 219 (International Financial Markets), FNCE 238 (Funding Investments), FNCE 235 (Fixed Income Securities), FNCE 208 (Intl Corp Finance), International Banking (FNCE 220); and the all three Basic Electives specially recommended.
- Sales & Trading Interests(including Money Management Firms,Hedge Funds, Mutual Funds): FNCE 238 (Funding Investments), FNCE 251 (Buyouts and Acquisitions), FNCE 235 (Fixed Income Securities); and among the Basic Electives, Derivatives and Investment Management are specially useful.
- Orientation towards Entrepreneurial Work? : FNCE 207 (Corp Valuation), FNCE 250 (Venture Cap & Innovation Financing).
- Advanced Senior Year Courses: FNCE 39x's: Advanced Topics in Financial Engineering, Fixed Income, Corporate Restructuring, plus other Supervised Study Courses, as offerings change over time.
- Floating But Relevant to all 3 interests above: Real Estate Finance (FNCE 209), Behavioral Finance(FNCE 239)
- A Final (personal) Remark for Fin Majors: The choice of electives should be driven by your interests which you should assiduously develop by engaging yourself in the ideas in finance, and never by what you perceive is the difficulty level of the course or the instructor's ratings – you must remember that it's the SONG and not the SINGER that matters as you focus on your major!