

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND

REQUIREMENTS FOR B.S. DEGREE IN BUSINESS

FINANCE

The ability to analyze a corporation's financial status, and to implement sound financial programs for raising funds and for choosing from among competing investment opportunities, is of the utmost importance to any business organization. Employment opportunities may be with financial institutions such as commercial banks, credit unions, brokerage and investment banking firms, insurance companies, mutual funds and pension funds. There are also employment opportunities in the corporate and government sectors. The field of finance traditionally is divided into three subfields: financial markets and institutions, investments, and business financial management. Financial markets and institutions examine the ways in which financial intermediaries facilitate the transfer of funds. Investment is the study of how individuals and institutions allocate funds to financial assets such as stocks and bonds.

I. Fundamental Literacies (25 Credits)

A. Writing (6 Credits)

*ENG-W 131 – Elementary Composition

*ENG-W 232 – Introduction to Business Writing

(Please note additional English preparation courses may be required depending on the placement score.

Students are required to take an English Placement Exam to determine if additional courses are needed.)

B. Critical Thinking (3 Credits)

PHIL-P 105 – Thinking and Reasoning

OR

PHIL-P 150 – Elementary Logic

C. Oral Communication (3 Credits)

SPCH-S 121 – Public Speaking

D. Visual Literacy (3 Credits)

(Courses TBA)

E. Quantitative Reasoning (6 Credits)

*MATH-M 118 – Finite Mathematics

*MATH-M 119 – Brief Survey of Calculus 1 (OR *MATH-M 215 – Analytic Geometry and Calculus 1)

(Please note additional Math preparation courses may be required before taking MATH-M 118 or MATH-M 119. Students are required to take Math Placement Exam to determine if additional courses are needed.)

F. Information Literacy (1 Credit)

COAS-Q 110 Introduction to Information Literacy

G. Computer Literacy (3 Credits)

*Bus-K 201 – The Computer in Business

(Recommend CSCI-A 106/7 or INFO-I 101 prior to BUS-K 201 for students with limited computer skills.)

II. Common Core Courses (15 Credits)

A. The Natural World (3 Credits)

One course from: AST-N 190, BIOL-N 190, CHEM-N 190, GEOL-N 190, PHYS-N 190

B. Human Behavior & Social Institutions (6 Credits)

PSY-B 190 Psychology Topic AND PSY-B 399 Psychology Topic

OR

SOC-B 190 Sociology Topic AND SOC-B 399 Sociology Topic

C. Literary & Intellectual Traditions (3 Credits)

One Course from: CMLT-T 190, ENG-T 190, HIST-T 190, PHIL-T 190, THTR-T 190

D. Art, Aesthetics & Creativity (3 Credits)

One course from: ENG-A 190, FINA-A 190, MUS-A 190, THTR-A 190

III. Contemporary Social Values (8 Credits)

A. Non Western Cultures (3 Credits)

(See Schedule of Classes for designated courses)

B. Diversity in U.S. Society (3 Credits)

(See Schedule of Classes for designated courses)

C. Health & Wellness (2 Credits)

(See Schedule of Classes for designated courses)

IV. General Education Electives (8 Credits)

(Foreign Language highly recommended)

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V. Basic Business and Economics Requirements (40 Credits)

A. Pre-Business Core

- *BUS-A 201 – Introduction to Financial Accounting (or *Bus-A 205 – Honors version)
- *BUS-A 202 – Introduction to Managerial Accounting (or *Bus-A 207 – Honors version)
- *ECON-E 103 – Introduction to Microeconomics (or *Econ-S103 – Honors version)
- *ECON-E 104 – Introduction to Macroeconomics (or *Econ-S104 – Honors version)
- *BUS-L 201 – Legal Environment of Business
- *ECON-E 270 – Introduction to Statistical Theory in Economics and Business

B. Business Core

- *BUS-D 300 – International Business Administration
- *BUS-F 301 – Financial Management
- *BUS-K 321 – Management Information Systems
- *BUS-M 301 – Introduction to Marketing Management
- *BUS-P 301 – Operations Management
- *BUS-Z 302 – Managing and Behavior in Organizations
- *BUS-J 401 – Administrative Policy
- *BUS-X 310 – Business Career Planning and Placement (1 credit hour)

VI. Concentration Requirements (21 Credit hours)

- *BUS-F 302 – Financial Decision Making
- *BUS-F 345 – Money, Banking, and Capital Markets
- *BUS-F 420 – Investments
- *BUS-F 444 – Applications in Financial Management

Select three:

- *BUS-A 311 – Intermediate Accounting I
- *BUS-A 312 – Intermediate Accounting II or BUS-A 325 – Cost Accounting
- *BUS-F 423 – Topics in Investments
- *BUS-F 446 – Bank & Financial Intermediation
- *BUS-F 490 – Independent Study in Finance
- *BUS-F 494 – International Finance

VII. Electives -- Enough to bring the total credit hours to 123

*Requires a grade of "C" or higher (a C- does not fulfill this requirement)

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