

Introduction to Careers in Finance

Course Overview and Syllabus

Grade level: 9–12

Prerequisite Courses: None

Credits: 0.5

Course Description

Introduction to Careers in Finance is a semester-long course that provides the fundamentals of the financial services industry in the United States and explores the jobs and career opportunities that the industry offers. Course units address a broad set of services in the industry including finance overview, financial services, securities analysis, investments, principles of corporate finance, banking services, risk management, and insurance.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Learn about the financial services industry and the financial systems that operate in the U.S. and internationally
- Examine securities markets and investment companies, the valuation of stocks and bonds, and how companies evaluate and mitigate risk
- Investigate corporate finance and accounting, financial statements, capital budgeting, and capital structure
- Explore banking services, how the banking industry is organized and regulated, and how risks are managed
- Discuss the insurance industry, including how it is organized and regulated, how it addresses risks, and the career opportunities it offers

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of videos, readings, and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, email, chat, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on projects, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop your speaking and listening skills.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Lesson Quizzes	20%
Unit Tests	20%
Cumulative Exams	20%
Assignments	10%
Projects	30%
Additional	0%

Scope and Sequence

When you log into Edgenuity, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are summarized below:

- Unit 1:** Finance Overview and Financial Services
- Unit 2:** Securities Analysis and Investments
- Unit 3:** Principles of Corporate Finance
- Unit 4:** Banking Services
- Unit 5:** Risk Management and Insurance