

Bachelor of Science in Business  
**Finance Option Worksheet 2025-2026**

	Fall		Spring
<b>Year 1</b>	_____ BGEN 104US – Bus & Eship Seminar 3 <small>BGEN 104US preferred; any US core satisfies requirement</small>	_____ BGEN 204-Business Fundamentals 3	
	_____ M 121Q-College Algebra 3 <small>Students with math placement level 400+ are exempt</small>	_____ STAT 216Q – Intro to Stats 3	
	_____ ECNS 101IS- Econ Way of Thinking 3	_____ WRIT 101W – College Writing 3	
	_____ University Core 3	_____ University Core 3	
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- Explore minors
- Plan ahead for study abroad
- Check your non-bus/non-econ elective count

<b>Year 2</b>	_____ ACTG 201 – Prin of Acct I 3	_____ ECNS 202 – Macroeconomics 3	
	_____ BMIS 211 – Data Analytics I 3	_____ ACTG 223 – Prin Acct II 3	
	_____ ECNS 204IS – Microeconomics 3	_____ BMGT 240IS – Bus Analytics 3	
	_____ BMGT 205 – Bus Communication 3	_____ BFIN 322 – Finance 3	
	_____ Interdisciplinary Elective 3	_____ University Core 3	
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- Transition from Office of Student Services Advisors to Faculty Advisor
- Explore internship opportunities

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

<b>Senior Year</b>	_____ BGEN 361 – Business Law 3	_____ BGEN 499 – Sr Strategy Seminar 3
	_____ BFIN 420R – Investments 3	_____ BFIN 460 – Derivatives & Sec 3
	_____ BFIN 435-Corp Finance 3	_____ BFIN Elective _____ 3
	_____ Free Elective 6	_____ 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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