

Investments

Because the primary goal of profit seeking organizations is to maximize shareholder wealth, it is often said that all other business disciplines support the financial management function. . .

The importance of financial management can also be seen in the fact that over 25 percent of all top corporate executives begin their careers in the financial area.

What you can do with a degree in Investments. . .

Possible careers with a B.B.A. in Investments include, but are not limited to, trust fund management, portfolio analysis and management, financial analysis, financial planning, banking, real estate, risk management, and insurance. Some of the employers of recent graduates include HSBC, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, Wells Fargo Financial Acceptance, First United Mortgage Corporation, American Express Financial Advisors, Green Tree Financial Servicing Corp., Northwestern Mutual Life, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, US Bank, Focus Financial Network, USB Financial Services, UMB Bank Colorado, and HSBC Securities (USA).

Getting In. . .

A student pursuing a degree program in business is admitted to the College of Business and Public Administration as a Pre-Business student. In order to be admitted to a program leading to the Bachelor of Business Administration degree, a student must have: 1) satisfactorily completed the specified freshman/sophomore Pre-Business courses; 2) earned at least a 2.50 overall GPA in all courses taken; 3) earned at least a 2.50 overall UND GPA in all courses taken; and 4) completed the six Pre-Business core courses (Acct 200 & 201; ISys 117; Econ 201, 202, & 210) with no grade lower than that of "C".

It's A Fact. . .

- Students gain hands-on experience as they use the Lanterman Investment Center's wide variety of software and databases.
- Scholarships are available.
- There is a \$150/semester program fee.
- Average class size for courses in Investments is 25.
- Seven faculty are in the department.
- Investments was first offered as a major at UND in 2006.

In Addition. . .

- Internship/co-op opportunities are available in an assortment of locations.
- Program faculty are active researchers and publish regularly.
- Students are trained to develop the innovative skills necessary to successfully address a broad range of unanticipated challenges one could potentially encounter in a professional setting.

Unique characteristics of UND's Investments program. . .

- The mission of the Department of Finance is to offer students an educational experience which provides a balanced mix of finance theory and practical application at the undergraduate level. Students in the Investments major utilize the resources of the high tech, real time A. Kirk Lanterman Investment Center, a state-of-the-art facility with direct data connections to virtually any traded instrument in the world market. The Lanterman Investment Center also provides students with access to professional investment analysis programs from industry leaders such as Barra, Ibbotson Associates, FinCAD, EXPO, and others. <http://business.und.edu/lanterman/>
- Students have the opportunity to participate in the Student Managed Investment Fund, where investment decisions involving real money are made by a student team and their advisors. The facilities, software, data, and faculty expertise combine to create an exceptional atmosphere and learning environment for students. The fund is currently valued in excess of \$600,000.

For more information. . .

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