

Bachelor of Science in Business
Finance Option Worksheet 2024-2025

| | Fall | | Spring |
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| Year 1 | _____ BGEN 104US – 1st Year Bus Seminar 3 <small>***BGEN 104US preferred, but any University Seminar (US) core course may satisfy this requirement</small> | | _____ BGEN 204 - Bus Fundamentals 3 |
| | _____ Math ***Specific course based on math placement 3-6 | | _____ ECNS 101IS- Econ Way of Thinking 3 |
| | _____ 1-3 University Core 3-9 | | _____ M 161Q – Survey of Calculus 4 |
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| | | | _____ University Core 3 |
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- Explore minors
- Plan ahead for study abroad
- Check your non-bus/non-econ elective count

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| Year 2 | _____ ACTG 201 – Prin of Acct I 3 | _____ ECNS 202 – Macroeconomics 3 |
| | _____ BMIS 211 – Data Analytics I 3 | _____ ACTG 223 – Prin Acct II 3 |
| | _____ STAT 216Q – Intro to Stats 3 | _____ BMGT 205 – Prof Bus Comm 3 |
| | _____ ECNS 204IS – Microeconomics 3 | _____ BMGT 240IS – Bus Resrch Meth 3 |
| | _____ University Core 3 | _____ BFIN 322 – Finance 3 |
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- Transition from Office of Student Services Advisors to Faculty Advisor
- Explore internship opportunities

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| Year 3 | _____ BFIN 357 – Fin Markets & Inst 3 | _____ BMGT 335 – Mgmt & Org 3 |
| | _____ ACTG 327 – Int Fin Acct & Report 3 | _____ BMKT 325 – Marketing 3 |
| | _____ BMIS 312 - Data Analytics II 3 | _____ BFIN Elective _____ 3 |
| | _____ BMGT 322 – Operations Mgmt 3 | _____ ACTG 441 – Adv Fin Stat Anly 3 |
| | _____ University Core 3 | _____ Non-Business/Non-Econ Elecs 3 |
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- Submit Pre-Graduation Worksheet (PGW)
- Check total credit count

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| Senior Year | _____ BGEN 361 – Business Law 3 | _____ BGEN 499 – Sr Strategy Seminar 4 |
| | _____ BFIN 420R – Investments 3 | _____ BFIN 460 – Derivatives & Sec 3 |
| | _____ BFIN 435-Corp Finance 3 | _____ BFIN Elective _____ 3 |
| | _____ Non-Business/Non-Econ Elec 3 | _____ Free Elective 4 |
| | _____ Free Elective 3 | |
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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
- 48 credits Non-Business/Non-Econ Electives

University Core [1 course in each category]

- US** [University Seminar] = BGEN 104US
- W** [Writing] = WRIT 101W
- Q** [Quantitative Reasoning] = M 161Q
- 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

Non-Business/Non-Economics Electives:

48 credits outside of business, econ & ag business (ECNS 101, ECNS 202, ECNS 204, BMGT 240 are included).

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 401 -Fed Income Tax (usually Fall & Spring)
- ACTG 328 – Inter Accounting (usually Fall & 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:

Non-business/non-economics electives:

- 40% of 120 (48 credits) required
- 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 (4 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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www.montana.edu/business/current-students/student-services/