

# Finance Concentration

The Department of Finance and Real Estate is committed to delivering cutting-edge education in finance and real estate. It values strong connections to the community and offers excellent opportunities to interact with businesses at all levels.



## What Do Professionals in Finance Do?

Investment analysts and corporate finance specialists make decisions about how to wisely invest money to maximize returns or obtain funds at least cost in relation to organizational goals. As part of this process they analyze financial market conditions and evaluate the trade off between the risks and the potential returns of a particular financial decision. Real estate finance is an exciting multifaceted specialty of analyzing, underwriting, and forecasting income for the built environment, i.e. land and everything on it. Finance professionals at all levels routinely work with people and numbers, and become adept at evaluating and managing risk. An understanding of economics and the business environment is essential in finance careers.

## Common Traits and Skills of Successful Finance Students and Professionals

- Enjoys problem solving
- Strong quantitative abilities
- Comfortable working with structure and regulations
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Strong analytic and planning skills
- Able to communicate complex info to non-technical audiences
- Manages time well and meets deadlines
- Keeps delicate and classified information strictly confidential
- Understands and enjoys working with technology
- Detail-oriented
- Understands how all functions of business are related
- Keeps abreast of market trends and financial innovations

## Potential Careers in Finance

Careers in finance fall roughly into the three broad categories listed below. Note, however, that there is a considerable amount of overlap among the various functional responsibilities.

### Corporate Finance

- Financial Analyst
- Treasury Manager
- Credit and Collections Manager
- Risk Manager
- Business Analyst
- Investor Relations Manager
- Contoller
- Financial Reporting Manager

### Investment Analysis

- Fund Manager
- Equity Analyst
- Portfolio Manager
- Asset Allocation Analyst
- Quantitative Financial Analyst
- Investor
- Venture Capitalist
- Stock Broker

### Real Estate Finance

- Mortgage Broker
- Real Estate Investment Trust
- Real Estate Developer
- Real Estate Analyst
- Commercial Broker
- Investor

## Tips for Researching Careers in Finance

- Join the Finance Club and run for an office
- Search the web for job profiles and position descriptions
- Talk to alumni of the Finance program
- Attend the Career Fair and ask recruiters about finance jobs
- Take an online assessment (see Career Center website)
- Visit with a Career Counselor in the Career Management Center
- Participate in the Summit Investment Fund

## Online Resources

[www.dora.state.co.us/securities](http://www.dora.state.co.us/securities) • [www.dora.state.co.us/insurance](http://www.dora.state.co.us/insurance) • [www.dora.state.co.us/real-estate](http://www.dora.state.co.us/real-estate) • [www.acinet.org](http://www.acinet.org)

## Undergraduate Programs

110 Rockwell West  
(970) 491-5103  
[undergradinfo@business.colostate.edu](mailto:undergradinfo@business.colostate.edu)  
Advising Appt: [csubiz.com/advising](http://csubiz.com/advising)

## Career Management Center

210 Rockwell West  
(970) 491-1540  
[cob-cmc@business.colostate.edu](mailto:cob-cmc@business.colostate.edu)



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## Finance (FIN) : 509 Students



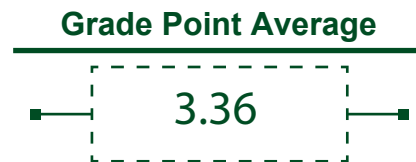
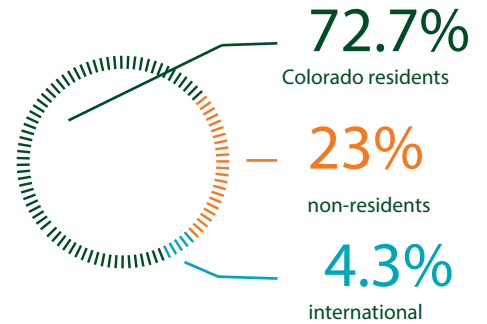
16.5%

First generation  
(first in their family to earn a bachelor's degree)



20.6%

Identify as racially or ethnically diverse



### Internship, Practicum, and Field Experience Rates



### Average Starting Salary<sup>1</sup>



### Job/Education Offer Rates<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Average salary is based on full-time permanent employment.  
<sup>2</sup> Offer rate is the percentage of graduates who are actively seeking employment or education that secured plans or indicated at least one job offer within six months of graduation.

