

# **Albion College**

# The Department of Economics and Management Finance Major

Albion's courses in finance provide an excellent foundation for those interested in financial planning, financial management, commercial banking and investment banking, credit unions, insurance companies, and government agencies, as well as for national certification examinations.

### **FINANCE MAJOR**

# 9 E&M classes plus 2 cognates

E&M 101 Principles of Microeconomics
E&M 102 Economy and Financial Markets
E&M 211 Financial Accounting
E&M 201 Intermediate Microeconomics or E&M 209
Intermediate Microeconomics with Calculus
E&M 202 Intermediate Macroeconomics
E&M 311 Intermediate Accounting I or
E&M 312 Intermediate Accounting II
E&M 346 Financial Markets
E&M 348 Financial Management

#### Plus any one:

E&M 248 Financial Modeling with Excel E&M 344 Portfolio Theory, E&M 345 Money and Banking, or E&M 365 International Finance

Cognates: Math 120 College Algebra (or proficiency) or Math 141 E&M 200 Economic Statistics or Math 209 or 309

# **FINANCE MINOR**

# 6 E&M classes plus two cognates

E&M 101 Principle of Microeconomics E&M 102 The Economy and Financial Markets E&M 211 Financial Accounting E&M 346 Financial Markets E&M 348 Financial Management

#### Plus any one:

E&M 248, 300, 309, 311, 344, 345, 365, 389 (with E&M department chair's approval).

Cognates: Math 120 College Algebra or higher or proficiency
E&M 200, Math 209 or Math 309

### **ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT**



Josh Sannes, '19, was a finance major and a cell and molecular biology minor. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Omicron Delta Kappa (National Leadership Honor Society, past President of Omicron Delta Epsilon (International Honor Society in Economics), Student Volunteer Bureau, Mortar Board (National College Senior Honor Society), and Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity. Josh was hired by the Federal

Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and will work as a Financial Institution Specialist in Columbus, Ohio. While at Albion, Josh completed two internships with MB Financial Inc., gaining valuable experience within the mortgage industry, as well as enlarging his skill set beyond finance. "Albion helped me build my leadership skills while developing my interpersonal skills. The professors will be a lifelong, invaluable resource."



**Carrigan Theisen**, '19, was a finance major with a minor in business and organizations. She was a member of the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management. She was hired by JP Morgan Chase and Co. as a commercial banking analyst. She works with clients with revenues in the range of \$20 million to about \$2 billion, working to evaluate financial records, assess degree of risk, to prepare recommendations for lending

and other business opportunities.

Carrigan had an internship with JP Morgan Chase and Co. as a Middle Market Banking and Specialized Industries Summer Analyst. Carrigan credits her coursework at Albion, that it prepared her for the technical demands of her job, while her extracurriculars gave her the experience in financial planning and leadership, along with many networking opportunities. "For me, Albion was a place to enhance my personal development, leadership ability, and financial responsibility. My professors, classmates, and coursework encouraged a greater level of curiosity and an appreciation for knowledge.



#### NATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Our finance curriculum includes relevant aspects of economic theory that deepen students' understanding of financial concepts, markets, management, and decision making. Students often take additional course work in accounting and math to enhance their preparation for a career in finance. This course work provides essential preparation for the National Association of Securities Dealers Series 7 stockbroker's license exam and the Chartered Financial Analyst® exams.

#### STUDENT VENTURES

#### **Economics and Management Investment Club**

Students manage an investment portfolio, buying and selling real stocks. Profits are used to fund a scholarship for E&M majors. Investment Club members take an annual trip to Chicago to meet Albion alumni working in the finance industry.

#### Omicron Delta Epsilon

This honorary organization recognizes scholastic attainment and outstanding achievements in economics. There is a spring banquet and an informal pizza party during the semester. Honors cords are given to each graduating senior.

# **FACULTY**

#### Jon A. Hooks, Professor

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# STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



Chase Palmer, '20, is a finance major and communication studies minor and is a member of the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute of Business and Management. He's on the men's lacrosse team, treasurer of the Alpha Pi chapter of Sigma Chi, and was the former vice president of finances for Albion Interfraternity Council. Chase is also involved in a number other organizations on campus, including Global Medical Brigades.

During the summer of 2018, Chase interned with Quicken Loans as part of their specialized The League program, which is focused towards recruiting collegiate athletes. He worked in mortgage banking and supported a team of six bankers. In the summer of 2019, Chase completed an internship with Colliers International, a global commercial real-estate investment and brokerage firm. As a research intern, he supported brokers with market and financial data to support their advisory roles to their investors, property owners, tenants and developers.

"Albion has provided me with a broad range of opportunities that are integral in building the necessary skills that I will need post-graduation. I have been fortunate to have some amazing professors throughout my time at Albion who have helped cultivate my academic interests and offered support outside of the classroom. I've had the opportunity to travel abroad with various classes and organizations which has broadened my perspective of other cultures and beliefs. I wouldn't be the person I am today without the experience that Albion has offered me."



**Alec Palmer**, '20, is a finance major and communications studies minor. He is a member of the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management. Alec is also a member of the men's lacrosse team, where he has won two MIAA tournament titles and earned all-conference honors. He is involved in a number of organizations which include Sigma Chi, Investment Club, and Global Medical Brigades.

During the summer of 2018, he interned with Quicken Loans as part of The League program, which focuses on the temperaments of collegiate level student athletes, specializing specifically within their mortgage banking sector. Additionally, this past summer Alec completed an internship with JP Morgan Chase, where he worked in their core middle market and specialized industries vertical, supporting businesses and clients with a wide range of strategic advice and financing solutions.

"Albion has allowed me to take full advantage of the opportunities presented. My classes have challenged me and allowed for my academic growth and achievement, which has undoubtedly influenced my outlook on the world. I have been fortunate to go abroad on three separate occasions, while still working on the technical skills to excel in my chosen field of study. I give credit to my professors, as they have supported me every step of the way and have had an active role in helping me to succeed and accomplish the goals that I set for myself."