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<b>Credit Requirements:</b>	26 credits (14 Foundation credits and 12 Concentration credits)

There are many paths through which an MBA student can pursue a career in finance. Finance professionals are needed in institutions and firms that participate in financial markets as providers of capital. Finance professionals are also needed within the companies and businesses themselves that act as the users of capital. And lastly, financial professionals are necessary to intermediate between the providers and users of capital. The Corporate Finance & Investment Platform has been designed to effectively steer an MBA student towards anyone of the following careers:

- Financial Manager in a Non-Financial Firm
- Investment Banker – Corporate Finance
- Private Equity or Venture Capital Positions
- Investment Banker – Capital Markets & Trading
- Asset or Portfolio Manager

Below, we suggest a path through the Olin finance curriculum that you might find useful if you plan a career in any one of the above finance career tracks. You will see that there are some common Foundation courses that support all of the career tracks, followed by more focused coursework specifically aimed to support such career development. You will see that within the set of Foundation courses and each of the Concentrations, we recommend several electives outside of finance as part of your career development. Lastly, please note that at times finance electives offered may change and the track recommendations may be amended as well. **Completion of the Corporate Finance and Investments Platform requires completion of the Foundation courses (14 credits) plus at least one concentration (12 credits).**

### FOUNDATION COURSES (14.0 credits)

Course	Suggested Semester (schedules subject to change)	Prerequisites /Notes
FIN 500N: Corporate Finance & Investments Industry Seminar (.5 credit)	Fall year 1	
FIN 534: ACF I – Valuation (1.5 credits)	Spring year 1	
FIN 534B: ACF II – Financing (1.5 credits)	Spring year 1	FIN 534
FIN 524: Options & Futures (1.5 credits)	Spring year 1	
FIN 527: Financial Markets (1.5 credits)**	Fall year 2	
ACCT 501B: Financial Accounting B (1.5 credits)	Spring year 1	
ACCT 503: Business Analysis Using Financial Statements (1.5 credits)	Fall year 2	ACCT 501B
MEC 592: Competitive Industry Analysis (3.0 credits)	Spring year 1	
<b>Complete 1.5 credits of the following electives:</b>		
MGT 534: Corporate Strategy (1.5 credits)	Fall year 2	
MGT 500P: Integrative Value Creation: The Wholomics Approach (1.5 credits)	Fall year 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> year standing

\*\* Private Equity and Venture Capital Concentration may substitute MEC 540 Money, Capital Markets and Economic Growth for FIN 527 if schedule conflict exists.

## CONCENTRATIONS (12.0 credits; select at least one)

\*Experiential Learning components are **bolded**. FIN 500L: Private Equity Experiential I can satisfy the experiential learning component for any of the five concentrations. Schedules subject to change.

Financial Manager Concentration	Suggested Semester	Prerequisites /Notes
MGT 550F: Critical Thinking Processes & Modeling for Effective Decision Making <b>(3.0 credits)</b>	SP year 1 or SP year 2	
MGT 533: Effective Managerial Communication <b>(1.5 credits)</b>		
<b>FIN 501: Corporate Finance and Investments Platform Practicum (1.5 credits)</b>	<b>Fall year 2</b>	<b>FIN 500N</b>
<b>Complete 6.0 credits of the following electives:</b>		
ACCT 503B: Advanced Business Analysis Using Financial Statements <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	ACCT 503
FIN 500I: Advanced Corporate Finance III – Frontiers of Valuation <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	FIN 534, FIN 534B
FIN 523B: Mergers & Acquisitions <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	SP year 1 or SP year 2	FIN 534; Take in yr 1 if this is internship target
MKT 577: Marketing Strategy <b>(3.0 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	Recommended: MKT 571A, MKT 571C
OB 523: Managing Power and Politics in Organizations <b>(3.0 credits)</b>	Fall Year 2	

Investment Banking – Corporate Finance Concentration	Suggested Semester	Prerequisites /Notes
FIN 523B: Mergers & Acquisitions <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	SP year 1 or SP year 2	FIN 534; Take in yr 1 if this is internship target
FIN 524B: Derivative Securities <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	FL year 2 or SP year 2	FIN 524; This sequence critical for careers in a corporate treasury office
<b>FIN 528: Investments Praxis* (3.0 credits)</b>	<b>Spring year 2</b>	<b>FIN 534 and FIN 532</b>
FIN 532: Investment Theory <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	
ACCT 503B: Advanced Business Analysis Using Financial Statements <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	ACCT 503
<b>Complete 3.0 credits of the following electives:</b>		
FIN 500L: Private Equity Experiential I <b>(3.0 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	<b>FIN 500S; Students must interview for this class in spring year 1.</b>
MGT 550F: Critical Thinking Processes & Modeling for Effective Decision Making <b>(3.0 cr)</b>	SP year 1 or SP year 2	

Private Equity and Venture Capital	Suggested Semester	Prerequisites /Notes
<b>FIN 500L: Private Equity Experiential I* (3.0 credits)</b>	<b>Fall year 2</b>	<b>FIN 500S; must interview for this class in spring year 1.</b>
FIN 523B: Mergers & Acquisitions <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	SP yr 1 or SP yr 2	FIN 534; Take in yr 1 if this is internship target
FIN 531: Venture Capital & Private Equity <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Spring year 2	At least one of the following recommended: FIN 534, FIN 523B, FIN 549F, ACCT 503
FIN 500S: Tools of Venture Investing <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Spring year 1	
<b>Complete 4.5 credits of the following electives:</b>		
ACCT 503B: Adv. Business Analysis Using Financial Statements <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	ACCT 503
FIN 534C: ACF III – Frontiers of Valuation <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	
FIN 532: Investment Theory <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	
MGT 521: Introduction to Entrepreneurship <b>(3.0 credits)</b>	SP yr 1 or SP yr 2	
MGT 550F: Critical Thinking Processes & Modeling for Eff. Dec. Making <b>(3.0 cr)</b>	SP yr 1 or SP ry 2	

<b>Investment Banking – Capital Markets &amp; Trading</b>	<b>Suggested Semester</b>	<b>Prerequisites /Notes</b>
FIN 524B: Derivative Securities <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Spring year 1	FIN 524
FIN 525: Fixed Income Securities <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Spring year 2	critical for careers in a corporate Treasury office
FIN 532: Investment Theory <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	
FIN 532B: Data Analysis for Investments <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	FIN 532
<b>FIN 528: Investment Praxis* (3.0 credits)</b>	<b>Spring year 2</b>	<b>FIN 534 and FIN 532</b>
<b>Complete at least 3.0 credits of the following electives:</b>		
ACCT 503B: Adv. Business Analysis Using Financial Statements <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	ACCT 503
MGT 550F: Critical Thinking Processes & Modeling for Effective Decision Making <b>(3.0 cr)</b>	Spring year 1 or Spring year 2	
MEC 537: Data Analysis, Forecasting & Risk Analysis <b>(3.0 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	
MEC 540: Money, Capital Markets, and Economic Growth <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Spring year 1 or Spring year 2	

<b>Asset Management</b>	<b>Suggested Semester</b>	<b>Prerequisites /Notes</b>
FIN 525: Fixed Income Securities <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Spring year 2	critical for careers in a corporate Treasury office
<b>FIN 528: Investments Praxis* (3.0 credits)</b>	<b>Spring year 2</b>	<b>FIN 534 and FIN 532</b>
FIN 532: Investment Theory <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	
FIN 532B: Data Analysis for Investments <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	FIN 532
<b>Complete 4.5 credits of the following electives:</b>		
ACCT 503B: Adv. Business Analysis Using Financial Statements <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	ACCT 503
FIN 500S: Tools for Venture Investing <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Spring year 1	
MEC 540: Money, Capital Markets, and Economic Growth <b>(1.5 credits)</b>	Spring year 1 or Spring year 2	
MGT 550F: Critical Thinking Processes & Modeling for Effective Decision Making <b>(3.0 credits)</b>	Spring year 1 or Spring year 2	
MEC 537: Data Analysis, Forecasting & Risk Analysis <b>(3.0 credits)</b>	Fall year 2	