Careers in finance look at how organizations manage funds over a period of time and also investigate their earnings to ensure future financial success for all entities involved. Analysts, traders, managers, brokers, and advisors – finance is a wide-reaching area of study. This fast-paced and analytic field emphasizes decision making within both financial and capital markets. This degree prepares students for careers in investment and commercial banking, financial planning, money making, insurance, and even real estate.

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**MILESTONES**

**FIRST YEAR**
- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Choose a major with confidence - Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out the Kuder Journey!
- Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.
- Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group.
- Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.
- Look for a service-learning course for guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.
- Ask a student in class to study with you. If you still need some help, go to the Learning Center to get a tutor! They can really help!
- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
- Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
- Want to bring your undergraduate experience to the next level? Consider joining the Business Honors Program.
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into ECON Society or FMA (if you have not joined already) or ALPHA, Society or FMA (if you have not joined already) or ECON Society or FMA (if you have not joined already) or ALPHA, Enactus or visit VLink for options.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch and check out the Hauser Lab.

**SECOND YEAR**
- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit your department and/or the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches.
- Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available.
- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to Germany or South Korea.
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Join another student organization. Perhaps ECON Society or FMA (if you have not joined already) or ALPHA, Enactus or visit VLink for options.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch - bring a friend!

**THIRD YEAR**
- To seek out research opportunities within your major and consider attending professional events organized by Dept. faculty at UTRGV, such as BEDES in the fall of each year and C-BEST on economic and financial forecasting and trends.
- Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year. See VCOBE Program Coordinator for graduation review.
- Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center.
- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Sharpen your writing skills! Take an intensive writing course such as COMM 3313, MGMT 3335 or MARK 3320 and perhaps even become the secretary for your organization!
- Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information!
- Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.
- Check out the VCOBE website, as well as other professional websites for postings on career/graduate school.
- Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks’ advance notice!
- When is the deadline for your undergraduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!

**FOURTH YEAR**
- “I have a plan for after graduation.” If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
- Register for your Business Capstone/Strategic Management (MGMT 4381) the semester you are graduating!!
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
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**LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
- Update your resume in Career Connection and have it reviewed.
- Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss opportunities.
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**ADVISE & SUPPORT**

- Complete a Business Career and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them!
- Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year.
- Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0 or above!
- Take MATH 1314, 1314, 1324 OR 1325 in your first year.
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