



# 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



**Justin Huttenlocher '23**, majored in Finance and minored in data analytics and was a member of the Gerstacker Institute of Business and Management. Justin works for Ernst and Young as a technology risk business consultant.

While at Albion he was involved in many groups on campus, including Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity and the swimming and diving team.

"Albion was a place to foster new opportunities and experiences. Albion did not only focus on the four years of me being a student, the provided many college experiences so that I would be prepared for life after college.

"I have realized that Albion had the resources, staff, faculty, and institutions to support me in any aspect of my life. I knew that I wanted to go into business and from the very beginning of my college career, my professors and the Gerstacker Institution not only supported me, but also pushed me to be the best student and person possible. Albion . . . has shown me that I have the ability to push my boundaries and comfort levels and know that I can make a positive change to this world."



**Andrew Sowa '23**, majored in finance and minored in political science. He was a member of Gerald R. Ford Institute for Leadership in Public Policy and Service, and the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management. Andrew completed a commercial banking internship for JP Morgan. He now works for JP Morgan as a middle market banking and specialized industries analyst.

"I love what I do because I get to work closely with a range of unique businesses and institutions from non-profits, educational institutions, municipalities, and businesses. This makes each day fresh and exciting as there are a plethora of different collaborative projects, assignments, and events. Being able to help all these different entities with their banking needs and witness their growth and impact is truly a special feeling.

"Albion is a home away from home. Coming from a small high school, this was the environment for me to transition into. Albion's small environment can be leveraged in terms of connecting with professors, getting involved on campus, and accepting opportunities."



## 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

B.S., 1984, Cameron University  
M.A., 1985, University of Texas at Dallas  
M.A., 1987, Ph.D., 1989, Michigan State University  
C.F.A., 2000

517-629-0530  
jhooks@albion.edu  
Robinson 103

### Zhen Li, Professor

B.S., 1996, Peking University  
M.A., 1999, Princeton University  
Ph.D., 2004, Princeton University

517-629-0490  
zli@albion.edu  
Robinson 102

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

**We welcome your questions about economics and management study at Albion College.**  
**For more information, contact:**

Department of Economics and Management  
517-629-0419  
econ@albion.edu  
albion.edu/econ



**Carrigan (Theisen) VanderMark '19**, graduated with a finance major and a minor in business and organizations. She was a member of the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management.

VanderMark had an internship with JP Morgan as a middle market banking and specialized industries summer analyst. She credits her coursework at Albion for prepping 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.

She was hired by JP Morgan as a commercial banking analyst and is now an associate banker at JP Morgan, where 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.

"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."

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



**Delia Johnson '24**, is majoring in finance and minoring in data analytics.

She is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program, the Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management, and the Center for Sustainability and the Environment. She interned with Mercantile Bank of Michigan in the summer of 2023.

"Albion College and the people in it have inspired me to discover more about myself and the world around me. Being here at Albion has allowed me to grow as a person and make lasting connections, for which I am very grateful."