



# Albion College

## The Department of Economics and Management Finance Major

The finance major prepares students for dynamic careers across the financial spectrum—including investment banking, portfolio management, personal finance, and data-driven research. Through a rigorous curriculum and hands-on learning, students gain deep expertise in financial analysis, markets, and decision-making. Outside the classroom, students can join the Investment Club and participate in experiential learning opportunities like industry-focused trips to financial hubs such as Chicago. Many students pursue national certifications and consistently earn placements in competitive graduate programs and top firms. With a strong foundation in both theory and practice, graduates are equipped to lead and innovate in today's global financial landscape.

### 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

### STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



**Blake Miller '26** is majoring in finance with a minor in sports communication, and is president of the Investment Club. "As the president of the Investment Club, we meet once every two or three weeks and go over how our club portfolio is doing. We discuss what the stock market is doing and how world events affect the stock market. We have guest speakers and have general discussions about stocks, bonds, or the market as a whole."

"Albion means opportunity. Being the Investment Club president has allowed me to turn ideas into real-life experiences, whether that is through event planning, managing our student-run portfolio, or building connections with alumni and professionals in the financial industry. My time here at Albion in the classroom and with the Investment Club has allowed me to grow not only as a student but also as a future professional."

### ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT



**Kristina Dolgacheva '25** majored in finance with a departmental thesis in economics and management. She accepted a position as a tax associate at Hantz Group in Ann Arbor, Michigan. After gaining professional experience, she plans to pursue a master's degree in a related field, such as accounting or taxation. Long-term, she hopes

to launch a nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching financial literacy in her community.

"I love exploring how economics and finance intersect with real-world issues. While studying abroad in Greece, I took an International Finance course where we completed a forex trading case study. Competing with classmates to generate the highest returns over the semester made the material come alive and deepened my interest in global finance."

"Albion provided the academic foundation, resources, and mentorship I needed to succeed beyond the classroom, whether in internships, job interviews, or future academic and professional goals."



## 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.

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**Bailey Stormzand '25** majored in finance and was a member of the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management. She is currently working at Northpointe Bank as a capital markets administrator. She works closely with various aspects of the loan process, handling lock requests, relocks, and extensions to ensure accurate pricing. She also supports the secondary marketing team, staying on top of compliance with company policies, and striving to deliver great customer service while meeting performance goals. "I love what I do because of the ability to grow and learn new things every day."

"Albion helped me get a head start on my career. Each department is dedicated to helping students succeed in goals they never knew they had. Specifically, the Economics and Management Department encouraged me to pursue programs and internships, while providing opportunities to develop skills I once feared, such as public speaking."



**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."