# Paul and Virginia Engler College of Business WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY...

## **FINANCE**

#### **Degree**

Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance



96.34% REPORTED EMPLOYMENT (From 2014-2019)



**Is this the major for you?** You're a math magician, and you love to solve problems using numbers. You gain satisfaction from slashing unnecessary costs while maintaining high standards, and you've kept a disciplined budget since your very first paycheck. If this profile adds up, a Finance major could be right for you.

What skills do you need? Come prepared to cultivate your intuition and problem-solving abilities in order to assess a client's financial health and plan for their future. Trend-spotting and evaluating potential opportunities will also come into play as you guide an individual or company's financial journey.

# COMPANIES THAT HIRE OUR GRADUATES

- · Happy State Bank
- · Amarillo National Bank
- · Plains Capital Bank
- Wells Fargo
- FDIC
- Merrill Lynch
- Fidelity
- · Edward Jones

- Bell Textron
- Pantex
- Texas Dept of Criminal Justice
- · Xcel Energy
- · Nalco Champion
- Walmart

### **SUCCESS STORIES**



Alexis Hext 2019 - B.B.A. – Finance and Management

Alexis is pursuing her Master's degree in Finance and Economics while working full time as a Purchasing Manager at Ben E Keith Foods in Amarillo, TX.



Brett McDivitt 2003 – B.B.A. – Finance and Accounting

Brett completed two internships at the Houston Field Office with the FDIC while earning his bachelor's degree at WT. He is now a Senior Case Manager in the Division of Risk Management for the FDIC in San Francisco, CA.

#### **CAREERS**



#### **Corporate and Public Finance**

- · Cash & credit management
- · Budget analysis
- · Investment management
- Investor relations
- · Financial reporting
- · Mergers and acquisitions

#### **Banking**

- · Credit analysis
- Commercial and industrial lending
- Trust and private wealth management
- · Bank operations
- · Cash management

#### Insurance

- · Sales
- · Claims analysis
- Underwriting
- · Risk management
- · Customer service

#### **Personal Financial Planning**

- · Sales
- Financial advising
- · Insurance advising
- · Portfolio management
- · Customer service

#### **Real Estate**

- · Residential brokerage
- · Commercial sales appraisals
- · Property management
- Real estate portfolio management

#### **Money Management**

- · Research bonds and equities
- · Derivatives analysis
- · Tax analysis
- Trading
- · Business valuation

#### SELECTED COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

#### FIN 4311 - Corporate Governance and Ethics

- · Board composition and executive compensation
- · Corporate citizenship and accountability
- · ESG decision-making
- · Corporate fraud and international governance

#### FIN 4326 - Financial Management

- · Financial Markets and Planning
- · Corporate Valuation
- · Project Valuation
- · Financing Decisions

#### FIN 4320 - Investments

- · Stocks and Bonds
- · Mutual Funds & ETFs
- · Macroeconomic & Industry analyses
- · Trading strategies

#### FIN 4365 - Case Studies in Financial Planning

- · Financial Planning Process
- · Insurance Planning
- · Investments Planning
- · Retirement and Estate Planning

#### FIN 4323 - International Finance

- · Exchange Rate Systems, Trade, and Deficits
- · Exchange Rate Risk
- · Currency Analysis
- · Hedging Strategies

#### FIN 4370 - Health Care Finance

- · Revenue Determination
- Insurance and Managed Care Contracting
- Financial Position Analysis
- · Cost Concepts



<sup>\*</sup>See Finance Degree Checklist for a complete list of required courses