MBA Find Your Focus: Finance
What is Finance?

- Finance: the study of how money is managed and the actual process of acquiring needed funds
- A diverse field that encompasses
  - Investments
  - Corporate finance
  - Financial markets & institutions
  - Personal finance
  - Real estate
  - Insurance
Why choose Finance?

- Plays a critical role in the economy
- Plays a critical role within a company
- An interesting and diverse field
- Room for personal growth
- Fast growing and changing field
- For people who have:
  - Analytical skills
  - Communication skills
  - Computer skills
  - Math skills
  - Decision making skills

- Job growth estimated at 16% from 2012-2022
- Median annual wage range pay: $76,950
- High end of annual wage range: $148,430
- “A growing range of financial products and the need for in-depth knowledge of geographic regions are expected to lead to strong employment growth.”
Sample Courses

- **FIN 540 Seminar in Business Valuation, Mergers and Acquisitions (3 units)**
  
  This course covers issues and techniques related to business valuation and mergers and acquisitions. Students may not receive credit for both Finance 440 and 540.

- **FIN 570 Seminar in International Financial Management (3 units)**
  
  Financial problems of the multinational firm. International financing instruments, capital investment decisions and constraints on the profitability of multinational businesses.

- **FIN 440 Business Valuation, Mergers and Acquisitions (3 units)**
  
  Business valuation is an essential finance technique. The course focuses valuation, especially for mergers and acquisitions. Valuation methods and their application in mergers and acquisitions will be demonstrated. Students may not receive credit for both Finance 440 and 540. (available: Spring 2012)

- **FIN 444 Options And Futures (3 units)**
  
Career Opportunities

- Securities Analyst
- Portfolio Manager
- Budgeting Manager
- Stockbrokers
- Loan Officer

- Financial Planners
- Financial Analyst
Real Estate and Land Use Institute

- Mission Statement: to promote and advance real estate education at CSUF, including research, curriculum, program reputation, student placement, and outreach to the local business community.
- Has branches in 23 CSU campuses
- Provides sources of real estate research, analysis, and data to the real estate community, government agencies, and educators in Orange County
- Gives career information to students interested in real estate title insurance, construction, mortgage banking, property management, real estate appraisals, brokerage and leasing, and real estate development

For more details, visit: CSUF RELUI
Student Organizations

• **Finance Association**: a professional student organization committed to providing our members with a friendly networking environment with a strong focus on finance. For more information, visit: Finance Association

• **Real Estate Association**: a student organization working to provide a platform for CSUF students to learn about the industry and engage with real estate professionals. For more information, visit: Real Estate Association

*for information on other business clubs, visit: Mihaylo Clubs*
Student Organizations

- **MBA Association**: to provide graduate business students with a professional, educational, and social network comprised of classmates, faculty, and administration at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF).
  
  For more information, visit: [CSUF MBA Association](#)

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References

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