

# PERSONAL FINANCE, B.S.

## REQUIREMENTS

### UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the *Guide*.

General Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breadth–Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits</li> <li>• Breadth–Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits</li> <li>• Breadth–Social Studies: 3 credits</li> <li>• Communication Part A &amp; Part B *</li> <li>• Ethnic Studies *</li> <li>• Quantitative Reasoning Part A &amp; Part B *</li> </ul>
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\* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

### SCHOOL OF HUMAN ECOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credits
<i>Math</i>		
MATH 112	Algebra	3
	Or higher (not MATH 141) unless exempt through placement exam	
<i>Statistics</i>		
STAT 301	Introduction to Statistical Methods	3-4
SOC/ C&E SOC 360	Statistics for Sociologists I	
STAT 371	Introductory Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences	
PSYCH 210	Basic Statistics for Psychology	
ECON 310	Statistics: Measurement in Economics	
GEOG 360	Quantitative Methods in Geographical Analysis	

*Arts and Humanities*

Literature		3
Humanities		6
<i>Social Science</i>		
ECON 101	Principles of Microeconomics	4
ECON 102	Principles of Macroeconomics	3-4
Choose any designated Social Science breadth courses to bring total credits to 9		3
<i>Physical, Biological or Natural Science</i>		
Human Ecology Breadth		3
Select one Human Ecology course from CSCS, DS, HDFS, or INTER-HE.		

**Total Credits** **37-39**

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A complete list of requirements is below. Students should follow the curriculum requirements in place at the time they entered the major. This requirement list should be used in combination with a DARS report.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Excel Proficiency</b>		
Select one course from the following:		1-2
GEN BUS 106	Foundational Skills for Business Analysis	
A A E 335	Introduction to Data Analysis using Spreadsheets	
<b>Personal Finance Core</b>		
CNSR SCI 201	Consumer Insights	3
CNSR SCI 275	Consumer Finance	3
CNSR SCI 355	Financial Coaching	3
or CNSR SCI 301	Consumer Analytics	
ACCT I S 100	Introductory Financial Accounting	3
or ACCT I S 300	Accounting Principles	
<b>Consumer Science Courses</b>		
CNSR SCI 477	The Consumer and the Market	3
CNSR SCI 555	Consumer Design Strategies & Evaluation	3
CNSR SCI 657	Consumer Behavior	3
<b>Consumer Science Depth</b>		
Select 6 credits from the course list below.		6
(Not also used in the Personal Finance Core category)		
CNSR SCI/ RELIG ST 173	Consuming Happiness	
CNSR SCI 255	Consumer Financial Services Innovation	
CNSR SCI 273	Finances & Families	
CNSR SCI 301	Consumer Analytics	
CNSR SCI 340	Building Financial Assets and Capability for Vulnerable Families	
CNSR SCI 355	Financial Coaching	
CNSR SCI 360	Sustainable and Socially Just Consumption	
CNSR SCI/ HDFS 465	Families & Poverty	

CNSR SCI 527	Consumer Spending and Saving Over the Lifecycle	
CNSR SCI 575	Family Economics and Public Policy	
CNSR SCI 579	Consumer Policy Analysis	
<b>Professional Development</b>		
CNSR SCI 251	Financial Services Leadership Symposium <sup>1</sup>	1
INTER-HE 202	SoHE Career & Leadership Development	1
CNSR SCI 601	Consumer Science Internship	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Select electives to bring degree credit total to 120		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>33-34</b>

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CNSR SCI 251 Financial Services Leadership Symposium may be repeated for up to 2 credits. The additional credit will be counted as an elective.

## PERSONAL FINANCE: NAMED OPTION

Students may elect to pursue a named option instead of the completing the Personal Finance major requirements listed above.

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## UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

**Total Degree** To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

**Residency** Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

**Quality of Work** Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.