Finance Academy participants are driven students looking for the opportunity to work on Wall Street, in corporate America, or in multinational corporations to drive local and global economies ethically. Close partnerships with professionals from companies like J.P. Morgan Chase, Morgan Stanley or Goldman Sachs help students build a strong career platform.

How Career Academies Work

Each academy has life design lab staffers dedicated to connecting students with top companies and industry-specific knowledge. They work with a community of employers, alumni, faculty and parents in the finance industry who provide professional business insights and connections so you graduate “career ready” for your field. Choose this academy as a Career Interest in Handshake to get involved.

Possible Four-Year Timeline

First Year Suggestions

Fall

- Attend first-year Launch sessions and office hours with Life Design Lab staff
- Take introductory classes like macroeconomics, develop quant skills
- Get involved with the Salant Investment Team, the Financial Analysts Club or AKPsi
- Learn about the Bloomberg terminal and get access to Wall Street Prep through the Life Design Lab
- Attend a networking event and find a junior or senior mentor in finance
- Apply for financial literacy intersession course

Spring

- Secure a summer internship for post-sophomore year
- Go to Finance academy events and the on-campus networking reception
- Begin reading the Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg or Reuters regularly
- Contact alumni through GoHopOnline to prepare for shadowing and internships
- Have an internship? Go to Finance Boot Camp and reception in NYC during break
SECOND YEAR

Fall
- Take courses like Financial Statements
- Consider doing study abroad this year! Or senior year, so you have time to interview in junior year
- Practice stock pitches and behavioral or technical interviews using InterviewStream
- Figure out what your specific interests are: investment banking, sales and trading, asset management, etc. Research firms in that area.
- Get more involved in finance-related groups, and make sure companies see you at info sessions on campus

Spring
- Apply to the finance Mentoring Network
- Find a summer internship for your junior year
- Keep attending finance academy weeks, alumni networking events and receptions
- Take the Bloomberg Aptitude Test
- Learn and enhance MATLAB and Excel Skills
- Go to the summer Finance Reception in NYC
- If you have an internship, be ready to update your resume and report to the Career Center your experience
- The deadlines for bulge bracket firms start in August! Stay up to date on deadlines and be ready to apply over summer

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall
- Applications for summer internships should be complete
- Check Handshake and your Finance Academy Newsletter regularly for updates
- Perfect your resume, pitch, and behavioral and technical interview skills through finance academy programs

Spring
- Go to the on-campus student networking reception, and also stay in touch with your FMN mentor
- Attend the summer finance reception in NYC
- If you aren't interning, begin reaching out to alumni in boutique firms and hedge funds for other opportunities

SENIOR YEAR

Fall
- Research finance functions outside of Wall Street
- Leverage your network to find full-time opportunities

Spring
- Attend on-campus networking reception
- Mentor freshmen

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS
- Association for Financial Professionals
- Society of Financial Service Professionals
- American Finance Association
- International Federation of Accountants
- Professional Accounting Society of America

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