

Finance Journey Map

First Year | Discover Your Strengths

Understanding the Industry	Applicable Skills	Networking	Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Form a solid understanding of all areas of Finance, especially the role you plan to pursue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Enroll in online coursework or certifications with emphasis on skills valuable within finance and banking. Use the Finance Free Resources guide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Set a weekly goal to network with people you know working at financial companies of interest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Read the Vandy in Finance Beyond Internships resource to help design a summer experience related to finance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Research culture, hours, environment, and companies for that area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Explore finance-related clubs and choose at least 1 club to join when you return to campus in fall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Set a weekly goal to network with Vanderbilt alumni working at financial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Look into the Business Minor and enroll if interested in completing coursework tailored to finance and banking careers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Sign up for email alerts for companies of interest to ensure you don't miss internship and sophomore summer program applications announcements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Fine-tune your story for why you plan to pursue that specific area in Finance (your elevator pitch) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Set a weekly goal to network with people with who you have no connection to working at financial companies of interest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Try to secure a summer internship or experience related to finance or business broadly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Update Handshake profile Career Preferences to "Finance" 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Attend Finance 101 at the beginning of fall semester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Regularly check Handshake for upcoming finance-focused Job Opportunities and Employer Programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Read the Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg, Dealbook, etc. frequently 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Attend Finance Fest in February during spring semester 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Attend Fall & Spring Career Fairs hosted by the Career Center to practice your elevator pitch 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Start to attend information sessions for finance companies of interest during fall and spring semester 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Utilize the Finance Networking document in Handshake to track networking progress 	

