

# Finance Journey Map

## Sophomore Students | Develop Your Vision

Understanding the Industry	Applicable Skills	Networking	Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Understand and know all of the fundamentals of finance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete Bloomberg Market Concepts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Set a weekly goal to network with people you know working at financial companies of interest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend as many information sessions for finance and banking companies of interest</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Read the <a href="#">Wall Street Journal</a>, <a href="#">Bloomberg</a>, <a href="#">Dealbook</a>, etc daily</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Set daily or weekly goal to spend a certain amount of hours doing behavioral interview preparation/practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Set a weekly goal to network with Vanderbilt alumni working at financial companies of interest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Look into the <a href="#">Business Minor</a> and enroll if interested in completing coursework tailored to finance and banking careers</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prepare to articulate market trends and news events especially focused on IPO's, buyouts, mergers, etc. for future interviews</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Set daily or weekly goal to spend a certain amount of hours doing technical interview preparation/practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Set a weekly goal to network with people with who you have no connection to working at financial companies of interest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Regularly check Handshake for upcoming finance-focused Job Opportunities and Employer Programs</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Start to apply for summer sophomore banking programs in fall through spring semesters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Register and use <a href="#">Wall Street Oasis</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to stay-in-touch with networking connections throughout the school year</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Utilize the Finance Resource document in Handshake &amp; the <a href="#">Investment Banking Guide</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend Finance 101 at the beginning of fall semester</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Do mock interviews with someone in your network before interviewing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend Finance Fest in February during spring semester</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Meet with Vandy in Finance Career Coach to ask questions and discuss your preparation strategy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend Fall &amp; Spring Career Fairs hosted by the Career Center</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prepare to discuss how your experience in different jobs, classes, extracurricular activities etc. makes you a good candidate, given your applicable skills and what led you to apply</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Utilize the Finance Networking document in Handshake to track networking progress</li> </ul>	

