

# **CAREER PATHS IN FINANCE**

## **and elective suggestions for 00/01 catalogs and beyond**

The Finance major at Illinois State University offers considerable flexibility in meeting the major elective (6 hours) and Flexible Core (12 hours minimum) requirements. To assist the student in working toward particular post-graduation objectives, the Department of Finance, Insurance and Law (FIL) offers the following Career Path guidelines. The Department encourages the student to select a Career Path as a means of better preparing for a chosen profession and as a means of alerting potential employers or educational institutions to the student's interests and aptitudes.

### **CORPORATE FINANCE**

FIL 340 & one from: FIL 246, FIL 344, FIL 381\* OR FIL 398\*

*Especially good Flexible Core selections: Minor in Accounting, Advanced Financial Applications/CFA Option, Minor in Economics, Quality and Operations Management Option (manufacturing focus)*

*Financial support positions within both for-profit and non-for-profit organizations. Potential careers include: financial analyst, cash manager, capital budgeting analyst and credit analyst.*

### **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Track A: FIL 318 & one from: FIL 250, FIL 260, FIL 347, FIL 381\* OR FIL 398\*

Especially good Flexible Core selections: Financial Services Marketing Option, General Insurance Option, Minor in Economics

*Retail distribution of financial products or services. Potential careers include: loan originator, savings officer, personal banker, securities broker and insurance agent.*

Track B: FIL 318 & one from: FIL 246, FIL 340, FIL 347, FIL 381\* or FIL 398\*

*Managerial aspects of financial services for private firms or government agencies. Potential careers include: examiner, internal auditor, loan servicer, bank operations officer.*

### **INVESTMENTS**

FIL 343 & one from: FIL 246, FIL 347, FIL 370, FIL 381\* or FIL 398\*

Especially good Flexible Core\*\* selections: Advanced Financial Applications/CFA Option, Minor in Accounting, Minor in Economics

*Financial analysis relating to the stock, bond, and derivatives markets. Potential careers include portfolio manager, trust officer, securities analyst, investment banker and financial engineer.*

### **REAL ESTATE**

FIL 260, & one from: FIL 357, FIL 360, FIL 381\*, FIL 398\*

Especially good Flexible Core\*\* selections

*Financial management and analysis relating to real estate. Potential careers include: mortgage loan officer, mortgage banker, appraiser, property manager, broker and developer.*

### **GENERAL FINANCE**

One 300-level Finance elective & 2 from other 200-level or 300-level Finance electives as described in the ISU Undergraduate Catalog.

◆ ***Students can only choose one non-traditional major elective for major credit.***