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You’ll find our department’s graduates working in brokerage firms, banks, hospitals, petroleum companies, insurance firms, real estate offices and other exciting areas.

Your Program

Students can major in economics, business economics or finance with minors available in economics, finance and financial planning. We also offer three emphases within our finance major:
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