FAQ for the New Finance Major

*What is changing with the Finance major?*

Currently there are two majors in Finance. The *B.S. in Finance* is the general finance major. The *B.S. in Business Administration, Option in Insurance and Financial Services* is a specialized major aimed towards students who want careers in insurance or personal financial planning.

Starting Fall 2016, the two majors will be consolidated into *one* major, the *B.S. in Finance*, which will have *three* options. The three options are (1) Financial Analysis, (2) Financial Planning, and (3) Insurance. The Financial Analysis option is for students interested in careers in investments, corporate financial analysis, or general finance. The Financial Planning and Insurance options are specific options for students interested in working in personal financial planning or insurance.

*Why is this change happening?*

There are two main reasons for the change. First, the personal financial planning and insurance curricula are different enough that they require their own separate options. Second, this collects all of the finance curricula under one degree rather than having it split across the B.S. in Finance and the B.S. in Business Administration.

*I am currently a major in Finance or in the Option in Insurance and Financial Services. Do I need to do anything?*

No, you can continue with the same major. The requirements for your major are determined when you were approved for that major (see your DPR for details of the requirements).

*I am currently a major in Finance or in the Option in Insurance and Financial Services but I want to switch to the new curriculum. Can I do that?*

Only if you can complete all the requirements of the new curriculum within a maximum of 120 units.
*I am currently a pre-major (Finance or Insurance and Financial Services) or a non-finance major and I want to register as a Finance major.*

If qualified, you can register as a Finance major and you will need to declare one of the three options at that time. To declare a Finance major, students must have completed 60 units with a minimum cumulative GAP of 2.6. Students with more than 90 units must meet additional requirements, see: http://www.csun.edu/finance/pre-finance.

Change of majors for students who have less than 90 units are handled by SSC/EOP via the online change of major process. Students who have 90+ units earned must submit a change of major to the Associate Dean’s Office. Due to high demand for advisement, students may drop off their change of major request—an appointment is not needed. Students who have 90+ units earned may also submit a change of major by setting up an appointment with the Upper Division Mentor http://www.csun.edu/cobaessc/upper-division-mentoring. Be sure to familiarize yourselves with the option requirements before setting up an appointment. Details of the requirements can be found on the appropriate information sheet on the Department website: http://www.csun.edu/finance/bs-finance.

*Can I major in more than one option in the new Finance degree?*

Students who major in the Financial Analysis option are not allowed to double major in one of the other Finance options. Students can major in both the Financial Planning option and the Insurance option if they can complete ALL requirements within a maximum of 120 units and have a 3.0 overall GPA.

*Where can I get advising about this?*

Students who are currently enrolled in or have completed BUS 302/L, have earned 60 units, and are in good standing can make an appointment to see the Upper Division Mentor http://www.csun.edu/cobaessc/upper-division-mentoring. All others should see an advisor at the Student Services Center and EOP Satellite: http://www.csun.edu/cobaessc/. For questions about the academic content of each option, or how it matches with your career interests, there are faculty advisors for each option – see the information sheets at http://www.csun.edu/finance/bs-finance. For other questions please contact the Finance Department by phone at 818.677.2459 or via email finance@csun.edu