

FIRST YEAR

MIDDLE YEARS

FINAL YEAR

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



DEVELOP

a Course Plan and
Build Academic Skills

- Review program requirements with a Student Central professional.
- Check out the [Academic Support Zone](#) for writing and tutoring support.
- Review your program requirements on the [Academic Calendar](#).
- Familiarize yourself with your myInfo account, self help and degree audit tools .
- If you need academic accommodations, meet with our [Student Accessibility Services team](#).
- Discuss any questions or concerns with your FOBA Program Chair.
- Visit your professors during their office hours.
- Read through the [Academic Regulations](#).

- Visit the [Student Success Centre Academic Support Zone](#).
 - Meet with your Chair or a Student Central Professional to discuss your academic progress, and current/future courses.
 - Consider post-degree programs that may require specific courses or academic requirements - start to create a plan.
- Make sure to check your • degrees audit at the beginning and end of the year (found on [myInfo](#)). You must check your audit anytime you add/drop courses.
- Discuss any questions or concerns with your FOBA Program Chair.
 - Confirm your major prior to the end of 2nd year.
 - If you are considering a major in Business Economics, take BUSI-2017 in the Fall term of 2nd year.
 - If you are considering a major in Accounting, take BUSI-2052 in the Winter term of 2nd year.

- Meet with your Chair and Student Central to ensure you have completed and are in-progress to complete all necessary degree requirements needed for graduation consideration.
- Submit your Intent to Graduate.
- RSVP for convocation ceremonies.
- Understand application requirements, processes and deadlines for future programs of interest.
- Discuss any questions or concerns with your FOBA Program Chair.

ACADEMIC SKILLS CHECKLIST

- Reading comprehension
- Writing skills
- Presentation skills
- Quantitative skills
- Basic research skills
- Software applications
- Data analysis
- Teamwork
- Conflict management
- Leadership
- Decision making
- Problem-solving
- Creative/innovative thinking
- Critical thinking
- Ethical and legal knowledge
- Managing equity diversity and inclusion
- Application of principles within and across functional areas of business
- Systems integration
- Application of technology
- Talk to an Academic Advisor about starting your [Co-Curricular Record!](#)



CONNECT

and Gain Experience
with the Local and
Global Community

- Register in courses that contain in-class experiential learning opportunities such as case studies and labs.
- Meet the Chair of your Department - get to know them, and let them get to know you.
- Get involved in student [clubs](#) and organizations.
- Get involved with [Enactus Lakehead](#) (Thunder Bay campus).
- Participate in events in [Ingenuity](#).

- Develop networks and connect with your academic professors, and visit them during office hours
 - Consider a [work-study job](#). This is a great opportunity to gain experience, as well as assist in the cost of your education.
 - Consider a Co-op placement in the summer after 2nd year or for a full year after 3rd year.
 - [Get support](#) if you have questions.
 - Consider participating in the [WIL@Lakehead](#) program in 3rd or 4th year.
 - Consider an international exchange through Lakehead's [Study Abroad](#) Program (start planning in 2nd year to go in 3rd year).
 - Get involved in case competitions (3rd year).
 - Consider a leadership role in a student club or organization.
 - Build networks with students and faculty outside of the Finance Program.
- Joining [clubs](#) is a great way to do this.

- Consider working on applied research, such as a thesis project.
- Connect to the local community through attending courses that involve case studies.
- Join different networking platforms such as [Lakehead Connect](#).
- Communicate interest in career-related opportunities with your professors.
- Get involved in case competitions.
- Consider a leadership role in a student club or organization.
- Participate in Research and Innovation Week.
- Connect with the local community and develop your skills through local [volunteer opportunities](#).
- See what professors are doing, sometimes they look for student workers during the year. Don't hesitate to reach out!

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CHECKLIST

- Co-operative Education (Co-op)
- Work Integrated Learning @ Lakehead ([WIL@Lakehead](#))
- Internships
- Research Assistantships
- Case Competitions
- Student clubs and organizations
- Research and Innovation week poster presentations



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PREPARE

for Postgraduation or Career

- Visit the [Career Zone](#) to find out about the career services offered.
- Consider applying for OSAP/Provincial Loan funding.
- Discuss bursary and award opportunities with [Student Central](#).
- Check out the job bank at [mysuccess](#) to learn about summer jobs and on-campus opportunities in your program.
- Meet with a Student Central Professional to discuss financial management and funding resources.
- Start looking at summer internships through Young Canada Works, and the Federal Student Work Experience Program.

- Start connecting with employers through on campus recruitment events such as career fairs and employer visits.
- Join [Lakehead Connect](#) to make connections with alumni in industry.
- Consider taking the [Strong Interest Inventory Assessment](#) to learn about career options.
- Develop relationships with faculty. Future references can be important.

- Build career readiness skills by attending resume, job search and interview skills workshops in the [Career Zone](#).
- Attend the Career and Job Fair/Career and Summer Job Fairs to network with employers.
- Consider and discuss graduate school options with your faculty.
- Finish strong with your final year – in many cases, grad programs only look at your last year or two of grades.
- Understand the terms and conditions of your provincial funding to understand the repayment requirements.
- Consider graduate school and apply for funding (through scholarships).

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST

- Apply for job opportunities in your field.
- Create a LinkedIn account.
- Network with employers on and off campus.
- Apply for job opportunities in your field.
- Network during Volunteer and Career Fairs.
- Consider arranging an [Informational Interview](#).
- Research employment opportunities tied to skills developed in your program.
- Check out [Resources and Tools](#) on the Career Zone Website to learn more about professional development (i.e. the Strong Interest Inventory).
- Keep track of your skills and experiences for your cover letters and resumes.
- Boost your resume and gain necessary soft skills through [completing online certificates](#).

▶ What skills do employers want?

- Communication (both oral and written)
- Research and analytical
- Problem-solving
- Organizational
- Knowledge of accounting principles and practices
- Financial, arithmetic, processing, software skills
- Attention to detail
- Teamwork and interpersonal
- Time-management
- Initiative
- Good judgement

▶ What skills will I gain with this major?

- Communication
- Research and analytical
- Problem-solving
- Organizational

▶ What graduate degrees could I pursue?

- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Finance
- Master of Financial Economics
- Master of Financial Risk Management
- Master of Management in Finance
- Master of Science in Finance
- Master of Science in Financial Analytics
- Master of Science in Management
- Doctor of Philosophy in Business - Finance
- Doctor of Philosophy in Finance
- Doctor of Philosophy in Management - Finance

▶ What types of minors can I do?

- Accounting
- Business Analytics and Information Systems
- Human Resources
- Marketing

▶ What could I add to my degree?

- Canadian Securities Courses
- Certified Financial Planner® certification
- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Program

▶ What careers can I pursue?*

- Account Manager
- Actuary
- Bank Manager
- Bond Trader
- Business Analyst
- Chief Executive Officer
- Chief Financial Officer
- Commodity Trader
- Compliance Officer
- Corporate Finance Manager
- Credit Counsellor
- Entrepreneur
- Equity Analyst
- Equity Trader
- Financial Advisor
- Financial Analyst

*Your career path is not limited to this list. There could be other options to explore!

▶ What field of work are alumni working in?

- Financial Advisor
- Business Analyst
- Bank Manager
- Financial Advisor
- Financial Analyst
- Account Manager

▶ What percentage of graduates are employed within 2 years after graduation?

- 100.0% of students in Business & Commerce!

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