



Your Career Report



From the answers you provided in your quiz, we think you would be well suited to a career in...

BUSINESS & FINANCE

This sector includes everything from banking and investments to accounting and marketing. Some of the responsibilities within this sector include making strategic decisions about investing, and risk management, as well as managing staff and other resources. The business and finance sector is essential to the functioning of any modern economy and plays a critical role in driving growth and innovation.

Potential Jobs in Business & Finance

- Investment Banker
- Financial Analyst
- Entrepreneur
- Financial Advisor
- Auditor
- Marketing Manager
- Accountants
- Sales Consultant
- Operations Manager

Experience a career in business & finance with InvestIN

InvestIN delivers work experience programmes designed to help you choose the right career and maximise your potential. Through immersive simulations and iconic site visits you will be able to gain hands-on, practical industry experience with professionals, whilst gaining a certificate and even UCAS points!

Based on your answers, we think you're suited to these InvestIN programmes:



Investment Banker
Trade the stock market in the finance district



Entrepreneur
Pitch your business idea to investors from leading private equity & asset management firms

To explore our programme timetables, follow the links below!

[Investment Banker](#)

[Entrepreneur](#)

What makes you a great fit for business & finance?

Take a look at your skills profile below to see how your identified strengths can help your career in business or finance.

Your Skills Profile:

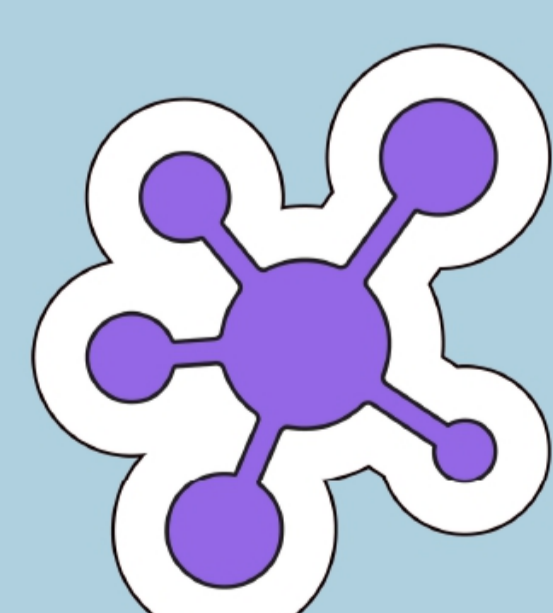


Top Tip: Keep track of your skills and experiences in a **Skills Diary!**

Planner	As a planner you strategically organise tasks and anticipate challenges, ensuring you can navigate the complexities of the financial world with foresight and precision.
Analytical Thinker	As an analytical thinker you can critically assess situations, identify trends, and make informed decisions.
Realist	As a realist you can approach challenges with a practical mindset and navigate the complexities of the financial world with a grounded and strategic approach.
Autonomous	Being autonomous cultivates your independence, allowing you to take initiative, make decisions with confidence, and adapt to different challenges.
Active Listener	As an active listener you understand others' perspectives, gather crucial information, and build strong relationships, fostering effective communication.

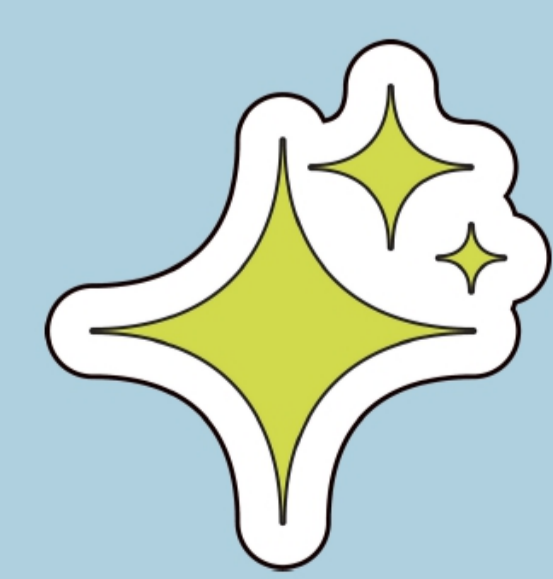
Next Steps

Our top tips for developing your skills



Explore volunteering opportunities

Whether it's at a charity or a school event, volunteering allows you to contribute to your community while developing transferable skills.



Reflect on your own passions

What do you do in your spare time? What do those hobbies say about what motivates you or where your strengths lie? Consider if there is any overlap between those skills and those required of a professional in the business or finance sector.



Develop a new skill

Challenge yourself by acquiring a skill outside your comfort zone. Whether it's learning an instrument, coding, or public speaking, acquiring new skills broadens your capabilities and demonstrates a willingness to adapt.

Further Resources

InvestIN's Blog pages are a great resource to gain further insight into a career in business & finance! Follow the links below to check out some of our favourite posts:

All About Business and Finance

- [A day in the life of an Entrepreneur: Taking the Plunge](#)
- [A day in the life of an Investment Banker: Life on the Trading Floor](#)

Career Advice

- [How to motivate yourself to study in 7 easy steps](#)
- [8 ways to improve your employability at school](#)
- [Skills advice from 20 top professionals](#)
- [A week in the workplace](#)
- [What A-Levels should I take? Ultimate Guide](#)

Subject & university tips



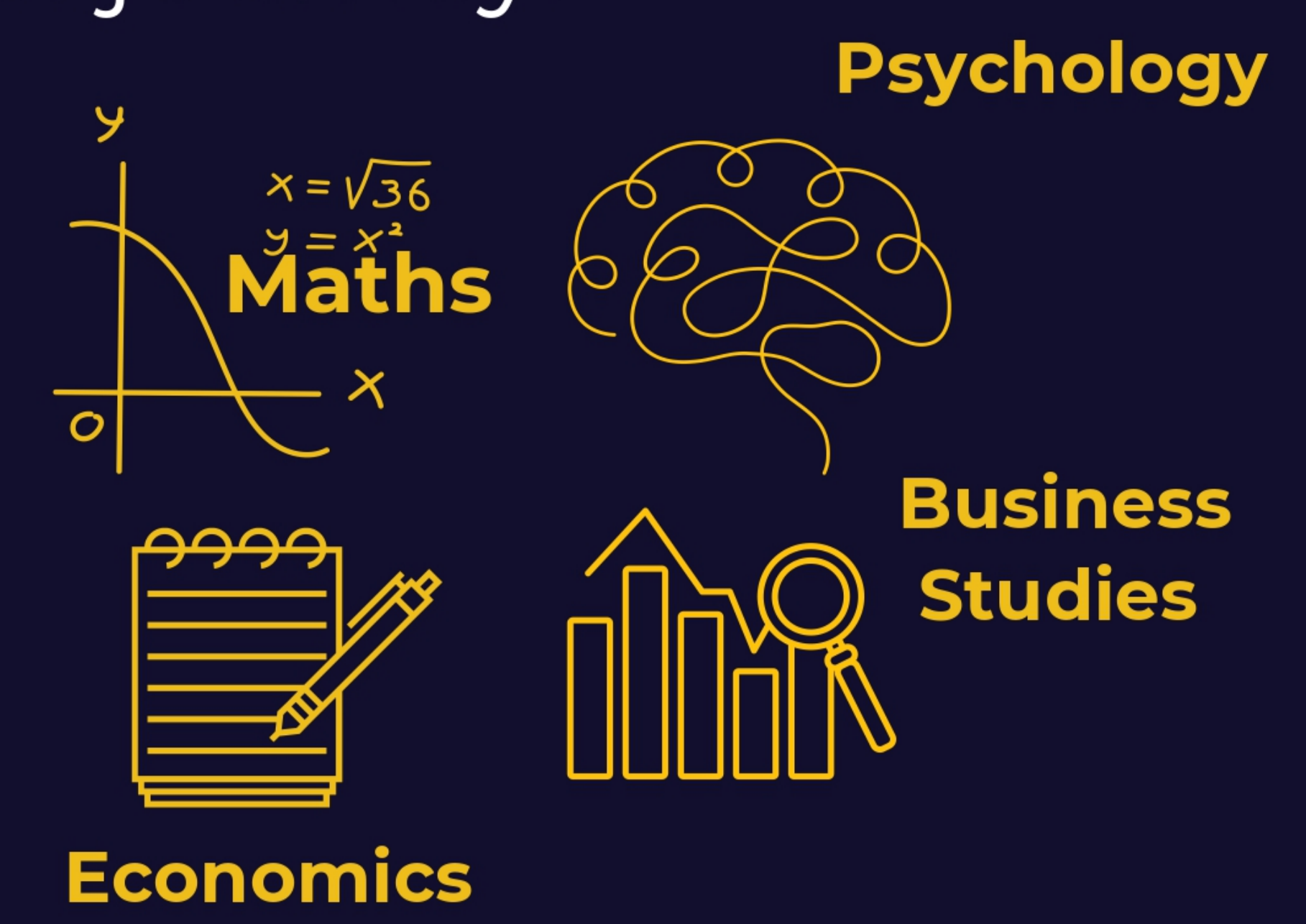
What subjects should I study at school?

If you're considering a career in business or finance, it's important to choose the right subjects to lay a strong foundation for your future. Here, we'll explore the recommended subjects at different stages of your educational journey.

GCSEs

Or equivalent
(Ages 15-16)

At this stage, keep your options open and pursue a range of subjects. There will be many subjects you have to study, whereas some are optional. In these instances, start thinking about your longer-term goals e.g. focusing on Mathematics or opting for Economics and Business Studies if they are offered at your school.



A-Levels

Or equivalent
(Ages 16-18)

When considering your A-Level choices, it's important to research and understand the specific entry requirements of different universities.

By researching and planning ahead, you can make informed decisions about which subjects to study, increasing your chances of getting into your desired university course.

For instance, to pursue a degree in Economics, Accounting or Business, most universities will prefer Maths or related subjects, with relevant, transferable subject skills such as History, Languages or Psychology.

What are the top UK universities to consider?

According to The Complete University Guide 2025

Business

3-4 year course

Oxford, Bath, King's College London, Warwick, UCL



Accounting & Finance

3-4 year course

LSE, Bath, Warwick, Glasgow, Queen's Belfast



Maths

3-4 year course

Cambridge, Oxford, Imperial, Warwick, St Andrew's



Economics

3-4 year course

Cambridge, LSE, Oxford, St Andrew's, Warwick

Should I consider a specialised course or a general subject course?

If you have a clear vocation in mind already, such as accounting, explore specific courses required to qualify. If you aren't sure where in business or finance you would like to work yet, consider broader courses like economics, maths or business studies, which offer a wide range of career opportunities. Note you do not necessarily need a business/finance qualification to work in these fields and Masters qualifications are common stepping stones into specialist fields. It's most important that you study what you enjoy!

What factors should I consider when choosing a university?

Course content varies significantly between universities. Research the modules each course offers and consider which align best with your interests and career goals. For example, some universities may focus on entrepreneurship, while others might emphasise corporate finance or international business. Always consider your own personal preferences - do you want to be close to home or further afield, on campus or in a city, options to do a year abroad/in industry, coursework or exams, variety in modules...

Will the university I go to impact my long-term career prospects?

University rankings can carry some prestige in business and finance, as higher-ranked institutions often have strong connections to internships, placements and spring weeks. However, in the long term, your work ethic, skills and professional experience will ultimately determine your success.

How competitive is the application process?

This depends on the course and the prestige of the university. Traditionally academic subjects like Maths and Economics may have higher entry requirements, however, business studies or management courses are some of the most popular subjects in terms of applications. Grades required can range as broadly as A*AA-BBC.

Do I have to go to university?

There are many apprenticeships available in business fields such as project management, HR, and administration. If you're entrepreneurial, you could even start your own business right away! Finance apprenticeships are also common, particularly in accountancy, analysis, and brokerage roles, providing hands-on experience while you earn a qualification.

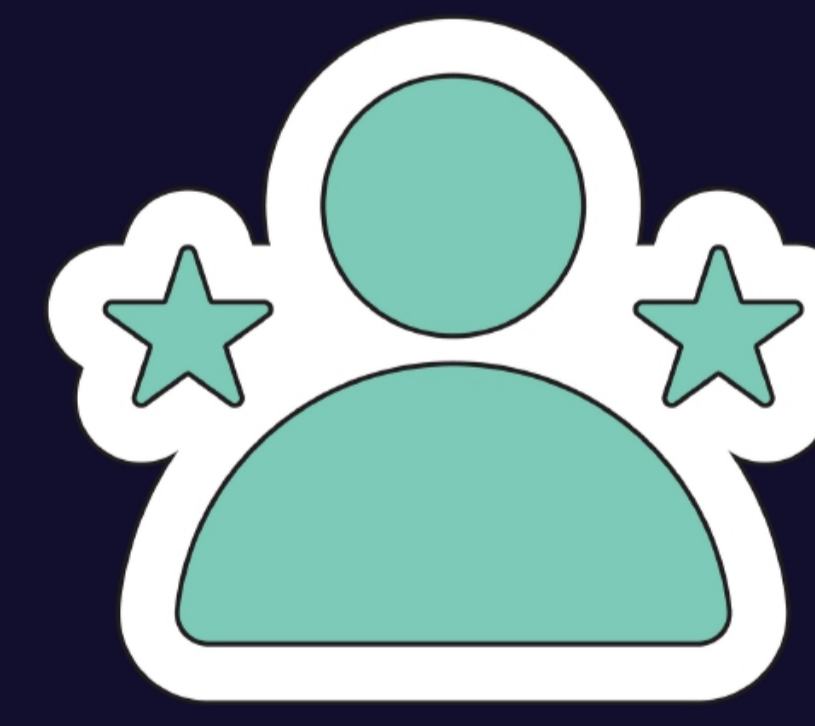
How can I stand out in my application?

Careers in business & finance are highly sought-after. University admissions teams & recruiters are looking for both your **suitability** and **dedication** to the field.



Work Experience & Personal Projects

Whilst formal work experience is not a requirement for university applications, it's the best way to gain lived experience applying key entrepreneurial, analytical or problem-solving skills, which are essential in this sector. Participating in activities such as internships, starting a small business or managing a budget for a school event can demonstrate your passion and capability.



Demonstrate passion

Understand your motivations for studying business or finance and be ready to articulate them clearly. Engaging in relevant experience, staying informed about market trends and researching your field will help you stand out in applications and interviews, as it showcases your drive to learn and grow while preparing you for future challenges in these industries.

Advice from our network of professionals

Consider joining or setting up a Young Entrepreneur's club or network, where you can collaborate on ideation for a new business idea, enter competitions and develop key skills in negotiation, pitching, persuasion, leadership & teamwork.

There's loads of online, introductory courses on excel, coding, financial analysis, investing - all relevant technical skills required in this sector. Document your learning & create a project to talk about in your personal statement.

Look local for opportunities to shadow or volunteer at a small business and do a case study on their financial model and sales & marketing strategy