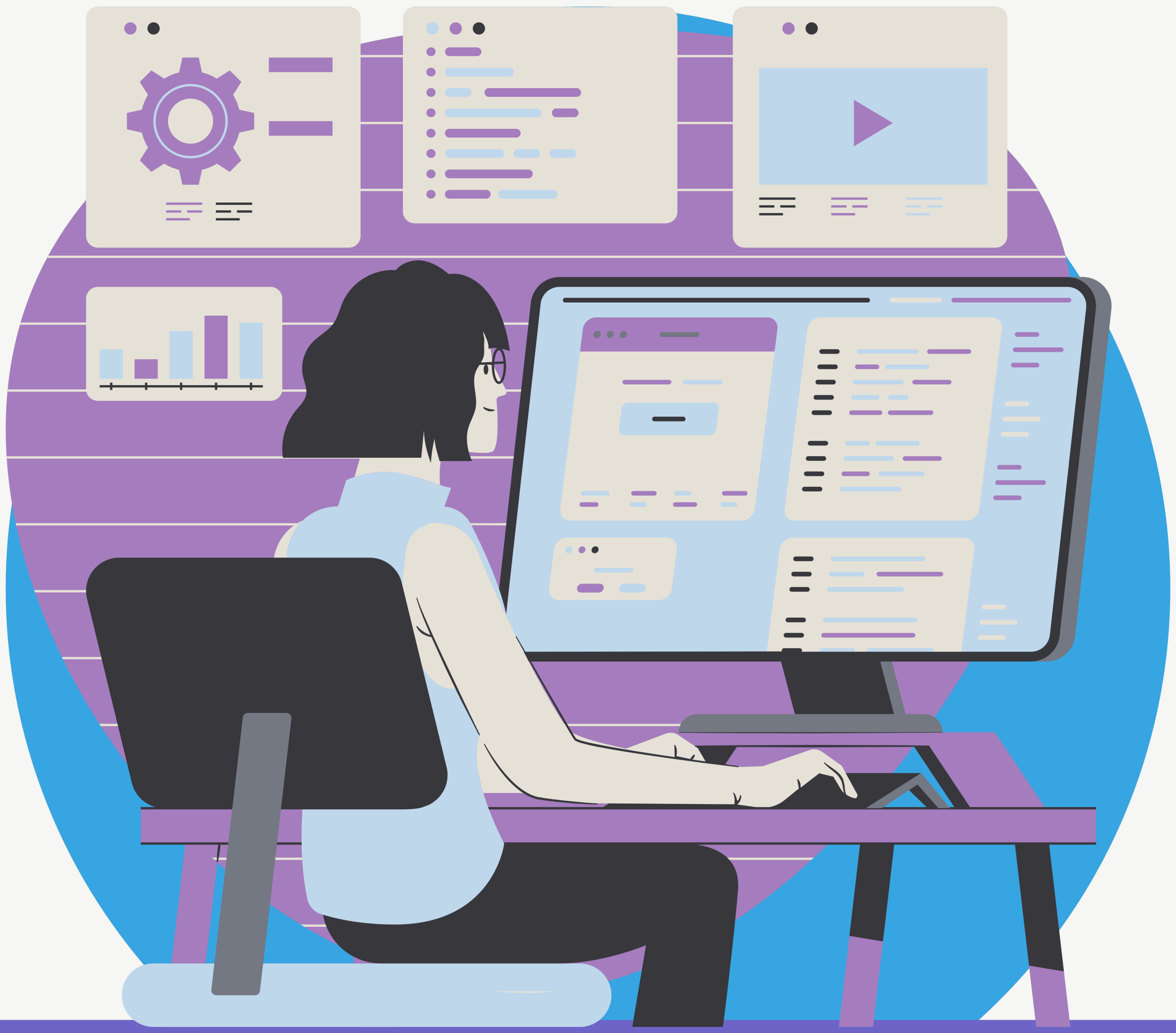
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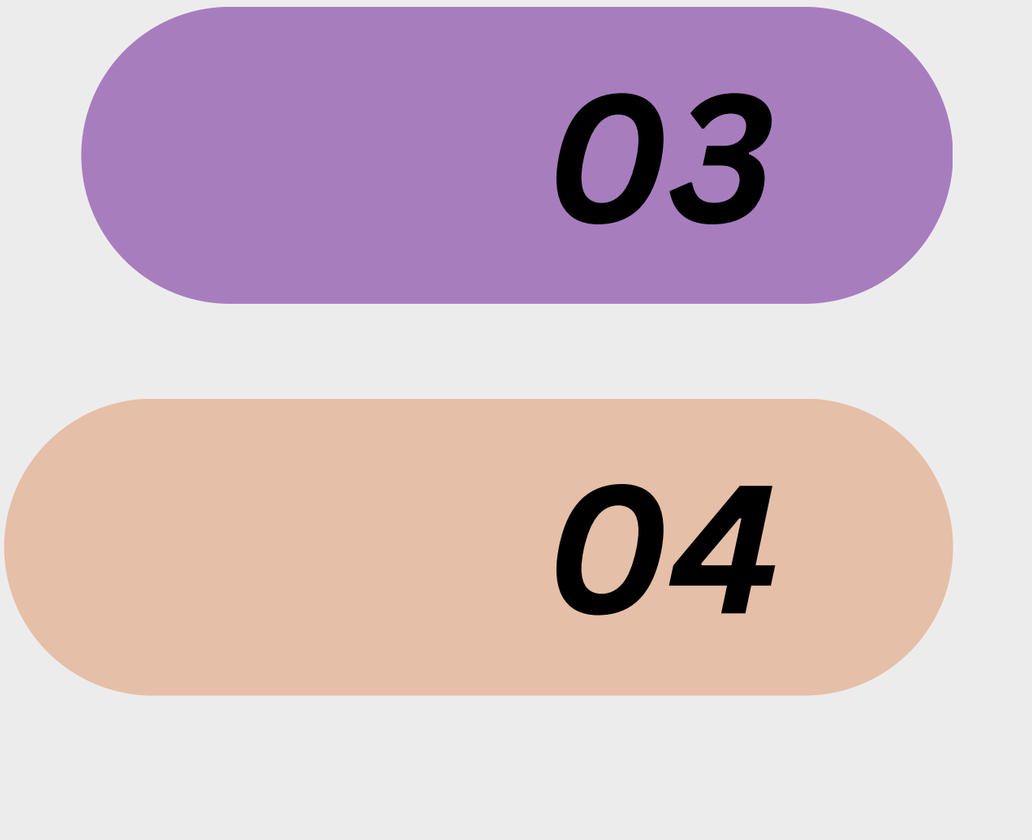
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FINANCE SPECIALISATION

WHAT IT ENTAILS

Students will gain a good foundation in Finance Theory and Principles that will allow them to apply learnt knowledge and skills to any related track students want. Students will establish networks with schoolmates and professors who are interested in Finance. The curriculum is in line with the CFA exams, which makes it easier for students to get their certification. Students who are keen on this specialisation should be comfortable with quantitative analysis, be able to calmly assess unforeseen complications, as well as remain adaptable to the constantly changing financial environment.

SKILLS REQUIRED

Generally, students are expected to be both technically proficient and professionally persuasive.

HARD SKILLS:

- Technical Expertise (such as Excel-based analytical tools)
- Systemic Thought Process
- Financial modelling and data analysis skills

SOFT SKILLS:

- Communication Skills
- Positive and Ambitious work ethic/mentality
- Strong Written Presentation
- Interpersonal Skills

CCAs

- BizCare
- Bizad Club
- NUS Invest Society
- 180Degree Consulting
- NUS Wealth Management



FINANCE SPECIALISATION

Courses

Compulsory core courses in order to specialise in Finance:

FIN3701: Corporate Finance
FIN3702: Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management
FIN3703: Financial Markets
MNO2705: Leadership and Decision Making under Uncertainty
BSP4701: (Capstone Course) Strategic Management

Students are then required to choose 2 level 3000 and 2 level 4000 courses to complete the specialisation. **Below are some senior recommendations**:

FIN3716: Financial Modelling
This course equips you with technical skills to build and analyze financial models, which are essential in investment banking, corporate finance, and other finance-related fields. It's practical, applicable across various finance roles, and highly valued by employers

FIN3722: Sustainability Risk Management
With increasing emphasis on ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) principles, this course provides insights into managing risks related to sustainability, making you well-prepared for roles in sustainable finance or risk management

FIN4718: FinTech Management
The finance industry is rapidly evolving with the integration of technology. This course introduces FinTech concepts, preparing you for emerging opportunities in digital finance, blockchain, and innovative payment systems.



Do check out the link attached to read up on the review for the respective courses!

Course Reviews

BA SPECIALISATION

POPULAR DOUBLE SPECIALISATIONS

Accounting

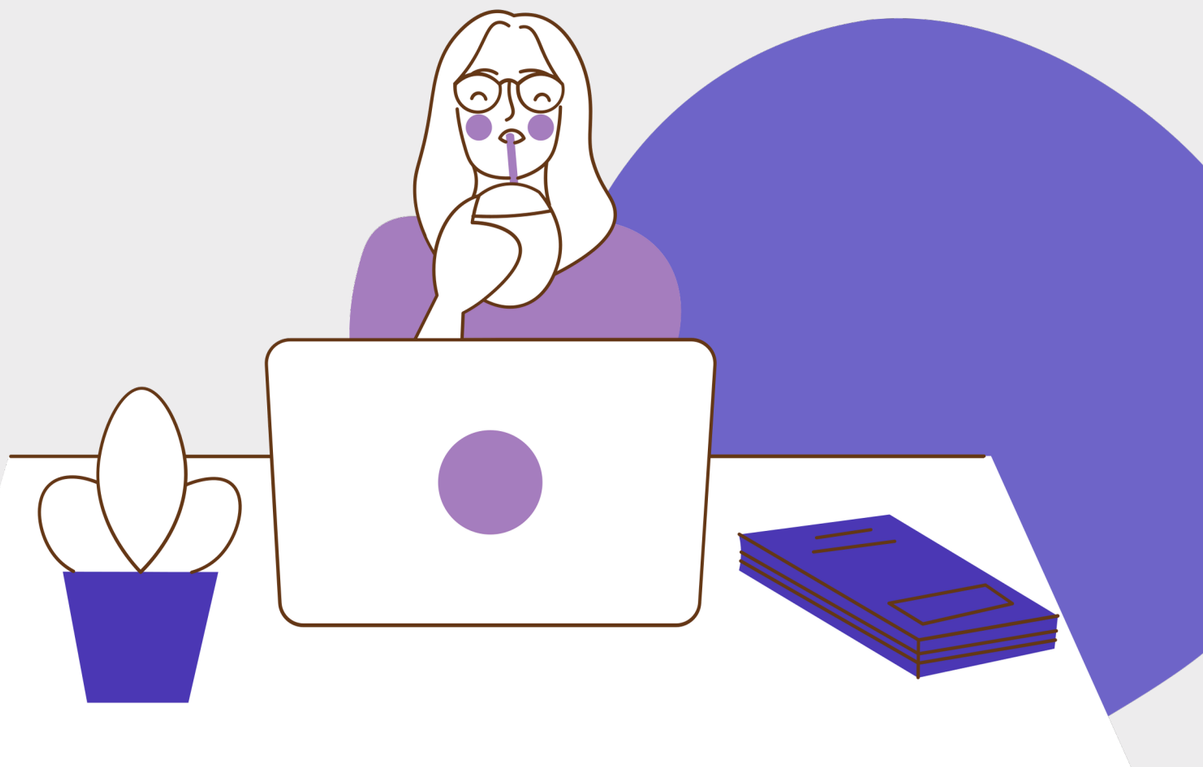
- Will help students if they decide to pursue Financial Statement Analysis as a future career field
- Workload heavy, very quantitative

Marketing

- Will help students looking to enter the Private Banking career field
- Double spec in this field will help students integrate financial and
- marketing aspects of business operations across various industries

Business economics

- Microeconomics will help in analysing companies and equity research.
- Helps understand the macroeconomic environment, which will help aid
- Students in constructing portfolios and managing them.
- Econometrics will teach students on how to do regression, which can be
- Later used to carry out more statistical analysis.



WORDS OF ADVICE!

Finance workload

Workload in FIN is relatively high, hence being able to manage your time and maintaining a good work-life balance becomes a big challenge for the majority of students.

When taking multiple activities (CCA's, courses, Internships) at the same time, it becomes difficult to prioritise them and ultimately doing all at once will prove to be overwhelming for students and make it harder for them to achieve their goals.

Possible Career Pathways

Corporate Finance:

CFO (Chief Financial Officer), Finance Manager, Consultant

Commercial Banking:

Consumer Banking, Corporate Banking, Treasury, Credit

Investments and Investment Banking:

Fund Manager, Trader, Broker, Dealer, Research Analyst, Sales Person, Operations,
Risk Management

Wealth Management:

Private Banker, Financial Advisor, Wealth manager, Insurance

WORDS OF ADVICE!

Popular companies to work at

- Citigroup
- Barclays
- JP Morgan
- Deutsche Bank
- Standard Chartered
- HSBC
- Goldman Sachs

Internship opportunities for Y1 and Y2 students

Intern at a **startup first (smaller companies) as it is easier**. When working at smaller company, there are lower barriers to entry, so one can explore more positions to find their fit. You could have a large impact on that company, allowing you to use that impact to get into bigger companies. (Marginal benefit enjoyed by smaller company is LARGER.) Alternatively, talk to professors, as they have contacts/networks (they may look for RAs for you, can write recommendations for you, etc).

Students can also **attend 'tea-sessions'** by companies as publicised through their NUS emails. Going out of your way to talk to people and get their linkedin. Some internships can also come to find you.



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