



JACKSON

ACTUARIAL SCIENCE & FINANCE

ABOUT MY MAJOR

I completed a double major at UNI. My first major is Actuarial Science, which is a lot of math and problem solving. My second major is Finance, which also involves a lot of problem solving. I also integrate a lot of communication into my Finance major.

CHOOSING MY MAJOR

When I first enrolled at UNI, I was Exploratory. After taking general classes to start out the first semester, I found that I enjoyed doing math. Once I realized that, I also added some business classes into the mix and liked those too. This led me to declare my majors.

MINORS & CERTIFICATES

Pairing math and business is a good fit, in my opinion. You could also add something with computers or Data Science. Adding a business-related or Finance major or minor will help because actuaries work closely with the businesses and have to know that language now.

STUDENT CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

I'm the treasurer of the Actuarial Science Club. Different companies speak to us, which helps us to connect with employers and makes job searching seem less daunting. I'm also Treasurer of Kappa Mu Epsilon, the National Honor Society for Mathematics.

INTERNSHIPS

I interned at Transamerica Actuarial. I worked in the Reinsurance Division under the Financial Assets team and did a lot of work moving files after everything went virtual because of COVID. I also helped them set up in a cloud-based online system, assigning metadata and organizing things.

CAREERS

After graduating, I will be working at a Cedar Rapids insurance company called Transamerica. I'll be doing actuarial work for them, which is the goal after studying actuarial science in school! Another job I'm interested in is a Financial Analyst or a Risk Analyst or anything that's related to analyzing numbers. I feel like that's what my degrees have prepared me to do, but I'm really interested in anything with computers or business strategy.