

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

Degree Offered

Master of Science in Finance (MSF)

Program Overview

The Master of Science in Finance is designed for students who wish to sit for the CFA Level I and Level II exams. The 31 units of coursework include one unit of ethics, six units of accounting, 15 units of finance, six units of economics and quantitative methods, and three units of management skills. In particular, each student is required to take a three-unit student-managed fund course in which students gain hands-on experience making investment decisions and operate a nearly \$5 million investment fund. Students with an undergraduate degree in finance, economics, math, or related areas complete the program in two semesters. Students who do not have such a background may need an extra two semesters to complete the coursework necessary for the program.

Graduate Admission Requirements

Admission to the Master of Science in Finance is competitive and based on criteria that indicate a high promise of success. Performance in prior coursework and any relevant work experience are indications of future success.

Academic Preparation:

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from an accredited college or university, as indicated in an official transcript.
- Applicants will typically have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale

Professional Experience:

- There is no minimum work experience required for admission.

International Students:

- See the Office of Graduate Admission for criteria for International Students

Graduate Program Prerequisites

For applicants from the University of the Pacific, the admission requirements are:

- BUSI 105 with a grade of "B" or better.
- BUSI 031, BUSI 033, ECON 053, ECON 055, MATH 045, and MATH 037, or their equivalents, a minimum "B" average across all of the courses.

For applicants from outside of the University of the Pacific, students are required to have competitive performance in a fundamental financial management course, as well as in courses of economics, accounting, and math.

Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the Master of Science in Finance program will exhibit the following:

1. Professional Competency

- a. demonstrate the ability to collect and quantitatively analyze financial data.
- b. apply financial analysis techniques.

- c. demonstrate the ability to make informed investment decisions and manage risk.

2. Ethics

- a. demonstrate an understanding of the provisions of the CFA Institute's Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.
- b. recognize and resolve ethical issues in financial decision-making.

3. Communication

- a. effectively communicate in ways appropriate to the audience and the subject matter.
- b. effectively lead or cooperate with team members in conducting complex investment analyses.

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Requires 31 Units

BUSI 218	Advanced Financial Accounting Graduate Level	3
BUSI 220	Advanced Corporate Finance	3
BUSI 222	Student Investment Fund	3
BUSI 225	Investments/Portfolio Analysis	3
BUSI 226	Financial Statement Analysis	3
BUSI 230	Ethics in the Investment Profession	1
BUSI 231	Quantitative Methods in Finance	3
BUSI 232	Economics for Finance	3
BUSI 233	Fixed Income Securities	3
BUSI 234	Derivative and Alternative Investment	3
BUSI 277	Management Skills	3