

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

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*“The MSF program provides a great balance of the best in graduate finance education. Our broad curriculum stresses both theory and hands-on application, and our faculty members come from both academic and corporate backgrounds. This intentional approach results in an annual graduating class well-prepared for a range of career opportunities in finance.”*

**— Irena Hutton**

*Gene Taylor/Bank of America  
Associate Professor of Finance*

**CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED:** Benefit from our outstanding career placement rate and networking opportunities with alumni serving in posts ranging from Florida’s most innovative corporations to Wall Street’s strongest financial firms. Opportunities for students include managing an investment fund of more than \$4 million and the option of specialized studies in FSU’s top-ranked real estate finance program.

**TESTED AND APPROVED:** 100 percent of the MSF Class of 2018 rated the program’s quality of instruction good, very good or excellent.

**MOVE FORWARD TODAY:** Apply by March 1 and start in the summer (Session C). Complete the program in three semesters. Apply early to be considered for competitive assistantships.



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## Prerequisites

All MSF applicants must complete specific business foundation courses prior to enrollment in the Master of Science in Finance (MSF) program. Minimum prerequisites include Financial Accounting (ACG 2021 or its equivalent), an introductory course in Financial Management (FIN 3403 or its equivalent; minimum grade of B- required), Investments (FIN 4504 or its equivalent), and Problems in Financial Management (FIN 4424 or its equivalent). All students without work experience are encouraged to have completed an internship prior to entering the program.

Highly qualified FSU undergraduates majoring in real estate may get a jump-start on graduate school by applying to the Combined Bachelor of Science in Real Estate/Master of Science in Finance (BS-RE/MSF) program. For more information, visit [business.fsu.edu/RE-MSF](http://business.fsu.edu/RE-MSF).

**Please note:** Program requirements are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, visit [business.fsu.edu/MSF](http://business.fsu.edu/MSF).

## Admission guidelines

Admission to the Master of Science in Finance (MSF) program is highly competitive. The decision is based on a portfolio of qualifications, including prior academic performance, work experience, entrance exam scores (such as the GMAT) and letters of recommendation.

The entrance exam is a university requirement that may be waived if an applicant meets certain criteria. For example, FSU undergraduate finance students with a 3.4+ overall GPA, a 3.2+ overall upper-division GPA, and a 3.2+ GPA in upper-division finance coursework may be eligible. For exact criteria and instructions on requesting waivers see [business.fsu.edu/waive](http://business.fsu.edu/waive).

## Cost of degree

FSU's MSF program follows tuition rates for graduate students established by the university. For a complete list of current estimated costs, see [business.fsu.edu/MSF](http://business.fsu.edu/MSF).

## Application process checklist

The following items should be submitted through the Florida State Graduate Application portal, available exclusively online at [admissions.fsu.edu/gradapp](http://admissions.fsu.edu/gradapp):

- Applicant statement of purpose for pursuing the MSF degree (1-2 pages). Obtain form at [business.fsu.edu/MSF](http://business.fsu.edu/MSF)
- Current resume/C.V., clearly indicating work experience including dates and positions held.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation, two (2) from former college professors and one (1) from outside the academic environment, that speak specifically of the applicant's ability to successfully complete the MSF program and other attributes that make the applicant a valuable addition to the MSF program.
- Nonrefundable application fee of \$30.00 (see University Application or go to [fees.fsu.edu](http://fees.fsu.edu))

The following items should be sent to the Admissions Office, PO Box 3062400, 282 Champions Way, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2400:

- One (1) official transcript from all colleges and universities attended (FSU transcripts not necessary for FSU alumni, students)
- Online Florida Residency Declaration Form (see University Application or [admissions.fsu.edu/residency](http://admissions.fsu.edu/residency))
- Official GMAT score and, if applicable, TOEFL/IELTS score(s) – The TOEFL/IELTS score is a University requirement for international applicants; therefore, it cannot be waived. The code to send GMAT scores to Florida State is PN8K567, and the code to send TOEFL scores is 5219.

Note to international applicants: For more information concerning financial responsibilities, degree equivalency, etc., please visit: [admissions.fsu.edu/international/graduate](http://admissions.fsu.edu/international/graduate)

**Core Curriculum:** The Master of Science in Finance (MSF) is an on-campus degree program consisting of 32 credit hours plus a non-credit professional development series. Students may pursue the standard program of study or an option that allows them to specialize in real estate. Those choosing to specialize will register for a set of courses focused on real estate finance instead of further coursework in risk management and investment or international banking. Both paths are outlined in the schedule below:

### MSF: Standard Program

#### Summer:

- FIN 5840 – Applied Econometrics (3 hrs)
- FIN 5935r – Computer Skills for Financial Analysis (3 hrs)

#### Fall:

- FIN 5425 – Problems in Financial Management (3 hrs)
- FIN 5515 – Investment Management and Analysis (3 hrs)
- FIN 5917r – Student Investment Fund (1 hr)
- MAN 5716 – Economic and Business Conditions (3 hrs)

#### Plus:

- FIN 5317 – Financial Institutions and Risk Management (3 hrs)

#### Spring:

- FIN 5537 – Derivatives and Risk Management (3 hrs)
- FIN 5917r – Student Investment Fund (1 hr)
- REE 5305 – Real Estate Investment (3 hrs)

#### Plus:

- FIN 5306 – Investment Banking (3 hrs)
- FIN 5605 – Multinational Financial Management (3 hrs)

### MSF: Real Estate Specialization

#### Summer:

- FIN 5840 – Applied Econometrics (3 hrs)
- FIN 5935r – Computer Skills for Financial Analysis (3 hrs)

#### Fall:

- FIN 5425 – Problems in Financial Management (3 hrs)
- FIN 5515 – Investment Management and Analysis (3 hrs)
- FIN 5917r – Student Investment Fund (1 hr)
- MAN 5716 – Economic and Business Conditions (3 hrs)

#### Plus:

- REE 5205 – Real Estate Finance\* (3 hrs)

#### Spring:

- FIN 5537 – Derivatives and Risk Management (3 hrs)
- FIN 5917r – Student Investment Fund (1 hr)
- REE 5305 – Real Estate Investment\* (3 hrs)

#### Plus:

- REE 5209 – Advanced Real Estate Finance and Investment\* (3 hrs)

#### And one of the following two courses:

- FIN 5306 – Investment Banking (3 hrs)
- FIN 5605 – Multinational Financial Management (3 hrs)

\*Indicates courses taken for Real Estate Specialization.

The FSU College of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).

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