About the MSF

The Master of Science in Finance (MSF) is a full-time, one-year, non-thesis, finance graduate degree program that requires 30 credits to complete. The program will provide students in-depth knowledge in the principles and practices of finance and broaden their opportunities to work in finance-related careers, such as commercial banking, investment management, wealth management, financial planning, risk management and insurance, and real estate, etc.

The MSF program will help students obtain the CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst®), the FRM (Financial Risk ManagerTM), the CFP (Certified Financial Planner®), and or the ASA (Associate of the Society of Actuaries) certifications that have become golden standards in the financial industry. Students will learn research skills using financial databases available at Shidler such as Bloomberg terminals, Datastream, and Wharton Research Data Services (WRDS).

MSF Advantages

- Increasing demand from the finance industry
- Higher earning potentials
- One-year course of study
- Excellent career services
- Shidler College of Business reputation

Tuition

Tuition rate for the MSF program is $887 per credit hour (subject to change).
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

4+1 Pathway - for current Finance majors at the Shidler College of Business
- Advanced admission and smooth transition into a graduate program while finishing your undergraduate degree.
- Double counts of nine (9) credits (one 400-level course and two 600-level courses) towards the bachelor's and master's degrees.
- Lower undergraduate tuition rates for these nine (9) credits.
- Potential completion of the MSF degree in less than one year.
- Waiver of GMAT or GRE for admission.
- Classes are offered in the evening.

Current Finance majors at Shidler can apply if they
- are currently in the semester before their senior years or early in their senior years
- have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above
- completed BUS 314 or FIN 311 with a grade of B or above or are currently taking BUS 314 or FIN 311 (conditional admission upon receiving a grade of B or above)
- have one Finance faculty member’s recommendation

Courses (30 credits)

MSF Foundation courses (6 credits)*
FIN 633 Problems in Business Finance
FIN 634 Investment Analysis and Management

MSF Functional courses (21 credits min)*

Financial Investment and Analysis Banking and Insurance
FIN XXX Financial Accounting FIN 625 Global Financial Markets
FIN 653 Portfolio Optimization FIN 639 International Banking
FIN 654 Financial Derivatives FIN 656 Insurance and Risk Management
FIN 655 Financial Forecasting FIN 660 Seminar in Finance

MSF Capstone (3 credits)*
FIN 661 Consulting Practicum/Finance Internship/Other Culminating Experience

* Subject to change

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