

FINANCE, MS

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Program Description

The MS in Finance challenges students to develop a thorough understanding of the global framework of finance and proceed to concentrate their efforts in selected areas of the discipline, such as corporate finance or investments. The preparation afforded to students desiring in-depth knowledge of finance must be commensurate with the increased complexity of the financial environment, as exemplified by greater opportunities and risks, larger array of products and financial management strategies, and greater degree of competition in the market for properly trained graduates.

The MS in Finance places emphasis on attracting highly qualified students from around the globe and building a challenging program with an excellent reputation. Upon completion of the program, graduates will have an understanding of the field of finance and the ability to use the appropriate theory and methodology to excel in today's global financial environment.

The Whitman MS in Finance can be completed with 30 credits (as little as one year) by students with academic backgrounds in finance, economics, accounting, and business. Students without academic backgrounds in these areas should expect to take up to an additional nine hours of foundation courses as part of the program. The MS in Finance program advisor reviews each student's academic background and designs a program personally suited for the student.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Apply quantitative frameworks to analyze financial markets, value securities, and manage portfolios
2. Make corporate financing and investment decisions in capital markets setting

Degree Requirements

The core of the program consists of 30 credit hours, of which 18 to 21 must be in finance. Students must take Corporate Financial Policy and Strategy, Investment Analysis, Financial Management, and three to four additional courses in finance. They are also required to take a course in either Regression Analysis or Time Series Analysis. The remaining courses may be taken in related areas (such as statistics, accounting, economics, real estate and international business). Available electives include International Financial Management, Emerging Markets, Fixed Income Securities, Derivatives, Distress Investing, Value Investing, and Securities Markets.

International Programs

In addition to the course work offered in Syracuse, students have the opportunity to participate in various international programs. The London Summer Program offers internships with prestigious international firms. The Shanghai Summer Program provides a unique view into the world of the important Asian markets.

Total Credits Required 30

Finance Courses 18-21 Credits

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
FIN 751	Corporate Financial Policy & Strategy	3
FIN 756	Investment Analysis	3
FIN 855	Financial Management	3
MAS 766	Linear Statistical Models I: Regression Models	3
or MAS 777	Time Series Modeling and Analysis	
Total Credits		12

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Finance Courses 18-21 Credits

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
FIN 751	Corporate Financial Policy & Strategy	3
FIN 756	Investment Analysis	3
FIN 855	Financial Management	3
Additional Finance		
Select 9-12 credits of the following:		9-12
FIN 600	Selected Topics	
FIN 657	International Financial Management	
FIN 660	Fixed Income Securities	
FIN 666	Value Investing	
FIN 673	Control Investing	
FIN 761	Financial Modeling	
Total Credits		18-21

Courses From Related Fields 9-12 Credits

- Regression and Time Series Analysis
- Accounting
- Economics
- International Business
- Real Estate

Transfer Credit

Students can transfer a maximum of 6 credits of elective coursework. The credits must be graduate level taken from an AACSB accredited business school. A grade of "B" or higher is needed to transfer in the credits. The grade itself does not transfer.

Satisfactory Progress

Students are required to maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher to meet degree requirements.