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The Florida State University Master of Science in Finance program (MSF) in the College of Business is a full-time, three-semester program that provides students with the foundation required to compete for a wide range of desirable positions and to embark on a successful career in finance. The integration of financial theory with real-world practices and numerous hands-on applications facilitates the mastering of the concepts, analytical techniques and perspectives necessary for sound financial decision making.

A dedicated faculty rich in academic and industry experience, small class sizes, a diverse group of carefully selected peers, a student-managed investment fund in excess of $1.6 million and numerous networking opportunities with industry professionals ensure the MSF Program at Florida State University is a rewarding experience.

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- Application deadline: April 1
- Three semesters to complete
- Program begins every summer (Summer C session)
- Competitive awards for financial assistance
- Classes taught by internationally known scholars
- Accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)

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"FSU's Master of Science in Finance program helped set me apart from my peers. The program's hands-on approach and focus on practical applications gave me a better grasp of the financial and analytical skills I need to excel in my field."

– Andrew Schellenberg, MSF 2011
Risk Assurance Associate, PricewaterhouseCoopers

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Core curriculum

The Master of Science in Finance (MSF) program consists of the 32 credit hours plus a non-credit professional development series. Current core curriculum includes the following courses:

FIN 5317 - Financial Institutions and Risk Management (3 hrs)
FIN 5425 - Problems in Financial Management (3 hrs)
FIN 5515 - Investment Management and Analysis (3 hrs)
FIN 5537 - Financial Derivatives and Risk Management (3 hrs)
FIN 5605 - Multinational Financial Management (3 hrs)
FIN 5840 - Applied Econometrics in Finance (3 hrs)
FIN 5917 - Student Investment Fund (1 credit hour in the fall and the spring)
FIN 5935 - Investment Banking (3 hrs)
FIN 5935 - Computer Skills for Financial Analysis (3 hrs)
MAN 5716 - Economic and Business Conditions Analysis (3 hrs)
REE 5305 - Real Estate Investments (3 hrs)

Note: FIN 5935 is a special topics course with a new focus each semester.

Prerequisites

All MSF applicants must complete specific business foundation courses prior to enrollment in the MSF program. Minimum prerequisites include Financial Accounting (ACG 2021 or its equivalent), an introductory course in Financial Management (FIN 3403 or its equivalent), 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.

Please note: Program requirements are subject to change.

Cost of degree

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

Admission guidelines

Admission to the MSF program is highly competitive and based on the academic and professional credentials of the applicant pool. The College of Business generally recommends an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 overall and 3.4 for upper-division courses and a minimum total score of 530 on the GMAT. The average GMAT score is over 600 for admitted students.

Given the competitive nature of the program, it is likely that most who are admitted to the program will have credentials considerably above the specified minimums.

Application process checklist

The following two items should be sent directly to Florida State University through the online admissions application:

1. University Application for Admission to a Graduate Program (available exclusively online at https://admissions.fsu.edu/gradapp/).
2. Nonrefundable application fee of $30 (see University Application – may be paid online at fees.fsu.edu).

Send three items to the University Admissions Office:

1. One official transcript from all schools attended (except for FSU).
2. Official TOEFL Score Report, official PTE Score Report or IELTS Test Report (required of international applicants whose native language is not English, regardless of academic background).
3. Florida Resident Affidavit (not needed for non-Florida residents) - see University Application or http://admissions.fsu.edu/images/pdf/residency.pdf.
   Address: *Florida State University, Office of Admissions , 282 Champions Way, PO. Box 3062400, Tallahassee, FL 32306-1110*

Send directly to the FSU College of Business Graduate Office:

1. Official GMAT scores and, if applicable, a copy of the TOEFL, PTE or IELTS scores.
   Address: *Florida State University, College of Business Graduate Programs Office, 821 Academic Way, RBB 336, P.O. Box 3061110, Tallahassee, FL 32306-1110.*

Submit program-specific information directly to the FSU College of Business through the online admissions application, https://admissions.fsu.edu/gradapp/

1. Applicant's statement of purpose for pursuing the MSF degree (1-2 pages).
2. Current resume. Clearly indicate prior work experience including dates and positions held.
3. Three recommendations: Two (2) recommendations from former college professors and one (1) recommendation from outside the academic environment that speaks specifically of the applicant's ability to successfully complete the MSF program and other attributes, which make the applicant a valuable addition to the MSF program.

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

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