Finance, MS

Acquire the skills and expertise employers are looking for. With this master's degree, you'll be prepared for a range of career opportunities, including in corporate finance, risk management, money management, financial planning, investment banking, consulting and real estate.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Finance

In only nine months, students in the MS program in finance develop deep expertise in corporate finance and asset or portfolio management and are equipped with the tools needed to manage complex financial institutions. Faculty members bring cutting-edge research and decades of real-world experience into the classroom. A lock-step course format allows students to build on concepts throughout the program. A curriculum aligned with CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge prepares students to sit for the CFA exams and become a Chartered Financial Analyst®.

Curriculum, schedule and format, faculty and a top-ranked business school: It all adds up to a degree with real value. The W. P. Carey Master of Science in finance delivers the financial qualifications increasingly sought by employers within the corporate finance industry.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** W. P. Carey School of Business
- **Location:** Tempe campus

Concurrent Program Options

This degree is also offered as concurrent degree program with:
Degree Requirements

32 credit hours including a capstone course (FIN 575)

**Required Core (26-27 credit hours)**
- ACC 502 Financial Performance Reporting and Analysis (2.5 or 3)
- FIN 502 Finance: The Art of Managing Resources to Create Value (2.5 or 3)
- FIN 509 Quantitative Methods in Finance I (3)
- FIN 525 Investment Strategies (2.5)
- FIN 530 Derivatives (2.5)
- FIN 535 Financial Statistics (3)
- FIN 545 Advanced Corporate Finance (2.5)
- FIN 550 Fixed Income (2.5)
- FIN 560 International Finance (2.5)
- FIN 565 Risk Management in Banks and Financial Institutions (2.5)

**Other Requirement (2.5 credit hours)**
- FIN 555 Entrepreneurial Finance (2.5) or FIN 591 Topic: Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Applications in Finance (2.5)

**Electives (0-1 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (2.5 credit hours)**
- FIN 575 Finance Capstone (2.5)

**Additional Curriculum Information**
To account for the difference in the numbers of credit hours offered in the core courses, one credit hour of electives may be required.

For other requirements, substitutions may be allowed with approval of the academic unit.

The schedule follows the seven-week quarterly schedule of the MBA program.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the W. P. Carey School of Business.
Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or masters degree from a regionally accredited institution in business and management, economics, statistics, computer science or other types of science, engineering, technology and mathematics degree areas.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 credit hours or 90 quarter hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. GMAT or GRE test scores
4. one letter of recommendation
5. short answer questions
6. current resume
7. proof of English language proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

There are two main audiences for the master's degree program: first, recent undergraduates from business, economics or related majors or from programs where quantitative skills have been emphasized; and second, career advancers who have strong quantitative skills and seek to adapt those skills to be more competitive in the job market. Career advancers must be able to commit to a full-time plan of study; the program may not cater to working professionals as it is currently designed.

This program is appropriate for students who have completed undergraduate programs with quantitative underpinnings, at either ASU or other universities.

The letter of recommendation should comment on the student's motivation, commitment, achievements, work experience and opportunity for success in the program.

Complete application instructions may be obtained from the department's website.

Application Deadlines
Spring

Contact Information