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Degree Requirements

At least 36 semester credit hours of management coursework beyond prerequisite courses is required, including 18 semester credit hours of basic business core courses and 18 semester credit hours of graduate finance courses. The MS in Finance is designed for students with or without previous educational background in finance. Many students will select the Financial Management option, which allows them to design a program to their needs.

For students wanting a more focused program, six concentrations are available: Financial Analyst, Corporate Finance/Investment Banking, Real Estate, Financial Risk Management, Energy Risk Management and Enterprise Risk Management. The Financial Analyst concentration is designed for students interested in pursuing an investment career and completing the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) examinations. The Corporate Finance/Investment Banking concentration is designed for students interested in corporate finance, investment banking, venture capital, private equity, or corporate restructuring and turnarounds. The Real Estate concentration prepares students for a career in real estate investing and development. The Financial Risk Management concentration prepares students for the Financial Risk Manager (FRM) exam and for managing the risk faced by financial institutions and investment funds. The Energy Risk Management concentration prepares students for the Energy Risk Professional (ERP) exam and managing the risk associated with energy markets. Finally, the Enterprise Risk Management concentration prepares students to achieve the ERM certification and manage many of the risks faced by non-financial companies. Because some of these concentrations have been designed to prepare students for certain certifications, students are recommended to focus on the coursework within a particular concentration in order to prepare for its associated certification.

Students must maintain a 3.0 grade-point average (GPA) in both core courses and in aggregate courses to qualify for the MS degree.

Prerequisites

Calculus and basic statistics are required as prerequisites. Candidates who have not taken equivalent courses will need to take OPRE 6303 to meet the calculus requirement and OPRE 6301 to complete the basic statistics requirement.
Course Requirements

Basic Core Courses: 18 semester credit hours

All students enrolling in the Master of Science in Finance program must complete the following Basic Business Core courses, or their equivalents. Please see the catalog for further prerequisite information.

- **ACCT 6305** Accounting for Managers
- or **ACCT 6201** Introduction to Financial Accounting and **ACCT 6202** Introduction to Managerial Accounting
- **MECO 6303** Business Economics
- **FIN 6301** Financial Management
- **FIN 6306** Quantitative Methods in Finance
- **FIN 6350** Advanced Financial Management
- **FIN 6360** Options and Future Markets

Financial Management Option: 18 semester credit hours

Students must complete six courses; of which at least three must come from category B. Students may do an internship, **FIN 6V98**, as part of this option.


Concentrations: 18 semester credit hours

**Financial Analyst (CFA) Concentration - recommended coursework:**

- **ACCT 6344** Financial Statement Analysis
- **FIN 6308** Regulation of Business and Financial Markets
- **FIN 6310** Investment Management
- **FIN 6311** Valuation Models and Practices
- **FIN 6314** Fixed Income Securities
FIN 6325 Macroeconomics and Financial Markets
FIN 6330 Behavioral Finance
FIN 6352 Financial Modeling
FIN 6364 Advanced Investment Management
FIN 6368 Financial Information and Analysis
FIN 6370 The Theory of Finance and Its Applications
FIN 6380 Global Fund Management
FIN 6V98 Finance Internship

Corporate Finance/Investment Banking Concentration - recommended coursework:

ACCT 6330 Intermediate Financial Accounting I
ACCT 6332 Intermediate Financial Accounting II
FIN 6311 Valuation Models and Practices
FIN 6315 Entrepreneurial Finance
FIN 6316 Private Equity Finance
FIN 6352 Financial Modeling
FIN 6355 Corporate Finance and Policy
FIN 6356 Mergers and Acquisitions
FIN 6357 Corporate Restructuring and Turnarounds
FIN 6366 International Financial Management
FIN 6370 Theory of Finance and its Applications
FIN 6V98 Finance Internship
MECO 6352 Financial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution

Financial Risk Management Concentration - recommended coursework:

FIN 6314 Fixed Income Securities
FIN 6325 Macroeconomics and Financial Models
FIN 6352 Financial Modeling
FIN 6368 Financial Information and Analysis
FIN 6381 Introductory Mathematical Finance
FIN 6382 Numerical and Statistical Methods in Finance

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FIN 6383 Financial Risk Management (highly recommended for concentration)
FIN 6390 Futures and Options Trading
FIN 6V98 Finance Internship
MECO 6312 Applied Econometrics and Times Series Analysis
OPRE 7310 Probability and Stochastic Processes

Energy Risk Management Concentration - recommended coursework:
FIN 6335 Energy Finance
FIN 6341 Energy Risk Management (highly recommended for concentration)
FIN 6352 Financial Modeling
FIN 6368 Financial Information and Analysis
FIN 6381 Introductory Mathematical Finance
FIN 6382 Numerical and Statistical Methods in Finance
FIN 6390 Futures and Options Trading
FIN 6V98 Finance Internship
MECO 6312 Applied Economics and Times Series Analysis
MECO 6318 Energy Economics
OPRE 6335 Risk and Decision Analysis
OPRE 6389 Managing Energy: Risk, Investment, Technology

Enterprise Risk Management Concentration - recommended coursework:
ACCT 6336 Information Technology Audit and Risk Management
FIN 6342 Insurance and Risk Management
FIN 6352 Financial Modeling
FIN 6381 Introductory Mathematical Finance
FIN 6382 Numerical and Statistical Methods in Finance
FIN 6385 Enterprise Risk Management (highly recommended for concentration)
FIN 6390 Options and Futures Trading
FIN 6391 Risk Accounting
FIN 6V98 Finance Internship
MECO 6312 Applied Econometrics and Times Series Analysis
MIS 6319 Enterprise Resource Planning
MIS 6330 Information Technology Security
OPRE 6335 Risk and Decision Analysis

Real Estate Finance Concentration - recommended coursework:

FIN 6314 Fixed Income Securities
FIN 6321 Introduction to Real Estate
FIN 6322 Real Estate Finance and Investment
FIN 6323 Real Estate Market Analysis and Investment
FIN 6325 Macroeconomics and Financial Markets
FIN 6326 Real Estate Law and Contracts
FIN 6V98 Finance Internship

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