Master of Science in Finance

36 semester credit hours minimum

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Degree Requirements

The Master of Science in Finance (MS FIN) is a minimum 36 semester credit hours STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) degree program that provides students with the practical and theoretical knowledge needed by finance professionals. Students gain the quantitative and managerial skills to analyze financial information, make financial decisions and valuations, select and analyze portfolios and manage risk.

The core courses provide the foundation for evaluating financial issues. The finance electives allow students to apply those tools to the complex business issues experienced by business organizations. The Jindal School offers two options for students.

To apply for this degree program, an undergraduate degree is required (all majors are considered). Students must maintain a 3.0 grade-point average (GPA) in both core courses and in all graduate
courses taken in the degree program, excluding program prerequisites to qualify for the MS degree.

Prerequisites

Students pursuing the Master of Science in Finance degree program are required to complete one semester credit hour of **MAS 6102** Professional Development. In addition, knowledge of calculus and statistics are required and students who have not completed undergraduate calculus and statistics courses may satisfy the prerequisites by completing **OPRE 6303** Quantitative Foundations of Business and **OPRE 6301** Statistics and Data Analysis. Degree credit is not earned for program prerequisites, however, the grade achieved in prerequisites will count toward the student's grade-point average (GPA). All program prerequisites must be satisfied within the first semester of graduate study as a degree-seeking student.

Course Requirements

Core Courses: 18 semester credit hours

Students must complete the following Core courses or their equivalents.

- **ACCT 6301** Financial Accounting
  - or **ACCT 6305** Accounting for Managers
- **FIN 6301** Financial Management
- **FIN 6307** Mathematical Methods for Finance
- **FIN 6318** Analytics of Finance
- **FIN 6352** Financial Modeling for Valuation
  - or **FIN 6353** Financial Modeling for Investment Analysis
- **FIN 6360** Derivatives Markets

Specialized Concentrations: 18 semester credit hours

Students may choose from one of the following five specialized concentrations. Also, students may seek to substitute one three-semester credit hour graduate-level course, excluding FIN core courses and **FIN 6300** as a free elective in the degree plan with the approval of the program director and the area coordinator.

- **FIN 6009** Finance Internship (required elective)

Concentrations: 18 semester credit hours

**Financial Analyst (CFA) Concentration** (18 semester credit hours)

Students must complete 18 semester credit hours from the courses below.

- **ACCT 6344** Financial Statement Analysis
FIN 6308 Regulation of Business and Financial Markets
FIN 6310 Investment Theory and Practice
FIN 6314 Fixed Income Securities
FIN 6325 Macroeconomics and Financial Markets
FIN 6330 Behavioral Finance
FIN 6353 Financial Modeling for Investment Analysis (if not used in core)
FIN 6364 Portfolio Analysis and Management
FIN 6368 Financial Information and Analysis
FIN 6370 Advanced Theory of Finance and Its Applications
FIN 6380 Global Fund Management
FIN 6392 Financial Technology and Blockchain
FIN 6V98 Finance Internship

**Corporate Finance/Investment Banking Concentration** (18 semester credit hours)

Students must complete a combination of 18 semester credit hours with a maximum of six semester credit hours from the General Corporate Finance Electives.

**Corporate Finance Required Electives** (12 to 18 semester credit hours)

- FIN 6315 Entrepreneurial Finance
- FIN 6316 Private Equity Finance
- FIN 6350 Advanced Corporate Finance
- FIN 6352 Financial Modeling for Valuation (if not used in core)
- FIN 6355 Corporate Finance and Policy
- FIN 6356 Mergers and Acquisitions
- FIN 6357 Corporate Restructuring and Turnarounds
- FIN 6366 International Financial Management
- FIN 6370 Advanced Theory of Finance and Its Applications
- FIN 6V98 Finance Internship

**General Corporate Finance Electives** (up to 6 semester credit hours)

- ACCT 6330 Intermediate Financial Accounting I
- ACCT 6332 Intermediate Financial Accounting II
- MECO 6352 Financial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution
Real Estate Concentration (18 semester credit hours)

Students must complete a combination of 18 semester credit hours with a maximum of six semester credit hours from the General Real Estate Finance Electives.

Real Estate Finance Required Electives (12 to 15 semester credit hours)

- **FIN 6321** Introduction to Real Estate
- **FIN 6322** Real Estate Finance and Investment
- **FIN 6323** Real Estate Market Analysis and Investment
- **FIN 6326** Real Estate Law and Contract
- **FIN 6V98** Finance Internship

General Real Estate Finance Electives (up to semester credit hours)

- **FIN 6308** Regulation of Business and Financial Markets
- **FIN 6314** Fixed Income Securities
- **FIN 6315** Entrepreneurial Finance
- **FIN 6325** Macroeconomics and Financial Markets

Financial Technology Concentration (18 semester credit hours)

Students must complete a combination of 18 semester credit hours with a maximum of six semester credit hours from the General Financial Technology Electives.

Financial Technology Required Electives (12 to 18 semester credit hours)

- **FIN 6310** Investment Theory and Practice
- **FIN 6325** Macroeconomics and Financial Markets
- **FIN 6368** Financial Information and Analysis
- **FIN 6380** Global Fund Management
- **FIN 6392** Financial Technology and Blockchain
- **FIN 6V98** Finance Internship

General Financial Technology Electives (up to 6 semester credit hours)

- **BUAN 6320** Database Foundations for Analytics
  - or **MIS 6320** Database Foundations
- **MIS 6309** Business Data Warehousing
- **MIS 6324** Business Analytics with SAS
  - or **MIS 6356** Business Analytics with R

Financial Management Concentration (18 semester credit hours)

Students must complete a combination of 18 semester credit hours with a maximum of six semester
credit hours from the General Electives.

**Finance Elective Courses** (at least 12 semester credit hours)

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General Elective Courses (up to 6 semester credit hours)

Students can take up to 6 semester credit hours from any master level courses in ACCT, BUAN, ENGY, FIN, MECO, MIS or OPRE except FIN 6300.

1. Students may use FIN 6009 only for their first internship and any additional internship must be completed as FIN 6V98 (3 semester credit hours maximum). Students may also substitute FIN 6009 with FIN 6V98 or (FIN 6316 for Corporate Finance/Investment Banking concentration) or (FIN 6323 for Real Estate concentration) or (FIN 6380 for Financial Analyst concentration, Financial Technology concentration, Financial Management concentration) or FIN 6380 for MS in Finance Cohort to fulfil internship requirement.

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