

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

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*"My MSF helped shape my professional experience by sharpening the soft skills I already possessed, such as public speaking and critical thinking, while also adding to my hard skills. I walk in every meeting at work with great confidence knowing that I received a first-class education."*



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*"Students in the MSF program have unlimited opportunities to learn and grow. I've gained valuable knowledge from renowned professors, made lasting friendships along the way, and now have a promising career as a result."*

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## Prerequisites

All MSF applicants must complete specific business foundation courses prior to enrollment in the Master of Science in Finance (MSF) program. Minimum prerequisites include Financial Accounting (ACG 2021 or its equivalent), an introductory course in Financial Management (FIN 3403 or its equivalent; minimum grade of B- required), 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.

Highly qualified FSU undergraduates majoring in real estate or finance may get a jump-start on an MSF degree by applying to a combined pathway that double counts up to nine credit hours toward requirements for both bachelor's and master's degrees. For more info, visit [business.fsu.edu/combined-pathways](http://business.fsu.edu/combined-pathways).

**Please note:** Program requirements are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, visit [business.fsu.edu/MSF](http://business.fsu.edu/MSF).

## Admission guidelines

Admission to the Master of Science in Finance (MSF) program is highly competitive. The decision is based on a portfolio of qualifications, including prior academic performance, work experience, optional entrance exam scores (such as the GMAT) and letters of recommendation. Entrance exams, such as the GMAT or GRE, are optional to submit if you feel it would strengthen your application. Any submitted test scores become part of the application and are used in the admission decision.

## Program cost

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

Note to international applicants: For more information concerning financial responsibilities, degree equivalency, etc., please visit: [gradschool.fsu.edu/admissions/international-admissions](http://gradschool.fsu.edu/admissions/international-admissions)

## Application process checklist

The following items should be submitted through the Florida State Graduate Application portal, available exclusively online at [admissions.fsu.edu/gradapp](http://admissions.fsu.edu/gradapp):

- Graduate Business Applicant Statement, which includes a statement of purpose for pursuing the MSF degree (1-2 pages)
- Current resume/C.V., clearly indicating work experience including dates and positions held
- Three (3) letters of recommendation, two (2) from former college professors and one (1) from outside the academic environment, that speak specifically of the applicant's ability to successfully complete the MSF program and other attributes that make the applicant a valuable addition to the MSF program
- Florida Residency Declaration if applicable
- Nonrefundable application fee of \$30.00 (see University Application or go to [fees.fsu.edu](http://fees.fsu.edu))

The following items should be sent to the Graduate Admissions Office, 222 S. Copeland St./314 Westcott Building, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-1410 or to [graduateadmissions@fsu.edu](mailto:graduateadmissions@fsu.edu):

- One (1) official transcript from all colleges and universities attended (FSU transcripts not necessary for FSU alumni, students)
- Official test scores if applicable:
  - GMAT or GRE scores are optional and should be submitted if they will enhance the application. Any submitted test scores become part of the application. The code to send GMAT scores to Florida State is PN8K567, and the code to send GRE scores is 5219.
  - English Language Proficiency scores are an FSU requirement for international applicants whose native language is not English and who have not completed an undergraduate or graduate degree from a U.S. institution or other institution where English is the required language of instruction; therefore, it cannot be waived. The code to send TOEFL scores to Florida State is 5219.

## STEM designation

The MSF qualifies as a Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) degree, assuring graduates of employer demand and allowing eligible graduates on student visas to extend their U.S. work stay up to two years longer.

**Core Curriculum:** The Master of Science in Finance (MSF) is an on-campus degree program consisting of 32 credit hours plus a non-credit professional development series. Students may pursue one of two program tracks: **MSF Standard** or **MSF Real Estate Specialization**. Both options are outlined in the schedule below:

### MSF Standard Track

#### Summer

FIN 5840 Applied Econometrics (3 hrs)  
FIN 5935 Computer Skills for Financial Analysis (3 hrs)

#### Fall

FIN 5455 Financial Data Analytics (3 hrs)  
FIN 5515 Investment Management and Analysis (3 hrs)  
FIN 5917 Student Investment Fund (1 hr)  
MAN 5716 Business Conditions Analysis (3 hrs)

#### Plus:

FIN 5605 Multinational Financial Management (3 hrs)

#### Spring

FIN 5537 Derivatives and Risk Management (3 hrs)  
FIN 5917 Program Assessment (1 hr)  
FIN 5425 Problems in Financial Management (3 hrs)  
REE 5205 Real Estate Finance (3 hrs)

#### Plus:

FIN 5545 Fixed Income Securities (3 hrs)

### MSF Real Estate Specialization Track

#### Summer

FIN 5840 Applied Econometrics (3 hrs)  
FIN 5935 Computer Skills for Financial Analysis (3 hrs)

#### Fall

FIN 5455 Financial Data Analytics (3 hrs)  
FIN 5515 Investment Management and Analysis (3 hrs)  
FIN 5917 Student Investment Fund (1 hr)  
MAN 5716 Business Conditions Analysis (3 hrs)

#### Plus:

REE 5305 Real Estate Investment\* (3 hrs)

#### Spring

FIN 5537 Derivatives and Risk Management (3 hrs)  
FIN 5917 Program Assessment (1 hr)  
FIN 5425 Problems in Financial Management (3 hrs)  
REE 5205 Real Estate Finance (3 hrs)

#### Plus:

REE 5209 Advanced Real Estate Finance and Investment\* (3 hrs)

\* Indicates courses taken for Real Estate Specialization. REE 5305 taken instead of FIN 5605 in the fall. REE 5209 taken instead of FIN 5545 in the spring.

The FSU College of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).

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