

Finance, MS

The Master of Science in finance program is an online program that can be completed at a student's own pace. It can be completed in as quickly as one year or in up to ten years.

Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- demonstrate mastery of core finance concepts by accurately explaining, applying, and integrating foundational principles to analyze and interpret financial decisions;
- develop advanced financial expertise by evaluating, designing, and implementing financial strategies and valuation methods;
- demonstrate technical and analytical skills by utilizing quantitative tools and data-driven methods to model, analyze, and interpret complex financial information; and
- critically analyze complex real-world finance problems and recommend effective solutions.

Requirements

The part-time Master of Science program in finance requires a minimum of 30 s.h. of graduate credit. Students must maintain a Graduate College major program grade-point average (GPA) and a UI cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 to satisfy degree requirements.

With program approval, students may count up to a maximum 6 s.h. of graduate transfer credit toward program coursework requirements. Students who wish to include the 15 s.h. earned from the Certificate in Finance toward the finance master's degree may do so as long as the coursework is not more than 10 years old from the date when the finance master's degree is conferred.

The part-time Master of Science program in finance requires the following coursework.

Core Courses

Students complete six core courses for a total of 18 s.h.

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
FIN:9200	Portfolio Management	3
FIN:9210	Derivatives	3
FIN:9300	Corporate Finance	3
MBA:8140	Corporate Financial Reporting	3
MBA:8150	Data and Decisions	3
MBA:8180	Managerial Finance	3

If a core course is waived, it must be replaced by a course from the electives list.

Electives

Students complete four elective courses for a total of 12 s.h., including at least two courses (6 s.h.) from the first list below. Not all courses are offered on a regular basis.

Course #	Title	Hours
At least two of these:		
FIN:9150	Financial Modeling and Firm Valuation	3
FIN:9160	Quantitative Finance and Machine Learning	3
FIN:9230	Real Estate Finance and Investments	3
FIN:9310	Advanced Corporate Finance	3
FIN:9350	Wealth Management	3
Up to two of these:		
FIN:9130	Corporate Risk Management and Insurance	3
FIN:9140	Enterprise Risk Management	3
BAIS:6040	Data Programming in Python	3
BAIS:6070	Data Science	3
BAIS:6100	Text Analytics	3
ENTR:9200	Entrepreneurial Finance	3

Combined Programs

Multiple Graduate and Professional (GPP) Degrees

Students pursuing more than one GPP degree (i.e., MBA, MSBA, MSFIN, MAc) may take advantage of shared coursework at any time. However, each degree's specific requirements must still be fulfilled, and students must complete a specific total semester hour requirement across all degrees with approved GPP coursework.

Separate application to each degree program is required. For additional information, visit the Multiple Degrees webpage on the Tippie College of Business website.

Graduate Education

Graduate education prepares students with advanced knowledge and skills in specialized fields. At the University of Iowa, the Graduate College advocates for student-centered graduate education and supports equitable application of rules and policies across graduate programs.

Academics

University of Iowa graduate credentials are regulated by policies and requirements found in the Graduate College Manual of Rules and Regulations. This includes minimum grade-point average (GPA) requirements for academic standing and degree conferral. The Graduate College sets the minimum requirement. Individual graduate programs may establish higher GPA requirements.

Admissions

Graduate student applicants must meet admission requirements for both the Graduate College and the program to which they have applied. University of Iowa graduate admission requirements are published by the Graduate College and on the Graduate Admissions website.

Financial Support

Graduate students might be eligible for financial support. Several contingencies apply, including degree program and award type, satisfactory progress toward degree, satisfactory

completion of all duties related to an appointment, and availability of funding. Graduate students should inquire directly with their program for more information about funding availability. The Graduate Student Employment Standards govern the employment relationship between the University of Iowa and all graduate teaching and research assistants in all matters except wages, which are covered by an existing collective bargaining agreement or the conditions of an applicable federal grant.

Admission

Please see the Part-time Master of Finance Admissions page on the Tippie College of Business website for information about admission to the MS in finance program.

Career Advancement

The Tippie Graduate Career Services team offers multiple resources to help students in their career development journey. Visit Graduate Career Services on the Tippie College of Business website for details.

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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This sample plan is currently being reviewed and will be added at a later date.