

# Your Guide to the MS in Finance



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**Muma College of Business**

# Why a Master's Degree in Supply Finance?

Finance is a dynamic industry that is reshaped frequently as the result of rapidly changing information technologies, government legislation, and stakeholders' demands. The Master of Science in Finance is a specialized degree that provides a practical approach for individuals who aspire to become leaders in finance. The program provides a solid foundation in the applications and understanding of financial concepts that are infused in innovative, dynamic business decisions.

The MSF program prepares graduates for careers in investment analysis, portfolio management, banking, corporate financial management, financial services, and risk management. The program is ideal for people who aspire to hold senior-level jobs in the financial industry. The curriculum also provides the foundation necessary to successfully obtain professional certifications such as the CFA, CFP®, CTP, and ChFC®.

## About the Program

The MSF program offers a clear career path for the students through a common core (12 credits) and their choice of four concentrations (18 credits). In each concentration, students complete 9 credits of required courses and choose another 9 credits of approved supporting electives.

### Financial Analysis Concentration

This concentration prepares students for a professional career in financial analysis or asset management. Targeted career examples include investment analyst, security analyst, credit analyst, portfolio manager.

### Financial Planning and Wealth Management Concentration

This concentration prepares students for a career in financial planning, wealth management, financial advising. Targeted careers include financial planner, private wealth manager, and financial advisor.

### Finance Research Concentration

Finance Research Concentration prepares students for a career in financial research. Targeted career examples include academic research, quantitative analyst, and big data analyst.

### FinTech Concentration

FinTech Concentration prepares students for a career in financial technologies. Targeted career examples include blockchain expert, cybersecurity analyst, and risk control manager.

“ I chose to pursue my MS in Finance from USF to further develop my knowledge and skillset and to advance in my professional career in the financial industry. ”

Scott Casimiri '16 MS in Finance



# Coursework

## Business Foundation Courses (0-6 Credit Hours)

- FIN 6406 - Financial Management
- FIN 6934 - Investment Concepts
- QMB 6305 - Managerial Decision Analysis

\*Tools courses can be waived, with the permission of the program director, if the student earned an A or B in these courses or equivalent courses at an AACSB accredited institution within five years of entering the MSF program.

## Core Courses (12 Credit Hours)

- FIN 6426 - Advanced Money and Capital Markets
- FIN 6455 - Financial Modeling and Analytics
- FIN 6515 - Investments
- FIN 6416 - Advanced Financial Management

To satisfy the remaining 18 credit hours, students will select a concentration area to focus their degree. The concentration consists of 9 credits of required coursework and 9 credit hours from the list of approved supporting electives for that concentration. Courses listed outside of the provided supporting electives will need to be approved by the advisor in advance.

## Concentration Required Courses (9 Credit Hours)

### Financial Analysis

#### Required Courses (3 Credit Hours each)

- FIN 6465 - Financial Statement Analysis
- FIN 6537 - Financial Options and Futures
- FIN 6934 - Applied Security Analysis

### Financial Planning and Wealth Management

#### Required Courses (3 Credit Hours each)

- FIN 6934 - Financial Planning Fundamentals
- FIN 6934 - Retirement Planning
- FIN 6934 - Estate Planning

### Finance Research

#### Required Courses (3 Credit Hours each)

- FIN 6804 - Theory of Finance
- ECO 6405 - Mathematical Economics I
- ECO 6424 - Econometrics I

### FinTech

#### Required Courses (3 Credit Hours each)

- FIN 6934 - FinTech and Payment Technologies
- QMB 6304 - Analytical Methods for Business
- ISM 6930 - FinTech Foundation

## Supporting Concentration Electives (9 Credit Hours)

Supporting concentration electives are selected in consultation with the faculty director and program administrator. Approved lists will be provided.

## Admission Requirements

- GMAT score of 550 or higher, or an equivalent GRE score
- Undergraduate upper-level GPA of 3.0 or higher
- International students from non-English-speaking countries must have a minimum TOEFL score of 550 on the written test, 213 on the computer-based test, or 79 on the Internet-based test.

The admission requirements now include GMAT/GRE waivers:

- Applicants holding a bachelor's degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better from USF or one of its peer/aspirant universities.
- Applicants who passed Level 1 of the CFA exam as evidenced by an attached letter from the CFA Institute.

Applicants with lower GMAT (GRE) scores may be admitted if the application as a whole convinces the committee that the applicant warrants an admission to the major.

## Financial Assistance

USF and the Muma College of Business offer a number of scholarships, graduate teaching assistantships, tutoring opportunities, and Student Excellence Grants to Tampa students. Please visit the USF Financial Aid website at [usf.edu/finaid](http://usf.edu/finaid) for other sources of financial assistance.

## How to Apply

Applications are submitted online at [grad.usf.edu](http://grad.usf.edu) and are evaluated as they are received. Admissions decisions are usually made within four weeks. Non-USF transcripts must be submitted with application.

## Application Deadline

Fall  
June 1

Spring  
October 15

Please see international requirements at [usf.edu/admissions/international/admission-information/graduate/](http://usf.edu/admissions/international/admission-information/graduate/)



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