**finance**

**Master of Science (M.S.) Degree**

**DEGREE INFORMATION**

**Priority Admission Application Deadlines:**

**Fall:** June 1

**Spring:** October 15

**Summer:** February 15

International applicant deadlines:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/majors>

**Minimum Total Hours:** 30

**Level:** Masters

**CIP Code:** 52.0801

**Dept. Code:** FIN

**Major/College Codes:** FIN BA

**Approved:** 2006

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**College:** Muma College of Business

**Department:** Finance (FIN)

**Contact Information:** [www.grad.usf.edu](http://www.grad.usf.edu/)

**MAJOR INFORMATION**

The M.S. in Finance offers a curriculum that concentrates on both finance and economics concepts. Students who complete the M.S. in Finance will be better prepared to succeed in careers in the financial world, especially in positions that require specialized knowledge about various finance topics.

**Accreditation -** AACSB International -The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

**Major Research Areas:** Finance

**ADMISSION INFORMATION**

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements for admission to the major, listed below.

* GMAT score of 550 or higher (or equivalent GRE score)
* Undergraduate upper-level GPA of 3.00 or higher
* International applicants from non-English-speaking countries must also have a TOEFL score of 550 or higher on the written version, a minimum score of 213 on the computer-based test or a 79 on the internet-based test.
* 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.
* For applicants with a three-year Bachelor’s Degree from a regionally accredited institution, the following requirements need to be met in addition to those listed above:
  + Minimum GMAT score of 650 with a minimum score of 25 on the verbal portion, or a minimum GRE score of 321 with minimum score of 150 on verbal reasoning.
  + When the three-year Bachelor’s Degree is less than 120 hours from Non-Bologna Accord Institutions, a transcript evaluation from a NACES member is required to confirm equivalency.

**CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS**

A student who does not have an undergraduate degree in business must complete the following tools before taking courses for which they are prerequisites

Pre-requisite Tools Courses - 10 hours

ACG 6026 3\* Accounting Concepts for Managers

ECO 6005 3\* Introduction to Economics Concepts for Managers

FIN 6406 2 Financial Management

QMB 6305 2 Managerial Decision Analysis

Students must successfully (a grade of A or B) complete equivalent courses in each of these areas prior to taking MSF courses. Tools course 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 major.

**Total Minimum Hours** **30 hours**

**Core Finance** - **15 hours**

FIN 6416 3 Advanced Financial Mgmt

FIN 6465 3 Financial Statement Analysis

FIN 6515 3 Investments

FIN 6455 3 Financial Modeling and Analytics

FIN 6425 3 Financial Policy

(FIN 6445 must be taken at the end of the program after the other core courses are completed.)

Core finance courses may be waived for students who graduated with finance majors from AACSB accredited programs within five years of entering the M.S. in Finance major. Only courses with the same content as the core finance courses can be used to satisfy the M.S. in Finance course requirements, and students must have earned grades of A or B to have such courses waived. Advanced finance courses must be substituted for waived courses.

**Advanced Finance Electives** - **15 hours**

To satisfy the 15 hours of electives, students can complete any of the graduate courses offered in the Department of Finance or approved graduate courses offered in the Economics Department or other Departments at Muma College of Business (a list of approved courses will be posted each year). Students can satisfy up to six credit hours of electives by taking graduate courses offered in other departments and colleges as long as the courses are approved in advance.

**Comprehensive Exam**

**Additional Information Regarding Curriculum**

Leadership, teamwork, communication skills and organizational change are emphasized. Much of the curriculum is delivered through case studies, class discussion, exercises, group projects, video taped role-playing, simulations, and prominent guest speakers from the local business and non-profit community. Emphasis is placed on student participation and teamwork. All courses include writing, presentation, and critical thinking skills.

**COURSES**

See [http://ugs.usf.edu/course-inventory](http://www.ugs.usf.edu/sab/sabs.cfm)