**finance program**

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

**DEGREE INFORMATION**

**Program Admission Deadlines:**

**Fall:** July 1

**Spring:** November 1

**Summer:** March 1

***International:***

**Fall:**  February 1

**Spring:** July 1

**Summer:** January 1

**Minimum Total Hours:** 30

**Program Level:** Masters

**CIP Code:** 52.0801

**Dept. Code:** FIN

**Program (Major/College):** FIN BA

**Approved:** 2006

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**College:** Business

**Department:** Finance (FIN)

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

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**M.S. in Finance**

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**

Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS). 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 listed below.

**Program Admission Requirements**

* 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 program.

**DEGREE PROGRAM 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 program.

**Total Minimum Program 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 program. 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)