



MSF Program of Study

MS Finance Core Courses (13.5 credits)

FINAN 6850 Finance Career Development - 1.5 credit	
ACCTG 6610 Financial Reporting - 3 credits	FINAN 6360 Investment & Portfolio Management - 3 credits
FINAN 6600 CFA I - 3 credits	FINAN 6210 Cases in Financial Strategy - 3 credits

MS Finance Electives (18 credits)

MGT 6310 Business Law	FINAN 6550 International Finance
ACCTG 6320 Corporate Taxation	FINAN 6570 Financial Distress
ACCTG 6620 Financial Statement Analysis	FINAN 6590 Mergers and Acquisitions
FINAN 6220 Corporate Finance	FINAN 6660 Financial Fraud and Scams
FINAN 6240 Risk Management	FINAN 6740 Real Estate Principles
FINAN 6300 Venture Capital	FINAN 6760 Real Estate Finance
FINAN 6310 Advanced Venture Capital	FINAN 6770 Real Estate Analysis Techniques OR
FINAN 6330 Credit Institutions	FINAN 6780 RE Appraisal and Investing
FINAN 6370 Investment Analysis	FINAN 6780 RE Appraisal and Investing
FINAN 6380 Financial Modeling	FINAN 6880 Bonds, Institutions and Economy
FINAN 6610 CFA II	FINAN 6881 Managing the Venture Process
FINAN 6400 Financial Engineering	

Any FINAN graduate level course may count as an elective.

MSF Class Profile – Spring & Fall 2011

Class size	44	Undergraduate Degree:
Average GMAT	603	Finance 40%
Average Age	26	Economics 25%
Undergraduate GPA	3.46	Business, Other Degree 20%
		Sociology 5%
		Information Systems 5%
		Engineering 5%

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Program Description

One of only two such programs in the Intermountain West, the David Eccles School of Business Master of Science in Finance (MSF) Program is an intensive one-year degree with an accommodating part-time option that adds clout to your resume and expands your career options. An MSF degree is rapidly becoming more a requirement and less of an option for those seeking the most highly prized careers in financial trading, risk and asset management and other technical financial fields.

Program Format: 31.5 credit hours

Full-Time Option: 2 semesters
Fall: 16.5 credits / Spring: 15 credits

Part-Time Option: Students pursuing their degree on a part-time basis take on average four to five semesters to complete the program.

Enrollment Option: Fall and Spring

Master of Science Requirement: Students must pass a comprehensive exit exam for graduation. No thesis is required.

Class Availability: Finance courses are offered in a mix of daytime and evening options. Once admitted, we recommend making an appointment with our MSF academic advisor to map out a course of study that will match your needs with class availability.

Program Highlights

AACSB Accreditation The David Eccles School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The AACSB is the premier accrediting body of collegiate business schools and accounting programs worldwide. Less than 5% of the business schools worldwide have achieved this elite distinction.

Flexible Format Whether adding a fifth year to your undergraduate degree or choosing to complete your MSF degree while working, our program offers flexible, work-friendly options to fit your needs.

CFA Exam Preparation (Chartered Financial Analyst) Our MSF Program offers superior preparation for the CFA exams, including two courses dedicated exclusively to preparation for the CFA I and CFA II exams, as well as wide coverage of the CFA body-of-knowledge material throughout the curriculum. Students taking these courses historically achieve higher pass rates on both exams than the national average.

Top 25 Finance Faculty Our Finance faculty is among the best in the world, consistently ranked in the top 25 internationally by the Financial Times.

Career Services The David Eccles School of Business offers a strong career services team available to assist our MSF students with programs such as one-on-one coaching and resume review. Our MSF students also have access to an exclusive jobs database and graduate student only recruiting events.

MS Finance Fast Track Program

Applicants qualifying for the MSF Fast Track program earn the right to waive the GMAT test and essays. Admission is not guaranteed and the School of Business online application and recommendations are still required.

Requirements for MSF Fast Track Program:

- Maintain a GPA of 3.5 or better for upper division finance electives
- Maintain an overall GPA of 3.4 or better
- All finance electives must be taken at the University of Utah
- All finance honors students automatically qualify for fast track application status

MSF Prerequisites

Financial Accounting (ACCTG 2600)

Financial Management or Corporate Finance (FINAN 3040)

Algebra Requirement – Students achieving less than 50% on their GMAT quantitative section will need to take an approved Algebra course prior to the start of the program.

Statistics – Students must have successfully completed an approved statistics course with a B or better.

MSF Corequisites

Managerial Accounting (ACCTG 3600)

Microeconomics (ECON 2010 or FIN 6025)

Probability and Statistics (OIS 2340 or OIS 6040)

Regression and Multivariate Analysis (OIS 3440 or OIS 6041)

Corequisites can be taken before or anytime *during the program*

Corequisites taken during the program are taken at the Masters level.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree
- Undergraduate GPA or at least 3.0
- GMAT score
- International students: TOEFL 600 minimum score paper based test or 100 internet based test / IELTS minimum score: 7.0



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Applications

Deadlines

For Spring 2012: November 1, 2011

For Fall 2012: Priority: February 1, 2012 Secondary: March 15, 2012

Please note that a majority of merit-based scholarships are awarded to applicants meeting the priority deadline.

The following items are required for your application to any school of business graduate program:

1. David Eccles School of Business online application (www.business.utah.edu/mastersapplication)
2. GMAT (GRE accepted with pre-approval in some cases)
3. For international students only, a TOEFL score is required. The Eccles School of Business requires a minimum score of 600 pbt or 100 ibt / IELTS minimum score is 7.0. Please note that these are higher scores than required by the University of Utah graduate school. For more information, visit www.sa.utah.edu/admiss/InterGrad.htm.

What to expect from the David Eccles School of Business online application

- Personal Information – name, address, social security number, date of birth, etc.
- Professional Resume – you will need to upload your resume
- Essays – essay requirements will be detailed within the online application. You will be asked to upload your essays. (Word document format)
- Unofficial Transcripts – you will be asked to upload your unofficial transcripts from all undergraduate institutions. The university requires an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. If your GPA does not meet this standard, the GPA from your last 60 hours is accepted.
- Residency determination – you will be asked questions to determine your residency status
- Application Fee – the application fee is \$55 for domestic applicants and \$65 for international applicants. There is a late fee of \$30 assessed for applications submitted after November 1 for spring starts and April 1 for fall starts.
- Recommendations – 2 recommendations are required for all programs unless waived for fast track applications. You will need to supply the email addresses for the individuals submitting your recommendations for this online process. All recommendations must be submitted online. Paper recommendations will not be accepted.

Tuition / Costs

Estimated tuition and fees for the MSF Program are as follows:

Full-Time format / resident \$22,000

Part-Time format / resident \$24,000

*These tuition estimates reflect 31.5 total credit hours taken over the course of 2 or 5 semesters at the current tuition rates (spring or fall 2012). Please note that this is an estimate and tuition rates may increase without notice.

Merit-based scholarships (Graduate Assistantships) are available to MSF students.

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