

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN THE FIELD OF APPLIED FINANCE

The master of science in the field of applied finance program at the GW School of Business (GWSB) produces leaders in the field of finance. The program focuses on risk management, financial engineering, banking, corporate finance, and portfolio analysis and management. It has been designed to combine quantitative and computer skills with financial theory and applications. The MSAF program qualifies as a STEM program.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines: Fall and Summer (no certificate admits in Summer)

Round 1 1/15

Round 2 4/1

Round 3 5/15

Standardized test scores: GMAT Score or GRE Score (optional): Test date must be within past five years. GMAT code: QK4-4F-40; GRE code: 5246.

Recommendations required: Two (2) recommendations from professional and/or academic references

Prior academic records: Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended should be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.

Statement of purpose: In no more than 500 words, describe how the MSPM program fits into your professional life and your career objectives.

Additional requirements: A current resumé

Prerequisite: A Bachelor's degree from an accredited university with credit hours in:

Advanced Mathematics (6 credits; 3 credits must be in Calculus)

- Microeconomics (3 credits)

- Macroeconomics (3 credits)

- Financial Accounting (3 credits)

- Managerial Finance (3 credits)

- Statistics (3 credits)

Additional coursework, degrees, and/or work experience in these five areas are considered favorably in the selection process.

International applicants must submit one of the following: an official TOEFL score of at least 80 (internet-based test) or 550 (paper-based test), an official IELTS score of 6.0 with no individual band score below 5.5, or a PTE Academic Score of at least 53. Test date must be within the past two years. TOEFL code: 5246

Please note that, if you achieve the following scores, you are also exempt from taking EAP courses: an official TOEFL score of at least 100 (internet-based test) or 600 (paper-based test), an official IELTS score of 7.0 with no individual band score below 6.0, or a PTE Academic Score of at least 68. Test date must be within the past two years.

Exceptions to this requirement:

- You have earned a bachelor, master, or doctoral degree from an institution in which English is the language of instruction and the official language of the country in which the university is located. In addition to the United States, applicants from the following countries are exempt from this requirement.

- You have earned a bachelor, master, or doctoral degree from an institution that is accredited by a U.S. regional accrediting agency – see the list of approved schools by following this link: https://business.gwu.edu/sites/g/files/zaxdzs1611/f/downloads/Accredited%20Foreign%20Institutions_0.pdf.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

The GW School of Business
Attn: Graduate Admissions
2201 G Street, NW, Suite 550
Washington, DC 20052

Contact for questions:

business@gwu.edu ~ 202-994-1212 (phone)
9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 36 credits in required courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
FINA 6271	Financial Modeling and Econometrics	
FINA 6272	Global Financial Markets	
FINA 6273	Cases in Financial Management and Investment Banking	

FINA 6275	Investment Analysis and Global Portfolio Management
FINA 6276	Financial Engineering and Derivative Securities
FINA 6279	Real Estate Finance and Fixed-Income Security Valuation
FINA 6280	Financial Institution Management and Modeling
FINA 6281	Cases in Financial Modeling and Engineering
FINA 6282	Advanced Financial Econometrics and Modeling (taken for 4 credits)