USC Marshall

Master of Science in Finance

A Fast Track to Financial Expertise
Opportunities exist for people who have the skills needed to understand today’s financial environment. The USC Marshall School of Business stands at the forefront of creating and delivering programs that educate tomorrow’s global business leaders, creating knowledge of management and the business environment, and addressing critical problems facing business and society, both locally and across the world.

“We are pleased to offer a Master of Science in Finance for students who thirst to acquire critical business skills and a comprehensive understanding of finance. This accelerated graduate program will better position them in a highly competitive economy.”

— James G. Ellis
Dean of the Marshall School of Business
Custom curriculum. Sophisticated competencies. Accelerated fulfillment. USC Marshall’s Master of Science in Finance degree program, offered by the Finance and Business Economics department, allows you to complete an advanced degree in 12 months. The three-semester (Summer, Fall and Spring) accelerated track makes you more marketable for a finance career. The principal objective of the Master of Science in Finance is to give you the knowledge and skills needed to excel in finance.

Opportunities exist for people who understand today’s financial conditions. Financial innovators know that a knowledge base in the fundamentals must be combined with experience in applications, the ability to perceive constraints and a firm grasp of forecasting changing situations. The USC Marshall School of Business is ideally positioned to address the challenges of a rapidly evolving business environment.

How does USC Marshall’s MSF Program rank?

The 2015 Financial Engineer Program Rankings examine programs in several finance related fields. The USC Marshall Master of Science in Finance Program was ranked 6th in the country out of 94 programs, making it the only Top Ten program on the Pacific Rim, according to this survey.
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The Schedule
The Master of Science in Finance allows students to earn a graduate degree over three terms, beginning coursework in the summer and finishing the following May. The program’s accelerated nature is a cost-effective option for people considering a graduate degree.

The primary objective of the Master of Science in Finance is to provide individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to make an immediate impact as analysts within the various realms of finance and thus advance their careers. The program is open to both business and non-business undergraduates and equips them with tools, ideas and frameworks to excel in early-stage finance jobs.

The Curriculum
Designed to offer a comprehensive foundation in finance and flexibility to pursue individual interests, the curriculum includes 36 units (nine required and three elective courses). Core courses in accounting, economics, finance and statistics are supplemented with courses on the role of finance in corporations, investment analysis and portfolio theory, and forecasting and risk. Students can personalize their degrees with elective courses on such topics as real estate, mergers and acquisitions, and hedge funds. All courses will be taught on the University of Southern California campus by the Marshall School of Business’ award-winning teachers, scholars and practitioners.

The Students (MMFA)
The Master of Science in Finance students have access to a dynamic learning community that provides them with the tools they need to become more professionally marketable in an accelerated, cost-effective and flexible program.

The student-run Marshall Masters in Finance Association (MMFA) fosters community, professional development, career exploration and networking through corporate and alumni outreach, in addition to providing an avenue through which students can engage in extracurricular enrichment.

• “The diversity of experience is probably the biggest strength of the program.”
  — Uka Amah, MSF Class of 2015

• “The wide variety of electives helped me specialize in my own particular interest, and ultimately that helped me develop a well-rounded perspective on not only what finance is but also a particular aspect of it.”
  — Kimberly Su, MSF Class of 2015

• “I absolutely love the faculty in the program. They are very experienced teachers, very encouraging and always available to answer questions, and they are very resourceful when it comes to helping students find their dream job.”
  — Sanam Aghnami, MSF Class of 2015

• “The things that you take from the program are the ability to solve very, very difficult problems and to work with other people, like you're going to be doing in your career.”
  — Patrick Lataitis, MSF Class of 2015
The Network
The Master of Science in Finance program connects students to a global network that yields career-long benefits: the Trojan Family, with more than 374,000 members worldwide.

Apply
The Master of Science in Finance degree accepts applications from graduating seniors of baccalaureate programs, as well as applicants who have already attained their bachelor’s degree or master’s degree. In its third year, the program is both sought-after and selective.

Learn More and Apply Online
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www.marshall.usc.edu/msf

2015-2016 Class Profile:

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- **More marketable:** This program prepares students with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in finance and to understand the challenges of a rapidly evolving business environment.
- **Accelerated program:** Students can finish the program in three terms, beginning coursework in the summer and finishing the following May.
- **Cost-effective:** The accelerated nature of the program makes it a cost-effective option for those considering a graduate degree.
- **Flexible curriculum:** Students can personalize their degrees with elective courses on such topics as real estate, mergers and acquisitions, venture capital and private equity, or entrepreneurial finance.
- **World-class faculty:** All courses are taught on the USC campus by Marshall School faculty—award-winning teachers, scholars and practitioners.
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**Elective Courses:** Choose one from the list below.

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<td>Financial Analysis and Valuation</td>
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**Elective Courses:** Choose two from the list below.

**TOTAL UNITS:** 36

**ELECTIVE COURSES:**

- FBE 523 Venture Capital and Private Equity
- FBE 527 Entrepreneurial Finance: Financial Management for Developing Firms
- FBE 532 Corporate Financial Strategy
- FBE 533 CEO Pay, Incentives, and Corporate Governance
- FBE 535 Applied Finance in Fixed Income Securities
- FBE 540 Hedge Funds
- FBE 554 Trading and Exchanges
- FBE 557 Business Law and Ethics
- FBE 558 Legal Environment of Business and Corporate Governance
- FBE 559 Management of Financial Risk
- FBE 560 Mergers and Acquisitions
- FBE 562 Current Issues in International Finance
- FBE 563 Theory of International Trade
- FBE 565 Economics of Urban Land Use: Feasibility Studies
- FBE 571 Introduction to Financial Analysis: Practicum for CFA
- FBE 589 Mortgages and Mortgage-Backed Securities and Markets
- FBE 591 Real Estate Finance and Investment

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