

**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 program for high-achieving students seeking a comprehensive understanding of finance and its application across industries. This graduate program will differentiate them in a highly competitive economy."*

**Geoff Garrett**

Dean of the Marshall School of Business

*"USC Marshall's Master of Science in Finance program offers early career students a chance to build strong foundation in finance with the ability to choose from a wide variety of relevant electives to customize their learning path. Students are also able to put what they have learned in the program into practice through an internship, making them even better prepared for an impactful career in finance."*

**Suh-Pyng Ku, Ph.D.**

Vice Dean for Graduate Programs at USC Marshall



## PROGRAM

### TERM 1 FALL UNITS

<b>GSBA 510</b>	Accounting Concepts and Financial Reporting	<b>3</b>
<b>GSBA 511</b>	Microeconomics for Management	<b>3</b>
<b>GSBA 548</b>	Corporate Finance	<b>3</b>
<b>FBE 506</b>	Quantitative Methods in Finance	<b>3</b>

### TERM 2 SPRING UNITS

<b>FBE 529</b>	Financial Analysis and Valuation	<b>3</b>
<b>FBE 543</b>	Forecasting and Risk Analysis	<b>3</b>
<b>FBE 555</b>	Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management	<b>3</b>
<b>Elective</b>	Choose one from the list below	<b>3</b>

### SUMMER SEMESTER UNITS

<b>FBE 595</b>	Internship in Finance or Business Economics	<b>Up to 1.5 units</b>
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### TERM 3 FALL UNITS

<b>FBE 524</b>	Money and Capital Markets	<b>3</b>
<b>FBE 531</b>	Corporate Financial Policy and Corporate Governance	<b>3</b>
<b>Elective</b>	Choose one from the list below	<b>3</b>
<b>Elective</b>	Choose one from the list below	<b>1.5-3</b>

**TOTAL UNITS 36**

### ELECTIVE COURSES

- FBE 523** Venture Capital and Private Equity
- FBE 526** Macroeconomics Analysis for Business
- FBE 527** Entrepreneurial Finance: Financial Management for Developing Firms
- FBE 532** Corporate Financial Strategy
- FBE 535** Applied Finance in Fixed Income Securities
- FBE 540** Hedge Funds
- FBE 550** High Yield Bond Investing
- FBE 554** Trading and Exchanges
- FBE 557** Business Law and Ethics
- FBE 558** Law for Structuring, Financing, and Managing Businesses
- FBE 559** Management of Financial Risk
- FBE 560** Mergers and Acquisitions
- FBE 565** Economics of Urban Land Use: Feasibility Studies
- FBE 571** Introduction to Financial Analysis: Practicum
- FBE 588** Advanced Real Estate Law
- FBE 589** Mortgages and Mortgage-Backed Securities and Markets
- FBE 591** Real Estate Finance and Investment
- FBE 599** Special Topics

**Approved non-FBE elective**

# USC Marshall Master of Science in Finance

## A Premier Path to Financial Expertise



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Master of Science in Finance

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# USC Marshall

*Master of Science in Finance*



## Trojan Family. Marshall Difference. Distinguished Scholars.

Today's business leaders need extraordinary tools to thrive in an ever-changing global marketplace. At USC Marshall, we take the job of educating the next generation of leaders seriously, and we have the tools to execute that mission.

USC's MS in Finance Program is a **STEM-certified degree program**

**STEM**

USC Marshall's Master of Science in Finance degree program, offered by the Finance and Business Economics department, allows students to complete an advanced degree in 16 months. The three semester (Fall, Spring, and Fall) Master of Science in Finance degree offers **early-career** professionals the hard skills necessary to enter or move ahead in the financial industry.

### How does USC Marshall's MSF Program rank?

The 2020 *TFE Times* Master of Finance rankings lists the program as one of the top 5 MSF programs in the country.

**TOP 10**

## USC Marshall Master of Science in Finance

The Master of Science in Finance allows students to earn a graduate degree over three terms, beginning coursework in the fall and finishing the following December. With no core courses scheduled for summer, students may leverage internship opportunities, optimizing their recruitment process.

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 Curriculum

Designed to offer a comprehensive foundation in finance and the flexibility to pursue individual interests, the curriculum includes 36 units. Core courses in accounting, economics, finance and statistics are supplemented with analysis and portfolio theory, forecasting, and risk. Students can personalize their degrees with elective courses on such topics as real estate, mergers and acquisitions, and hedge funds.

### The Students (MMFA)

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.

### 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. For more information on application requirements, deadlines, and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) prospects may visit the MSF program website.

Fall 2021	Spring 2021	Fall 2022
<b>GSBA 510</b> Accounting Concepts & Financial Reporting 3 UNITS	<b>FBE 529</b> Financial Analysis & Valuation 3 UNITS	<b>FBE 524</b> Money & Capital Market 3 UNITS
<b>GSBA 511</b> Microeconomics for Management 3 UNITS	<b>FBE 543</b> Forecasting & Risk Analysis 3 UNITS	<b>FBE 531</b> Corporate Financial Policy & Corporate Governance 3 UNITS
<b>GSBA 548</b> Corporate Finance 3 UNITS	<b>FBE 555</b> Investment Analysis & Portfolio Management 3 UNITS	<b>ELECTIVE</b> 3 UNITS
<b>FBE 506</b> Quantitative Methods in Finance 3 UNITS	<b>ELECTIVE</b> 3 UNITS	<b>ELECTIVE</b> 3 UNITS

Total Units: 12      Total Units: 12      Total Units: 12



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**Web:** [marshall.usc.edu/msf](http://marshall.usc.edu/msf)

### 2019-2020 Class Profile

Mean Age:	23
Mean Work Experience:	15 months
Gender:	58% Men 42% Women
Average GMAT	714
Average GRE:	320
Average GPA:	3.53
Undergraduate Majors:	25% Finance 21% Engineering, Math & Science 19% Economics 17% Business 15% Accounting 3% Other



**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.



**Academic Excellence**  
Students immerse in the prestigious academic environment at Marshall. Courses challenge students to think critically about complex topics in finance.



**Trojan Family Network**  
Students connect to a global network that yields career-long benefits: the Trojan Family, with more than 400,000 members worldwide.



**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 award-winning Marshall School faculty.

### The Trojan Family

*"The network is so strong and so large I know that if a USC alumni is there, they will be willing to help me with any career or miscellaneous questions I might have."*

- Tiffany Liou

### A Collaborative Culture

*"My classmates are from all around the world, representing a wide range of cultures. You can really learn from them also, because of their varied academic backgrounds; in finance, economics, mathematics, accounting, etc. We are very close, collaborative and supportive."*

- Liuxuan (Laura) Gao

