

Finance

Gatton College of Business and Economics

The Master of Science in Finance (MSF) degree at the University of Kentucky offers students a program of advanced study in finance. The program supports the goal of preparing students for leading roles in an innovation-driven economy and global society by providing them with the specialized training needed in the finance industry, which is an information- and innovation-intensive industry of global scope. The program also supports the goal of increasing the intellectual, social, and economic capital of Kentucky and the world beyond its borders by growing the financial expertise available in the state. Such expertise is increasingly important at the local, state, national, and international levels as these economies become increasingly integrated. The MSF courses also prepare students to take CFA exams if students choose to do so. Specifically, the program's objectives are to:

- Help students develop communication and technology skills expected in the finance profession;
- Enhance the finance knowledge of students entering the finance profession;
- Enable students to develop both leadership skills and teamwork in researching finance issues;
- Enhance students' creative problem-solving skills and ability to think logically and analytically.

Master of Science

Admission Requirements

The MSF program only has fall admission at the moment. Applicants to the program must have an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university and complete the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). Applicants will be evaluated for admission based on their undergraduate grade point averages (GPA), their GMAT score, and TOEFL score, if applicable. There are no required course prerequisites.

Minimum admission requirements are as follows:

- Minimum overall GPA of 2.75.
- Minimum GMAT score of 550.
- International students must have a minimum TOEFL IBT score of 79 or IELTS score of 6.5.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete at least thirty semester hours in courses carrying graduate credit. The MSF degree requirements are:

1. The required courses include: FIN 600, FIN 650, ECO 491G, ACC 621, FIN 691-1, FIN 623, FIN 630, FIN 645, FIN 691-2, and FIN 691-3.
2. A minimum average GPA of 3.0 in all courses attempted for graduate credit after being admitted to The Graduate School.

You can learn more about the MSF program [here](#).

Graduate Courses

FIN 600	Corporate Financial Policy	(3)
FIN 650	Investments	(3)
ECO 491G	Applied Econometrics	(3)
ACC 621	Understanding Financial Statements	(3)
FIN 691-1	Investments Practicum I	(3)

FIN 623	International Financial Management	(3)
FIN 630	Financial Modeling and Analysis	(3)
FIN 645	Corporate Investment and Financial Policy	(3)
FIN 691-2	Investments Practicum II	(3)
FIN 691-3	Current Issues in Finance	(3)