FINANCE, ONLINE (MS IN FINANCE)

Program Description

The purpose of the Online Master of Science in Finance (OMSF) is to educate students to manage risks and create wealth for firm owners and investors. The program will provide students with the skills to use Excel and other industry-specific software to construct, analyze, and interpret sophisticated financial models. These skills allow students to weigh the benefits versus costs of different actions, such as which competing risky corporate projects to pursue or which stocks or bonds to buy or sell. Students will learn to use theories and conceptual frameworks to inform decisions, such as understanding the pros and cons of raising different sources of capital or optimal investment portfolio construction. The program will provide students with specific coursework in which they construct and analyze financial models and learn to effectively communicate financial analysis and strategic insights. Graduates of the program will be prepared to advise senior executives in businesses and financial organizations. Graduates also will be prepared to advise wealth-management clients.

Academic Calendar

To view specific dates for the current Academic Calendar, please refer to the current calendar dates on the University Registrar's webpage.

Format

Degree completion time - 4 semesters

Credits required for Online Master in Science in Finance - 32

Students are required to have a computer with internet access and a webcam.

Fact Sheet/Tuition

The Online Master of Science in Finance program is a part-time program comprising 32 credits. The program is designed to be completed in four semesters. Students take two 7.5 weeks classes in the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Eight 4-credit classes are required. A Residency or Global Business Immersion is optional for students. Classes are asynchronous and are accessible by web or mobile application.

Admissions Requirements

The Online Master of Science in Finance program is built on practical coursework that emphasizes technical finance skills and provides a rigorous level of practice-driven insights. The Online Admissions Team at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business seeks ambitious applicants with demonstrated success in their professional careers and who possess the motivation to create value in ethical ways.

To be considered for admission to the Online Programs, applicants must submit a completed online programs application, a 300-word personal statement, one professional reference, professional resume, and an undergrad transcript with numeric GPA. The interview requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Admissions Committee. International applicants and those with a transcript from an international university may also need to submit a transcript evaluation and/or an English proficiency examination score as a part of their application. All students admitted to graduate programs at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business must have a conferred bachelor's degree from an accredited institution prior to matriculation.

Application Deadlines

Visit Online MS in Finance Admissions (https://online.mason.wm.edu/finance) for more information.

Online MS in Finance Tuition & Fees

Please visit the W&M Student Accounts website for information about Online Master of Science in Finance tuition and fees.

Credits Required for Online MSF - 32

Degree Completion Time - 4 Semesters

Required prerequisites must be completed prior to the registration for specific courses as noted in the course descriptions. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

Code	Title	Hours
Online Finance Core Courses		
BUAD 5127	Principles of Finance	4
BUAD 5107	Acct for Decision Making & FA	4
BUAD 5317	Valuation & Credit Analysis	4
BUAD 5417	Adv Corporate Finance	4
BUAD 5527	Investments	4
BUAD 5617	Applied Investment Management	4
Online Finance Electives		
Select one of the following:		8
BUAD 6007 & BUAD 6107	Behavioral Finance and Money, Banking and Fin Mkts	
BUAD 6207 & BUAD 6307	Real Estate Finance and Real Estate Investments	
Total Hours		**32**