



Earn your Master of Science in Finance (MSF) at the University of Kentucky

The University of Kentucky's Master of Science in Finance (MSF) degree prepares students for professional careers in the finance and banking industries. The program is designed to provide rigorous and focused training in finance, broaden opportunities in your career, and sharpen your skills for the fast-changing and competitive world of modern finance.

Job candidates with MSF degrees are highly desired in finance-specialized industries, particularly investment banking and asset management companies such as mutual funds, hedge funds, and pension funds. They are also sought after by corporate treasury departments. The job opportunities in these industries are substantial, intellectually stimulating, and high-paying.

All MSF classes will be offered in the brand new state-of-the-art Seale Finance Learning Center in the new Gatton Building. As an MSF student, you will gain first-hand asset portfolio management experience by participating in our \$5 million student-managed investment fund (SMIF).

Admissions

Students applying for admission will be evaluated primarily on standardized test scores (GMAT or GRE; either will be accepted) and undergraduate grades and major. The TOEFL or IELTS will be required for non-native English-speakers who do not have a degree from an English-speaking university, though this requirement may be waived based on an interview or other considerations. Work experience is not required. There are no specific course pre-requisites other than college-level math and introductory statistics.

Program

The MSF program is a ten-month full-time program. The 30-hour curriculum consists of ten courses, in the following sequence:

Fall Semester

- » FIN 600* - Corporate financial policy
- » FIN 650* - Investments
- » ECO 491G - Applied econometrics
- » ACC 621 - Understanding financial statements
- » FIN 691-1 - Investments practicum I

*Transfer credit for FIN 600 and FIN 650 will be allowed.

Winter Semester

- » FIN 623 - International financial management
- » FIN 630 - Financial modeling and analysis
- » FIN 645 - Corporate investment and financial policy
- » FIN 691-2 - Investments practicum II
- » FIN 691-3 - Current issues in finance

Tuition

Kentucky resident tuition: \$25,000

Mandatory fees*: \$1,486

Total: \$26,486

Non-resident tuition: \$35,000

Mandatory fees*: \$1,486

Total: \$36,486

*Mandatory fees are subject to change.

Scholarships

All applicants are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships based on personal achievements, GPA, and GMAT/GRE scores. The scholarships are very competitive and typically cover only partial tuition costs.

How to apply

Prospective students must apply online at the UK Graduate School at <http://www.research.uky.edu/gs/ProspectiveStudents/Admission.html>.

“When I was at the University of Kentucky I learned not only knowledge but how to behave professionally. My professors really become role models for me for the rest of my career.”

Youguo Liang '91

Global Head of Research,
Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, United Arab Emirates



Lexington – a top city for entrepreneurship

Lexington, Ky., is a major health care, retail, cultural and entertainment center. Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Lexmark International, Valvoline, and Tempur Sealy all have a major corporate presence in the area. Combined with numerous health care, retail, and manufacturing centers, along with a rapidly growing high-tech sector, it's easy to see that Lexington is one of the top cities in the nation for entrepreneurs.

Gatton College – State-of-the-art

Gatton's programs are currently ranked in the Top 50 public university programs in the U.S. by Bloomberg Businessweek (#38) and US News (#50). Our brand new business education complex includes high-tech classrooms with technology like Bloomberg terminals, research laboratories, and numerous graduate study spaces.

Achieve employment success

Gatton offers comprehensive career development services through the Graham Office of Career Management. The creation of personalized job search plans and career assessments will assist you in making fulfilling and strategic career choices.