

Program:	Finance	Dept:	Finance
Major:	Finance	College:	Business
Degree:	Master of Science (M.S.)	Major Code:	2630

Finance, M.S.

The Master of Science in Finance is designed to provide a theoretical understanding of the principles used to analyze financial data for financial planning and investment decision making and also engage students in practical, hands-on, transformative learning experiences with real-world data. In addition to lectures, the program will include the use of the UCO Finance Lab and the UCO Student Investment Fund.

Today's global financial markets require financial planners and analysts to understand and use the latest theory and technology to make informed financial decisions for companies, investors and financial institutions. The Finance discipline concentrates on the skills and knowledge needed to make and execute financial decisions that weigh risk versus return. The large amounts of data and the speed of the financial markets put a premium on sophisticated financial analysis and the ability to leverage current financial tools and technologies to achieve business goals.

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Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission www.uco.edu/graduate/.
- Competitive GMAT/GRE score.
- A letter of application expressing your interest in the program and providing any additional information the applicant believes would be helpful for admission decisions.
- Bachelor's or advanced degree from an appropriately accredited institution, with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.75* or above. Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from appropriately accredited institutions and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from appropriately accredited institutions.
- Current resume**
- Two completed recommendation forms or letters of recommendation from former instructors, employers, or other professionals who can evaluate the applicant's potential to complete graduate study. Letters of recommendation are requested through the online application portal.
- Evidence of English language proficiency, if not a native speaker. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(pp. 17-18\)](#).

*Students with a GPA not meeting these requirements may be granted provisional admission but typically must complete six hours in graduate MSF courses with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for these hours, as approved by the College of Business Graduate Office.

**The MSF Admissions Committee recommends applicants have 1-2 years of industry experience, although this is not strictly

required.

Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) Requirements

Qualifying current UCO undergraduate students seeking an Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) must abide by the policies and procedures outlined within the Graduate Catalog. Accelerated pathways are only available in approved bachelor's and master's degree programs (see [Accelerated Degree Pathways on p.196](#)).

- The undergraduate student must be pursuing an undergraduate UCO major that is designated and approved as part of the official UCO Accelerated Degree Pathway offerings.
- The undergraduate student must be classified as "senior" standing or be completing the last semester of their junior year (soon to be entering into their senior undergraduate year.)
- The undergraduate student must have a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and 3.0 or higher in major specific coursework; the undergraduate GPA will be verified by the student's undergraduate academic advisor and by a representative of the Jackson College of Graduate Studies.

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with their graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following standards for the Master of Science in Finance:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of "C".
 - No more than one retake (including audits and withdrawals) per course.
- Note: All graduate grades, whether repeated or not, will apply to the graduate GPA calculations. No grade of "D" or lower will apply to the degree requirements.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

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Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....32 Hours

Foundation Courses.....2 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
MBA	5272	Managerial Statistics
ACCT	5232	Foundations of Accounting

Or any Graduate Business course approved by the MSF Director.

Core.....18 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
FIN	5333	Corporate Finance
FIN	5233	Advanced Investments**
FIN	5353	Derivatives and Risk Management
FIN	5413	Advanced Financial Modeling
FIN	5243	Advanced Financial Institutions^^
FIN	5223	Advanced International Finance^^

Capstone3 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
FIN	5273	Portfolio Management^
FIN	5433	Advanced Case Studies in Financial Planning**

Electives9 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
FIN	5583	Fixed Income Analysis
FIN	5553	Advanced Financial Statement Analysis^^
FIN	5283	Quantitative Investment Analysis^
FIN	5453	Fundamentals of Financial Planning**
FIN	5423	Insurance, Emp Ben, & Ret Plan**
LS	5223	Advanced Estate Planning^^**
ECON	5503	Macroeconomics Analysis
MBA	5042	Managerial Economics

Or any Graduate Business course approved by the MSF Director.

**Courses required for the CFP Exam

^Courses only offered Face-to-Face in UCO Finance Bloomberg Lab

^^Senior undergraduate Finance majors who have been approved for the Accelerated Degree Pathway may take these courses for both undergraduate and graduate credit.

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 32 HOURS

Accelerated Degree Pathway: BBA to MS

Students who are accepted to the undergraduate degree in Finance may apply to take 5000-level FIN courses up to a maximum of nine hours during their senior year of the bachelor's degree. These courses will count toward both the B.B.A. in Finance and Master of Science in Finance. The approved graduate courses are: FIN 5223 Advanced International Finance, FIN 5243 Advanced Financial Institutions, FIN 5553 Advanced Financial Statement Analysis, and LS 5223 Advanced Estate Planning. These courses are specified on the degree sheet. During the last semester of their junior year or within 30 hours of graduation, an undergraduate student with a 3.0 overall GPA may apply for admission the Accelerated Degree Program.