FINANCE, M.S.

Saint Louis University’s Master of Science in Finance (MSF) program provides students with a comprehensive, state-of-the-art education in finance, incorporating both traditional financial theories and modern technological approaches. The SLU program has been meticulously designed keeping in mind both the ever-changing demands of the finance industry and the faculty expertise in the finance department.

Admission Requirements

The Chaifetz School uses a holistic admissions approach to carefully evaluate all applicants, taking into account every aspect of their application. While an undergraduate degree is required for admission, a business background is not.

- Completed online application
- Official transcript(s)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Resume
- Professional goal statement Interview (OYMBA only)

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis once all application materials are received. Application files are reviewed holistically and the average time for admissions decisions is two weeks.

International Student Requirements

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students. International students must also meet the following additional requirements:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/)
- Financial documents are required to complete an application for admission and be reviewed for admission and merit scholarships.
- Proof of financial support that must include:
  - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the student’s time at Saint Louis University
  - A letter from the sponsor’s bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of the student’s study at the University
  - Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include:
  - Courses taken and/or lectures attended
  - Practical laboratory work
  - The maximum and minimum grades attainable
  - The grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations
  - Any honors or degrees received.

WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Tuition

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| School of Business Master’s and Certificate Programs | $1,310

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below.


Information on Tuition and Fees (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/)

Miscellaneous Fees (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/)

Information on Summer Tuition (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/summer-tuition)

Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate an understanding of investment process and portfolio optimization.
2. Estimate the value of financial assets for investment purposes.
3. Apply advanced financial analysis skills for effective financial decision-making.
4. Demonstrate proficiency in analyzing financial data and generating actionable insights
5. Demonstrate ethical principles that reflect positively in the investment management profession.

Requirements

Prior to the start of the program

The Finance M.S. requires students to have an understanding of principles in accounting and economics. Students without sufficient undergraduate background in these topics should take ACCT 5010 Accounting for Managers (3 cr) and ECON 5010 Economics for Managers (3 cr) prior to the start of the M.S. program. This requirement may be waived for students having related academic coursework or relevant work experience, subject to the approval of the program director or the department chair. If the student needs to take ACCT 5010 Accounting for Managers (3 cr) and/or ECON 5010 Economics for Managers (3 cr), these courses will not count towards the 30 credits required for the M.S.

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Electives 12

Choose 12-15 credits so total M.S. credits equal 30

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FIN 6930  Special Topics

Total Credits  30

* FIN 6000 Finance for Managers (3 cr) may be waived, subject to the approval of the program director or the department chair, for students who either have completed their undergraduate studies with a major in finance from an accredited institution, or have significant full-time work experience in finance or a closely related role, or have successfully passed at least the first exam of notable finance professional certifications such as CFA. If this course is waived, students will choose an additional elective so total M.S. credits equal 30.

Continuation Standards
Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

Contact Us
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