We Step **UP**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE**
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**Program Highlights**

**Typical First-Year Compensation for an Investment Banking New Hire is $110,000, While a Managing Director with Seven to 10 Years of Experience Averages $1.2 Million.**

(Careers-in-Business.com)

**Demand for Financial Analysts is Expected to Grow 16% Each Year Between 2012 and 2022.**

The average expected job growth is 9% for engineers and 11% for all occupations.

(U.S. Department of Labor)

**The Master of Science in Finance (MSF) can help you launch a finance-related career and go from “STEM to Stocks.”**

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**“When employers see that mix of a STEM background and now the master’s in finance...it’s an absolute homerun.”**

Nathan Parish

Electrical Engineering ’16

MS Finance ’17
Personal, High-impact Experience

The MSF program admits a highly selective group of students each year. Our small cohort enables students to interact one-on-one with world-class professors and participate in small group settings with classmates. Students also enjoy high-impact learning experiences with industry practitioners.

Dedicated Faculty and Staff

The program’s executive professors bring vast finance industry experience to the classroom and include veterans of Goldman Sachs and Deutsche Bank, as well as the chief investment officer of the $100 billion Teacher Retirement System of Texas. Students also benefit from frequent in-class guest speakers, representing iconic firms such as Fidelity Investments.

The Aggie Finance Network

The program has strong and growing ties to the global business and finance community, bolstered by an extensive network of former students, advisory board members and executive professors.

The MSF Advisory Board and recent employers include:

- Allegiance Bank
- Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
- Bank of America
- BBVA Compass
- BHP Billiton
- BNP Paribas
- BP America, Inc.
- Citi
- ConocoPhillips
- Dell
- Deloitte
- Deutsche Bank
- Ernst & Young
- FIS Global
- General Motors
- Goldman Sachs
- Grant Thornton
- Halliburton
- JCPenney
- JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- Merrill Lynch
- Mu Sigma
- Nutrabolt
- Petro Harvester
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Prudential Capital Group
- Ryan
- Salient
- Sendero Consulting
- Shelter Growth Capital Partners
- Stifel/Keefe, Bruyette & Woods
- Teacher Retirement System of Texas
- Texas Instruments
- Textron
- Twin Eagle
- USAA
- U.S. Government

Distinguished Alumni

“What matters most to employers is how a recruit performs after he or she is hired. Texas A&M is among the nation’s top universities on this most important metric. Employers who hire Aggies out of the finance program receive almost certain recruiting success in return… smart, ethical, hard working, great with people and humble. Then they come back for more.”

Britt Harris ’80
BBA Finance, Chief Investment Officer, Teacher Retirement System of Texas, Executive Professor

Classroom Success

PRACTICAL TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

Students will have the opportunity to advance their professional skill set by becoming proficient in the use of both Excel and Bloomberg, which is essential to success in the finance industry.

COHORT-BASED PROGRAM

The MSF program fosters an environment of tight-knit relationships, as small cohorts work together on various group projects.

“I think my undergraduate degree gave me a great place to start, but without this program, I would not have had the same opportunities or the same job offers.”

Natalie Low
Economics ’15
MS Finance ’16
**Career Paths**

Although most graduates will begin their careers as financial analysts, all graduates of the program will have the knowledge and potential to ultimately achieve a variety of senior positions in finance, such as:

- Asset Manager
- Chief Executive Officer
- Chief Financial Officer
- Commodities Trader
- Financial Manager
- Hedge Fund Manager
- Investment Banker
- Investment Manager
- Portfolio Manager
- Underwriter
- Venture Capitalist

**Career Management Center**

Mays Business School’s Career Management Center (CMC) offers one-on-one coaching and consulting to support the development of effective lifelong career management skills. CMC’s professional staff help students prepare individual career management plans, combining career goals with a student’s knowledge, skills and experience. Other services provided by the CMC include:

- Development of networking skills
- Résumé writing assistance
- Online career resources
- Negotiation coaching
- Interview practice with mock interviews
- Career management workshops

**$70,430**

AVERAGE STARTING SALARY (2016)
Application Deadlines

Applications may be submitted beginning Sept. 1 each year. Prospective students are encouraged to apply by priority deadlines as admissions is very competitive, and there is a limited number of spots available in the program.

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Estimated Finances

In-State tuition: $31,700*
Out-of-state tuition: $44,000*

Within two weeks of being notified for admission, a non-refundable $500* deposit is required to reserve a seat in the program.

*This amount does not include books or living expenses and is subject to change.

Scholarships, Assistantships and Financial Aid

All admitted students, both domestic and international, are automatically considered for program scholarships. There is a limited number of program and department graduate assistant positions available to MSF students, as well. Scholarships are merit-based and will be awarded to the most competitive applicants who meet the priority application deadlines.

Scholarships and Financial Aid: financialaid.tamu.edu/graduate

Target Class Profile

Cohort Size: 45-55
Average Undergraduate GPA: 3.5
Average Quantitative GRE/GMAT Percentile: 75%
Percent International: 25-35%
Percent STEM Undergraduate Majors: 65%+
Work Experience (excluding internships): <12 mos

Admissions Criteria

The MSF program requires:

- Online application, with application fee
- GMAT or GRE score
- One essay response
- Scanned copies of transcripts (official transcripts will be required, if admitted)
- Two recommendation letters, submitted electronically
- Professional résumé, including extracurricular activities
- WES course-by-course evaluation (international transcripts only)
- TOEFL scores (international students only)

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