

FINANCE, M.S.

Finance today is faster, smarter – and more human – than ever. In Saint Louis University's Chaifetz School of Business M.S. in finance program, you won't simply study finance; you will develop the ability to think critically, make sound decisions, and lead others in a world shaped by advanced analytics, evolving technologies and human insight. The program reflects an intentional approach to integrating technology in ways that enhance learning and support your personal and professional growth.

In SLU's Master of Science in Finance, you will explore how algorithms and alternative data are reshaping financial markets, while learning from faculty who bring together rigorous research, technological expertise, and real-world experience to address complex financial challenges. Through a foundation in human-centered leadership, you will strengthen your judgment, empathy and sense of purpose in decision-making. The program also connects you to a powerful professional network spanning investment firms, fintech and corporate finance, with graduates building careers at organizations such as Edward Jones, Stifel, Morgan Stanley, Boeing, NISA and RGA. Coursework includes investment theory and practice, financial modeling, machine learning applications, algorithmic trading, and fintech analytics, along with electives in areas such as real estate, financial planning, and blockchain. Together, these experiences accelerate the formation of your capabilities, perspective, and confidence, preparing you to lead with clarity and purpose across the evolving landscape of finance.

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 in two weeks.

International Student Requirements

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

- Demonstrate English language proficiency (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/>)
- Academic records must include an English translation. Unofficial copies may be accepted in some cases for initial admission review, however official copies must be received prior to enrollment. Course-by-course transcript evaluations are accepted and are required in some cases.

Students must submit financial documents to be issued an I-20 for their F-1 visa application. Proof of financial support 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

Tuition

Tuition	Total Program Cost
Master of Science in Finance	\$42,000

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/tuition-summer-current/>)

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.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
FIN 6000	Finance for Managers *	3
FIN 6160	Investment Theory and Practice	3
FIN 6530	Financial Modeling and Analysis	3
FIN 6710	Markets, Algorithmic Trading, and Fintech Innovations	3
FIN 6720	Financial Analytics: Alternative Data in Finance	3
FIN 6730	Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Finance	3
Electives		12
<i>Choose 12-15 credits so total M.S. credits equal 30</i>		
FIN 6210	Fixed Income Securities and Markets	

FIN 6380	Derivative Securities and Markets
FIN 6430	Real Estate Analysis
FIN 6460	Commercial Real Estate Decision Making
FIN 6540	Financial Planning
FIN 6750	Security Valuation
FIN 6810	Blockchain and Business Disruption
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

For additional admission questions, please contact:

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 Graduate Business Admission Team
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Request Information (https://www.slu.edu/business/graduate/request-info.php?_ga=2.149964213.2062578250.1775057932-127231973.1726158023)