

FINANCE, MS

for the Master of Science in Finance

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Admission

The minimum required grade point average for admission is 3.0 (A = 4.0). To be admitted without deficiencies, the applicant should have completed one undergraduate course each in computer science, financial accounting, managerial accounting, and principles of economics as well as two courses each in calculus, probability and statistics, and financial management. Courses to remove deficiencies may be taken after beginning the program, but such courses will not count toward the departmental requirements for graduation. All applicants are required to submit Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or GRE scores. Most international applicants are also required to submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) IELTS or iBT scores. The test scores will be used by the Admissions Committee, along with other information, in evaluating the applicant's qualifications for graduate study.

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For additional details and requirements refer to the department's graduate programs (<https://giesbusiness.illinois.edu/graduate-hub/graduate/>) and the Graduate College Handbook (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/>).

Code	Title	Hours
	Core courses	16
	Graduate level finance courses	12
	Elective graduate coursework	12
Total Hours		40

Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall	12
Minimum GPA:	3.0

Ph.D. only option

For Ph.D. students: A Master of Science degree is available for students in the Ph.D. program. Ph.D. students may earn a masters degree as they work toward the Ph.D. degree. Students interested in a terminal masters degree are not admitted to the Ph.D. program. Options available at this University for a terminal masters degree in finance include the M.S. in Finance (terminal masters) described above, and the MBA with a track in finance as described under the section on Business Administration - MBA.

Code	Title	Hours
Total Hours		32

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Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall	12
Minimum GPA:	3.0

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Upon graduation, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the various functional areas of financial management in a global setting.
2. Apply core knowledge to new and unfamiliar circumstances and unpredictable environments.
3. Perform quantitative analysis and use mathematical and statistical analysis in finance problems.
4. Work effectively on team projects with people from a variety of professional and cultural backgrounds.
5. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.

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