

# MS IN FINANCE

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### Academic Group: (College)

Business

### Academic Organization: (Department)

Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate

### Catalog Year Effective:

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### Individual(s) primarily responsible for drafting the proposed degree major program:

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### Type of Program Proposal:

Major

**Program Change Type:**

Substantive

**Is this a pilot program?**

No

**Title of the Program:**

MS in Finance

**Designation: (degree terminology)**

Master of Science

**Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification:**

To change the required program orientation and six boot camp modules (Basic Economics, Basic Finance, Quantitative Analyses I, Quantitative Analyses II, Financial Accounting, Financial Modeling using Excel) into a 1 credit unit, credit/no credit course: FIN 201 MSF Orientation.

Students currently pay for these orientation and boot camp modules without credit unit. Therefore, although 1 additional credit unit is created through this proposal, this change will not affect either the program content or the program fee.

This change will make the MS Finance program structure (in particular the orientation and boot camp) consistent with other graduate programs offered at the College of Business.

**University Learning Goals**

**Graduate (Masters) Learning Goals:**

- Critical thinking/analysis
- Communication
- Information literacy
- Disciplinary knowledge
- Intercultural/Global perspectives
- Professionalism

**Program Learning Outcomes**

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Learning Outcome
1. Demonstrate the mastery of knowledge in different asset classes such as equity, fixed income, derivatives and alternative investments.
2. Formulate portfolio recommendations with clarity and purpose for both individual and institutional investors.
3. Demonstrate the ability to evaluate portfolios and create portfolios for different investment objectives.
4. Demonstrate the ability and skills to analyze and evaluate information in financial statements, business reports, media and related discipline research."
5. Demonstrate the ability to critically analyze and evaluate ethical behaviors in investment management.
6. Demonstrate the understanding and application of global perspective in investment management.

**Will this program be required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?**

No

**Please attach a Comprehensive Program Assessment Plan (required)**

MSF Assessment Plan - Final.docx

**Please attach a Curriculum Map Matrix (required)**

MSF CurriculumMapMatrix.pdf

**Catalog Description:**

The Master of Science in Finance program prepares students with a strong foundation of investment analysis and portfolio management skills, as well as practical knowledge needed in today's investment industry. The program incorporates significant portion of the curriculum of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) curriculum, a curriculum widely accepted as the industry standard for investment professionals. The core courses cover Financial Reporting and Analysis, Financial Institution Management, Corporate

Finance, Equity Analyses, Fixed Income, Derivatives, Alternative Investment, Portfolio Management, and Global Financial Markets, with a cumulating experience in Ethics and Finance.

Units required for MSF: 31

**Admission Requirements: Course prerequisites and other criteria for admission of students to the degree major program, and for their continuation in it.**

## Admission Requirements

All applicants for post-baccalaureate degree programs in Business must have earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited four-year institution of higher learning or the equivalent from a foreign institution.

Applicants have to submit the following information to be considered for admission:

- Official undergraduate transcript
- GMAT score
- 2.50 as the minimum overall undergraduate GPA required by the University
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose for enrolling in the program
- Work experience is preferred but not required
- For international students, the University requires that applicants for graduate programs who have not completed a baccalaureate degree from a postsecondary educational institution where English is the principal language of instruction must achieve a minimum score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) prior to admission to CSUS, which may be satisfied in one of the following ways: 550 on the paper-based TOEFL, or 80 on the internet-based TOEFL (iBT). Students may also demonstrate English language proficiency by possessing an overall band minimum score of 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Applicants' submitted information will be considered in its totality. Other than the minimum criteria as specified above, there are no other admission thresholds. One weak area can be compensated by another strong area in admission evaluation.

## Minimum Units and Grade Requirement for Degree Completion

Units required for MSF: 31

Minimum Cumulative GPA: 3.0. The minimum acceptable grade for any graduate business course is "C." No more than two (2) courses with a grade of "C" will be counted for satisfaction of graduate program requirements.

## Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)

The Graduate GWAR is a CSU wide requirement that should be completed by students before advancing to candidacy. The purpose of the GWAR is for students to demonstrate their proficiency at writing in an academic setting at a graduate-level.

Graduate students must successfully pass a Graduate Writing Intensive (GWI) course in their Graduate Program to complete the requirement.

## Advancement to Candidacy

A student's program requirements are governed by the catalog in effect at the time one is accepted into and begins graduate school or by the catalog in effect at the time advancement to candidacy is approved.

Prior to enrolling in Culminating Requirements, a student must advance to candidacy. Initiation of advancement procedures is the responsibility of the student. The application to advance must be filed no later than the semester prior to enrollment in culminating experience requirement.

Eligibility to advance to candidacy requires satisfactory scholastic achievement, presentation of a plan of graduate study, and demonstration of writing proficiency. A classified graduate student in Business may apply to the Graduate Programs Office for advancement to candidacy for the Master's degree after s/he has completed at least 12 units of the program requirements beyond the Foundation requirements. Students with a GPA deficiency or who have not fulfilled the Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) cannot advance to candidacy.

As defined by policy <http://www.csus.edu/umannual/acadaff/fsm00010.htm>, a change in units constitutes a substantive change to the program. If your changes constitute a substantive change, please refer back to the "Program Change Type" field above to ensure that "Substantive" is selected.

**Program Requirements: (If new courses are being created as part of a new program, it will be useful to propose courses first.)**

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>ORIENTATION (1 UNIT) (1 Unit)</b>		
FIN 201	Course FIN 201 Not Found	1
<b>REQUIRED COURSES (30 UNITS) (30 Units)</b>		
FIN 200	Financial Reporting and Analysis <sup>1</sup>	3
FIN 210	Financial Institution Management <sup>1</sup>	3

FIN 220	Corporate Finance <sup>1</sup>	3
FIN 230	Equity Analyses <sup>1</sup>	3
FIN 240	Fixed Income <sup>1</sup>	3
FIN 250	Derivatives <sup>1</sup>	3
FIN 260	Alternative Investments <sup>1</sup>	3
FIN 270	Portfolio Management <sup>1</sup>	3
FIN 280	Global Financial Markets <sup>1</sup>	3
FIN 500	Culminating Experience Project in Finance and Ethics	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>31</b>

<sup>1</sup> May be replaced with FIN 299 with the approval of Faculty Director or Department Chair.

**For graduate programs, the number of declared undergraduate major and the degree production over the preceding years of the corresponding baccalaureate program:**

Below is the number of students graduated from MBA(Finance) and "active and matriculated" students in MBA (Finance) over the past 5 academic years.

2015-2016: 14; 48  
 2016-2017: 29; 38  
 2017-2018: 14; 48  
 2018-2019: 12; 63  
 2019-2020: 23; 63

### **Fiscal Impact to Change an Existing Program**

**Indicate programmatic or fiscal impact which this change will have on other academic units' programs, and describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units:**

No programmatic or fiscal impact.

**Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:**

There will be no fiscal impact.

**How will the above changes be accommodated within the department/College existing fiscal resources?**

The change will be accommodated by department existing resources.

**Will the proposed changes require additional resources?**

No

**What additional space, equipment, operating expenses, library, computer, or media resources, clerical/technical support, or other resources will be needed?**

No additional resources needed.

**Estimate the cost and indicate how these resource needs will be accommodated:**

No cost.

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