Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree
- Undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0
- GMAT score
- International students: TOEFL 600 minimum score paper based test or 100 internet based test / IELTS minimum score: 7.0
- Quantitative Proficiency Requirement: Admitted applicants achieving less than the fiftieth percentile on their GMAT quantitative section will be required to complete an approved quantitative skills course prior to the start of the program.

1. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ONLINE APPLICATION

Find our online application at www.business.utah.edu/mastersapplication

- We recommend submitting this application at least 2 weeks prior to program deadlines.
- The online application will ask for personal information such as your address, Social Security number, date of birth and questions used to determine residency status.
- If you would like more information about determining your residency status, please find resources at http://www.sa.utah.edu/admissions/appdownload/residencyGuidelines.pdf

2. GMAT OR GRE TEST SCORE

An official GMAT or GRE test score is required for all graduate applications to the MS Finance program.

On average, it takes 2 weeks for us to receive official GMAT scores. You are welcome to submit unofficial scores via e-mail, but applications will not be formally reviewed without official scores.

GMAT / GRE Minimums

There are no minimum GMAT or GRE scores required for admission to our graduate programs. Applicants are encouraged to meet overall graduate program GMAT averages (560 - 630) but all application materials are evaluated to determine the strength of the application. Key evaluation points include GPA, GMAT / GRE, rigor of undergraduate upper division coursework, work demonstrated leadership potential, and articulated desire to pursue the program (essay) and quality of recommendations.

3. TRANSCRIPTS / GPA

Transcripts

The online application will require you to:

1. List all colleges and universities you have attended including the University of Utah, regardless of length of attendance.
2. Upload a copy of your unofficial transcripts from each institution, including the University of Utah. Upon admission, you will be required to submit official transcripts to the University of Utah Graduate School for verification. Official transcripts from the University of Utah will not be needed at this stage of the process.

GPA

A minimum cumulative 3.0 undergraduate GPA is required for admission. If you don’t have a 3.0 cumulative GPA, we will accept a 3.0 GPA from the last 60 credit hours taken.

4. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

(submitted within the online application)

5. ESSAYS

(submitted within the online application)

Essays are required for application to the MS Finance Program. PDF or Word documents up to 600kb are accepted.

6. RESUME

(submitted within the online application)

As part of the online application, you are required to upload a current professional resume. PDF or Word documents up to 600kb are accepted.

SPRING 2013 APPLICATION DEADLINES

MSF Scholarship Round: October 1, 2012

Decision Notification: October 25, 2012

Rolling Admissions applications will continue to be considered after the Scholarship Round based on space availability. An additional $30 fee will be charged for any application submitted after November 1, 2012.

Decision Notification: Approximately 4 weeks after application submission.

International applicants

Last date to apply is September 19, 2012

Decision Notification: October 29, 2012

FALL 2013 APPLICATION DEADLINES

MSF Scholarship Round: February 1, 2013

Decision Notification: March 15, 2013

Rolling Admissions applications will continue to be considered after the Scholarship Round based on space availability. An additional $30 fee will be charged for any application submitted after April 1, 2013.

Decision Notification: Approximately 4 weeks after application submission.

International applicants

Last Day to Submit Application: February 1, 2013

Decision Notification: March 15, 2013

If you need additional information, please contact us.

Graduate Admissions, 801-581-7785
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Program Description

One of only two such programs in the Intermountain West, the David Eccles School of Business Master of Science in Finance (MSF) Program is an intensive one-year degree with an accommodating part-time option that adds clout to your resume and expands your career options. An MSF degree is rapidly becoming more of a requirement and less of an option for those seeking the most highly prized careers in financial trading, risk and asset management and other technical financial fields.

Program Format:

- 31.5 credit hours
- Core Credits: 12
- Electives Credits: 18

Week Zero Credits: 1.5 (Financial Career Development is offered during orientation)

Full-Time Option: 2 semesters / Fall: 16.5 credits / Spring: 15 credits

Part-Time Option: Students pursuing their degree on a part-time basis take, on average, four to five semesters to complete the program.

Enrollment Option: Fall and Spring

Master of Science Requirement: Students must pass a comprehensive exit exam for graduation. No thesis is required.

Class Availability: Finance courses are offered in a mix of daytime and evening options. Once admitted, we recommend making an appointment with our MSF Academic Advisor to map out a course of study that will match your needs with class availability.

Business Career Management Center for MS Finance Students

The Business Career Management Center (BCMC) works to facilitate mutually beneficial connections between MS Finance students and corporate recruiters. A team of full-time professionals and career coaches is dedicated to helping students maximize their graduate school investment and succeed in today’s competitive job market by providing career-focused resources and training that richly complement their classroom studies. At the same time, the BCMC works with corporations seeking qualified Finance graduates and internships and attracts new companies for information sessions and interviews at the David Eccles School of Business. BCMC Director Sarah Johnston leads the executive coaching team and BCMC staff, and comes with extensive corporate experience as a Senior VP at Citibank/Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and elsewhere in commercial banking, business development and relationship management with Fortune 100 companies. Johnston received her MBA at UCLA, and her BA from the University of North Carolina, where she was a Morehead Scholar.

When asked whether or not a graduate degree in finance is valued by hiring companies in today’s market, Sarah Johnston said:

“With the increase in regulatory oversight, we are seeing a significant increase in demand for the technical skills and modeling competencies that come with a graduate finance degree in this competitive hiring market, anything you can do to differentiate yourself is the key to success. The additional education and analytical experience delivered in our MS Finance program is exactly what recruiters are looking for.

We’ve seen the largest increases in graduate job opportunities (and offering from private risk management companies, trading boutiques and investment firms. There’s no question that an MS Finance degree will provide a greater variety of opportunities to students looking for a career in finance.

New for Fall 2012 – MS Finance Career Management Programs

MS Finance specific Career Action Groups and Executive Career Coaches – MS Finance students will have access to executive career coaches and career actions groups to assist them in career exploration and interview preparation. Informational interviews with our network of CFA professionals is also available for those seeking their CFA designation.

Graduate Finance Club – The Graduate Finance Club will come back online this fall with a new mission, new leadership and updated structure. Under the direction of Sarah Johnston, Director of the Business Career Management Center and 23-year veteran in corporate finance, the club will focus on career exploration and interview preparation. A September boot camp (internships and employment search activities that begin in September) and bi-monthly meetings will cover a variety of guest speakers and valuable educational topics. The club will invite graduate finance students that are prepared with the technical skills most often requested during the interview process, such as advanced financial modeling and case interview pre-preparation.

Internship Focus – Internships are an exceptionally important part of the journey to land and secure high-level employment in the finance industry. This becomes even more critical when pursuing a graduate degree when students will want employment opportunities that match the proficiencies and education that comes with an advanced degree. The Business Career Management Center is fully invested in helping our MS Finance students explore, interview and ultimately secure great internship opportunities. Those students who prioritize internships and experiential learning opportunities in addition to the 31.5 credits needed for the MSF degree will typically find a greater variety of employment options and higher salaries.
Coaches. Graduate students have access to job letters, networking skills and, most importantly, employer. The fast-paced environment ensures increase your value as an analyst. The intensive, in your undergraduate program will be expanded and graduate finance degree. Theories discussed

How will a graduate finance program differ from my undergraduate finance experience?

You’re More From a Theoretical to Application-Based Curriculum.

The application of financial concepts is one of the numerous services provided by the Business and graduate finance degree. Theories discussed in your undergraduate program will be expanded upon and developed into practical skills as you learn analytical and modeling techniques that will enable you to forecast, value and strategize for the wide range of financial instruments available in the marketplace.

You’ll Work With Real Data

Our rigorous program curriculum gives you the means to refine and develop your skills and knowledge in the field. Our small class size, in-depth coursework will enhance your skill set and allow you to more quickly provide value to an employer. The prerequisites include introduction to financial market analysis, probability and statistics

You Can Expect More In-Depth and Challenging Coursework.

A Flexible Program Format

The intimate size of the MSF program offers lots of flexibility, both in terms of scheduling and academic interest. While the program can be completed in as little as nine months, roughly half of our students study full-time while maintaining an existing career. Program directors work closely with students to tailor a curriculum that fits both their interests and their schedule.

Experiential Learning – The University Venture Fund

MS Finance students have the opportunity to stretch entrepreneurial muscles in the University Venture Fund. This fund is the largest student-run venture fund in the nation and offers students to gain access into the world of venture funding.

Program Focused on Practical Applications

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Business Career Management Center

The David Eccles School of Business offers a strong career management team available to assist our MSF students with programs such as one-on-one coaching and resume review. Our MSF students also have access to student recruiting events and an exclusive jobs database. The resources offered through our career development team with companies such as Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Ford and Fidelity Investments have powerful results for our MSF students. Our students have gone on to successful careers in banking, financial trading, risk and asset management and other financial fields.

High Elective-to-Core Ratio

Our strong elective to core ratio offers over 50 flexible electives of study as compared to national MS Finance programs. Students can specialize, customize and start taking courses in their field of interest almost immediately. Out of the 31.5 credit hours, 28 credits are open for electives allowing for maximum flexibility and customization. Areas of concentration within the graduate finance curriculum include Investment Banking, Corporate Finance, Venture Capital and Real Estate Finance.

New Simulated Trading Floor with Bloomberg Terminals Planned for New Business Building

A new state-of-the-art trading floor simulation will be available to students in the new Student Finance Building. Plans for the center include numerous Bloomberg and Capital IQ stations through which users can learn and analyze real-time financial market data movements. A combination of current student clubs and other programs are being developed so that students can become more familiar with Bloomberg technology, giving our business students a significant advantage on the job market.

AACSB Accreditation

The David Eccles School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The AACSB is the premier accrediting body of collegiate business schools and accounting programs worldwide. Less than 5% of the business schools worldwide have achieved this elite distinction.

Financial Assistance

The David Eccles School of Business offers several graduate assistantships. An assistantship also comes with a waiver for the out-of-state portion of tuition. Assistantship applications will be distributed with limited opportunities to the notice of admission. Assistantships are competitive, with the average GMAT score for those receiving a scholarship in the 82nd percentile. Financial scholarships are available to assist well qualified, out of state students in covering the cost of non-resident tuition.

MS Finance Student Employment Statistics

75% Average percent of MS Finance students employed 3 months post graduation
$69,000 Average starting salary (Graduates August 2011-May 2012)
$123,000 High Starting Salary May 2011
$112,000 High Starting Salary August 2011

MSF Corequisites

Corequisites can be taken before or anytime during the program and are required for graduation. Corequisites taken during the program are taken in the same semester and do not count towards the credit hours required for the completion of the program.

- Microeconomics (ECON 2010 or FINAN 6025 or equivalent)
- Managerial Accounting (ACCTG 3680 or ACCTG 6011 or equivalent)
- Regression and Multivariate Analysis (OIS 3440 or OIS 6041 or equivalent)

MSF Prerequisites

- Financial Accounting
- Financial Reporting or Corporate Finance (FINAN 3040 or equivalent)
- Probability and Statistics (OIS 2340 or equivalent)

Why Get a CFA?

"Candidates for the CFA Program include students entering the investment field, professionals increasing their expertise and marketability, and people making a career change into the investment profession from other disciplines.

With a six-decade history of maintaining a rigorous focus on globally relevant investment knowledge, the CFA Program is the most widely known and respected investment credential in the world.

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