

MS in Finance

Admission Requirements

Applicants are considered on an individual basis. Transcripts for all undergraduate and any graduate work must be submitted to the UIC Liautaud Graduate School of Business Program Office. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

- **Baccalaureate Field** No restrictions.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate study.
- **Tests Required** GMAT or GRE. The score must be from a test administered within five years of the requested date of entry. The writing assessment is required. The Graduate College per se does not require a standardized test, but most graduate programs at UIC, including this one, require the results of either the GMAT or the GRE and look at these scores as part of the overall credentials of the applicant. The expectation for a GMAT score is 600.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
 - **TOEFL iBT** 80, with subscores of Reading 20, Listening 20, Speaking 20, and Writing 21, **OR**,
 - **IELTS Academic** 6.5, with 6.0 in each of the four subscores, **OR**,
 - **PTE-Academic** 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Two required.
- **Personal Statement** Required.
- **Resume or CV** Required.
- **Other Requirements** FIN 500, ACTG 500, IDS 570, and ECON 520, or the equivalent coursework. Deficiencies can be addressed by taking these courses at UIC, thus increasing the time to complete the degree.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 32.
- **Coursework** Degree candidates must present a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00/4.00 for 32 hours counting toward the degree. Required courses can be waived by exams or at the discretion of the director of graduate studies, but they have to be replaced by other courses in the program.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses (12 hours)		
FIN 510	Investments	
FIN 520	Corporate Finance	
FIN 570	Quantitative Methods in Finance	

Electives (20 hours)

Elective courses will be selected in consultation with an advisor based upon student's educational and professional goals. Courses can be chosen from the following list of approved electives; other courses may be chosen with approval of the MSF director of graduate studies. At most, 8 hours can be in disciplines other than finance.

FIN 512	Portfolio Analysis
FIN 515	Fixed Income Securities

FIN 516	Theory and Structure of Options and Futures Markets
FIN 521	Advanced Corporate Finance
FIN 522	Alternative Investments: Venture Capital, Private Equity, and Hedge Funds
FIN 523	Financial Modeling
FIN 524	Financial Communication
FIN 525	Energy Finance
FIN 530	Money and Banking
FIN 531	Capital Markets
FIN 540	International Financial Markets
FIN 542	International Finance
FIN 545	Financing Entrepreneurship
FIN 549	Applied Equity Investment Management
FIN 550	Personal Finance
FIN 551	Financial Decision Making I
FIN 556	Advanced Investment Management
FIN 571	Empirical Issues in Finance
FIN 573	Risk Management
FIN 580	Securities Markets and High-Frequency Trading
FIN 594	Special Topics in Finance
FIN 596	Independent Study in Finance
ACTG 502	Financial Accounting I
ACTG 516	Financial Statement Analysis
ACTG 585	Corporate Valuation and Accounting Information
ACTG 593	Professional Accounting Research
IDS 561	Analytics for Big Data
IDS 564	Social Media and Network Analysis
IDS 566	Advanced Text Analytics for Business
IDS 567	Business Data Visualization
IDS 572	Data Mining for Business
IDS 575	Machine Learning and Statistical Methods for Business Analytics
IDS 576	Deep Learning and Modern Applications
IDS 582/ ECON 537	Time Series Econometrics
IDS 583/ ECON 538	Business Research and Forecasting II
ECON 509	Microeconomic Theory I
ECON 511	Macroeconomic Theory I

- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Coursework-Only Options** Coursework only. No other options available.