



# ONLINE MS IN FINANCE

DEVELOP SKILLS NEEDED TO EXCEL IN CORPORATE FINANCE, INVESTMENTS, REAL ESTATE, WEALTH MANAGEMENT, AND BANKING

<p><b>DELIVERY FORMAT</b> 100% Online</p>	<p><b>TIME TO COMPLETE</b> 16+ months</p>	<p><b>CREDIT HOURS</b> 32</p>
<p><b>TIME COMMITMENT</b> 20 to 25 hours weekly</p>	<p><b>START DATES</b> Fall &amp; Spring</p>	<p><b>COST</b> OU's online MS in Finance degree is certified by the CFA Institute, an accreditation that enhances graduates' career prospects and professional credibility. Tuition and fees for the program are \$32,480 (\$1,015 per credit hour). Books and additional materials are not included.</p>

## AT A GLANCE

Elevate your career with the University of Oklahoma's online Master of Science in Finance—an advanced program designed to equip professionals with the strategic expertise needed to lead in corporate finance and equity markets.

Taught by renowned faculty from OU's prestigious, AACSB-accredited Price College of Business, this flexible, 100% online degree can be completed in as little as 16

months—empowering you to accelerate into high-impact leadership roles in the financial industry.

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE: WHAT CAN YOU DO AND WHERE CAN IT TAKE YOU?

OU's 100% online MS in Finance program develops the expertise needed for finance roles at all levels in corporations, financial institutions, and investment firms, including:

- Personal Financial Advisor
- Risk Associate
- Credit Associate
- Financial Associate
- Real Estate Investment Associate
- Portfolio Manager
- Bank Manager
- Financial Manager
- Investment Banker

## INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

- Median Pay: \$161,700
- Job Outlook: Employment for financial managers is expected to grow 17% by 2033
- Job Openings: 75,100 openings for financial managers are projected each year, on average, over the next decade

*Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

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## PROGRAM OUTCOMES: SKILLS THAT SET YOU APART

OU's online MS in Finance program delivers a deep dive into the core principles, tools, and strategies that drive success in today's fast-paced financial world. You'll graduate with the practical skills and strategic mindset to lead with confidence. Through this program, you'll learn how to:

- Analyze complex financial data to uncover actionable business insights
- Solve challenges related to financial technologies and systems integration
- Translate technical concepts into clear, impactful communication for business stakeholders
- Understand the regulatory, organizational, and strategic context of financial information systems

- Leverage technology and data systems to drive measurable business value

**TO APPLY: [HTTPS://ONLINE.OU.EDU/ADMISSIONS/GRADUATE/](https://online.ou.edu/admissions/graduate/)**

**FOR MORE INFO: [HTTPS://ONLINE.OU.EDU/PROGRAM/MS-IN-FINANCE/](https://online.ou.edu/program/ms-in-finance/)**

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## COURSE DETAILS

OU's MS in Finance program proudly holds recognition from the CFA Institute's University Affiliation Program—demonstrating our commitment to ethics-driven, investment-focused education. By integrating a substantial portion of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK) into the curriculum, we prepare students for success in both certification and real-world financial leadership.

You'll earn 32 credit hours across 16 courses, taking two classes every 8 weeks, including summers. Most courses are synchronous with required live lectures via Zoom twice per week at 7 pm CT. Live lectures have a graded component, and professors expect students to participate and have their cameras on. You can expect a time commitment of 20 to 25 hours on average per week for two courses.

Most classes require live lectures via Zoom 1–2 days a week Monday–Thursday 7:00–9:00 pm CT. Attendance in live sessions is required. Live sessions have a graded component, and professors expect students to participate and have their cameras turned on.

### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

**Credit Hours: 2**

This course provides a working knowledge of fundamental concepts in financial management and teaches students the ability to apply these concepts to real-world problems. In particular, students should learn the following subjects: time value of money, interest rates, risk and return, stock and bond valuation, cash flow analysis, and capital budgeting.

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### FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

**Credit Hours: 2**

Students will learn to construct and analyze financial statements of for-profit corporate enterprises. The basic accounting model including financial statement recording and preparation will be covered. A major emphasis will be placed on using financial statements for decision making by investors, creditors, and other users. Basic ratio analysis and valuation concepts will be introduced.

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### INVESTMENTS

**Credit Hours: 2**

This course provides the fundamentals of investment analysis. This course will place an emphasis on topics such as risk and return, asset pricing models, portfolio theory, hedge funds, behavioral finance, bond valuation, introduction to futures markets and options, and basics on financial instruments and trading of securities.

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## **QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS**

### **Credit Hours: 2**

An elementary review of important mathematical concepts used in business decision making with emphasis on problem solving. The electronic spreadsheet is used as the principal device for building models, and the course covers the concepts of effective spreadsheet design and use. Through development and use of specific spreadsheet computer skills, the student will become well versed in verbalizing, visualizing, forming equations, and calculating answers to key types of business problems.

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## **FINANCIAL MODELING**

### **Credit Hours: 2**

The application of quantitative concepts in financial modeling using Excel. Students will become proficient in Excel and will be able to use it in building financial models. In addition, students will have a working knowledge of quantitative concepts such as corporate valuation, portfolio theory, and Monte Carlo methods.

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## **FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES**

### **Credit Hours: 2**

Derivative securities, such as futures, forwards, options, and swaps are studied and analyzed along with their uses in investments, banking, portfolio management, and risk management by non-financial businesses. We will study how futures, swap, and option contracts are constructed, how they are valued, and how they are used for speculation, hedging, and risk management. Particular attention is paid to energy derivatives and especially natural gas derivatives.

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## **MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS**

### **Credit Hours: 2**

Topics covered include microeconomic concepts and analysis as used in managerial decision making with emphasis on marginal analysis, comparative advantage, resource allocation, opportunity cost, demand and supply, elasticity, economic efficiency, price discrimination, welfare analysis, production and cost functions, productivity, market structures, externalities and public goods, game theory, information asymmetry, market signaling, and government regulation of anticompetitive behavior.

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## **ADVANCED CORPORATE FINANCE**

### **Credit Hours: 2**

This course is intended for students aspiring to careers in financial management in corporations, banks, and other financial institutions. It is designed to strengthen the corporate finance framework developed in FIN 5312 (Corporate Finance) and extend it into the realm of real-world applications. The course will cover a broad range of topics that are relevant to the corporate financial management function, including advanced capital project evaluation, financing, dividends and other corporate financial decisions, corporate risk management, and mergers, acquisitions and corporate restructuring. While the course will be rigorous and solidly grounded in the conceptual aspects of corporate finance, including current research. The course will provide a thoroughly applied perspective on the topics covered.

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## **MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS**

### **Credit Hours: 2**

The course deals with acquiring or disposing of corporate assets (taking into consideration legal issues, accounting, and tax and how they affect the outcome of M&A transactions). Topics include valuation of assets being sold/purchased by corporations, economic motivations for mergers and acquisitions, structuring of the transactions, deal tactics/strategies, leveraged buyouts, and corporate restructuring.

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## **FIXED INCOME SECURITIES & MARKETS**

**Credit Hours: 2**

The aim of this course is to develop an intellectual and practical understanding of the principles governing the valuation of fixed income securities and their derivatives, the main problems and issues relevant in the management of interest rate risk, and the organization and structure of debt markets, all from the perspective of fixed income fund management.

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## **VENTURE CAPITAL & PRIVATE EQUITY**

**Credit Hours: 2**

This course will explain the structure, funding methods, investment patterns, and financial performance of the private equity industry (venture capital and buyout funds) in the United States and examine how private equity practices developed here have spread worldwide.

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## **REAL ESTATE FINANCE & INVESTMENTS**

**Credit Hours: 2**

The goal of this course is to provide a working knowledge of real estate investment and instruments used in its finance. Topics include: legal structures, loan types, commercial real estate markets, real estate valuation, securitization, REIT's, and developments in capital markets affecting real estate.

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## **FINANCIAL INTERMEDIATION AND BANKING**

**Credit Hours: 2**

This course will focus on the core economic reasoning behind commercial and investment banking and the modern management and valuation of financial intermediaries. Specific topics will include loan evaluation techniques, asset and liability management, risk management and Value-at-Risk, and managing within the confines of regulation. Exposure to modern econometric calculation systems such as Eviews and Stata as well as the application of the computation engine MATLAB or similar.

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## **INTERNATIONAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT**

**Credit Hours: 2**

This course will provide an integrated perspective on the topics of foreign currency and exchange rates, international financial linkages, international financial markets, and investment, financing, and risk management in a global context. The first half of the course develops the analytical framework required for understanding the interactions between exchange rates, cross-border trade and capital flows, inflation, interest rates, economic growth, and government policy. This framework will be used to study exchange rate systems and policies, and their implications, especially in the context of recent exchange rate developments. Related topics such as exchange rate determination and forecasting will also be discussed. The second half of the course examines international financial markets, and the opportunities they present for achieving risk management, financing, and investment objectives. The principal focus will be on financial instruments used for these purposes in international financial markets.

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## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Credit Hours: 2**

The Risk Management course focuses on defining, measuring, and managing risk in financial institutions as well as non-financial corporations. The course introduces market (such as price and interest rate) risk, credit (such as default) risk, liquidity risk, and operational risk. The course covers several major techniques of risk management such as hedging with derivatives, calculating Value-at Risk, stress testing, scenario analysis, and risk allocation. The course also covers regulation of risk management activities in financial institutions and discusses some of the reasons of the financial crisis of 2007-2008 as well as some corporate failures at risk management.

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## **CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Credit Hours: 2**

This course will cover a broad range of topics pertaining to financial risk management, especially those related to operational and financial risk exposure faced by modern corporations, volatility of commodity prices, exchange rates, interest rates etc. Techniques covering how risk is assessed; whether it should be managed; and how it should be managed are included in the class.

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# **WHY EARNING YOUR MS IN FINANCE ONLINE FROM OU SETS YOU APART**

OU Online delivers high-quality, affordable undergraduate and graduate programs designed for working professionals—offering the flexibility of a fully online format backed by the reputation of a top-tier public university. The Master of Science in Finance from OU's Price College of Business is proudly recognized by the CFA Institute, reflecting a rigorous, industry-aligned curriculum. This prestigious affiliation helps graduates stand out in a competitive job market and enhances their professional credibility from day one.

## **FACULTY EXPERTISE**

Price College of Business Finance faculty have strong expertise in corporate finance, investments, financial intermediation, risk management, and real estate finance, areas that are represented through the curriculum. Our faculty are leaders in their field, routinely sought after to speak at major global conferences and consult with government agencies and businesses.

## **ROBUST STUDENT SUPPORT**

OU Online offers robust student support services, including academic support, online tutoring, mental health counseling, and an online career development center. The program accommodates the needs of working professionals, allowing you to expand your leadership and finance skills while maintaining full-time employment.

## **GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK**

OU offers a tremendous alumni base in the financial sector and a rich experience among the program's students. With more than 250,000 alumni across the world, becoming a Sooner means you'll have access to a strong network of finance leaders to accelerate your career.

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# **COST & FINANCIAL AID**

Earning your Master of Science in Finance is an investment in your future—and OU Online is committed to making that investment as accessible and transparent as possible.

Students pay \$1,015 per credit hour (\$32,480 total for the 32-credit-hour program). Books and additional materials are not included.

Financial aid, scholarships, and employer tuition assistance may be available to help offset the cost. If you have questions about financial assistance for your online program, please contact the Online Aid office by emailing [onlineaid@ou.edu](mailto:onlineaid@ou.edu) or calling 405-325-2929.

A nonrefundable deposit of \$350 is required upon admission to secure your place in the program. This deposit guarantees your spot in your first semester of courses and will be applied toward your first semester's tuition.

*\* Please be aware that tuition and fees may change, as determined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.*

## TRANSFER CREDIT

You can transfer up to 12 credit hours of graduate-level coursework, as per Graduate College policy, with the approval of the department. Credit must be from an AACSB-accredited program with a grade of B or better and cannot have been used toward another completed graduate degree.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT FINANCIAL AID: [HTTPS://ONLINE.OU.EDU/COST-AND-AID/GRADUATE/](https://online.ou.edu/cost-and-aid/graduate/)**

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## TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Admission to the online MS in Finance is selective and requires evidence of strong quantitative abilities. Because the program is designed to provide additional expertise in finance to professionals at all stages of their careers, professional work experience is not required for admission.

Applicants must have completed a BS or BA degree from an accredited institution with at least a 3.0 GPA equivalent from an AMBA or EQUIS-accredited academic institution (the committee will specifically review GPAs in quantitative coursework).

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete the online application at <https://gograd.ou.edu/apply/>
- Submit a current resume
- Provide official college transcripts from all institutions
- Submit a personal statement
- Submit two letters of recommendation
- GRE/GMAT score
- International student applicants must submit their TOEFL score

## APPLICATION TIMELINE

The admissions committee operates under a rolling admissions process, and admissions may continue until two weeks before the start of classes.

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**STEP 1**

Contact an Enrollment Coach to discuss your qualifications and interest in the program.

**STEP 2**

Complete the online application at <https://gograd.ou.edu/apply/>

**STEP 3**

Provide supplemental materials, including a resume, personal statement, two letters of recommendation, official college transcripts, and GRE/GMAT score. The GRE/GMAT score requirement is waived for students with a 3.0 GPA or higher; students with a GPA lower than 3.0 may qualify for a waiver if they have 2+ years of industry work experience.

**TO APPLY: [HTTPS://GOGRAD.OU.EDU/APPLY/](https://gograd.ou.edu/apply/)**