

Master of Science in Finance (Online)

Degree Requirements

This rigorous and comprehensive graduate program offers in-depth training in the constantly evolving field of corporate finance and investments. The curriculum goes beyond a solid foundation of financial principles and theory, focusing on new concepts and trends like cryptocurrencies and blockchain. The certificates and degree in our online Master of Science in Finance program have a concentration in corporate finance and investments and are distinguished by renowned financial faculty members and a best-in-class digital learning experience (<https://olin.wustl.edu/EN-US/partners-resources/Pages/center-digital-education.aspx>).

WashU Olin's online degree programs are divided into three sections, with each one earning a credential. After the first eight months, students earn a Graduate Certificate. This is followed by an Advanced Graduate Certificate during the second eight months, and a degree is earned when students complete the program. This allows students to add impressive credentials to their resumes even before they complete their degrees.

- **Graduate Certificate:** The online Master of Science in Finance Graduate Certificate requires completion of 9 credits over eight months.
- **Advanced Graduate Certificate:** The online Master of Science in Finance Advanced Graduate Certificate requires completion of 10.5 credits over eight months.
- **Online Master of Science in Finance degree:** The online Master of Science in Finance degree requires completion of 10.5 credits over eight months.

The online Master of Science in Finance degree requires 30 credit units for completion, and students gain a rigorous and comprehensive education in securities research, capital raising, derivative pricing and fixed income.

Visit Olin's Online MS in Finance page (<https://olin.wustl.edu/EN-US/academic-programs/online-masters-programs/online-ms-finance/Pages/default.aspx>) for detailed information about this program and its course offerings.

Orientation Program

Students will kick off their enrollment with a weekend immersion program that begins with a program introduction and virtual meet-and-greet. The weekend will include a discussion of program requirements, curriculum, and Olin policies; an overview of university resources; and team-building activities. The week prior to the immersion program, students will have advance access to orientation information via the *learn.WashU.online* platform. Students will also complete foundation courses to bolster their background and maximize their academic preparation before the start of their degree program.

Students who are pursuing individual certificates or who have taken a pause in enrollment between the Graduate Certificate and the Advanced Graduate Certificate will participate in a short re-orientation session. This session will re-orient students to campus resources and program requirements and reintroduce them to support staff from the Graduate Programs Office.

Curriculum

Master of Science in Finance (Online) Graduate Certificate Courses

Code	Title	Units
ACCT 8503	Business Analysis Using Financial Statements	1.5
ACCT 8504	Advanced Business Analysis Using Financial Statements	1.5
FIN 8527	Financial Markets	1.5
FIN 8532	Investment Theory	1.5
FIN 8534	Advanced Corporate Finance I - Valuation	1.5
FIN 8535	Advanced Corporate Finance II - Financing	1.5

- Prior to program start, students must complete FIN 510 Introduction to Finance and ACCT 560 Introduction to Financial Accounting
- It is recommended that students who would like in-depth accounting statement analysis and who are planning to take the CFA complete ACCT 562 Intermediate Financial Accounting between the first two semesters of the Graduate Certificate.

Master of Science in Finance (Online) Advanced Graduate Certificate Courses

Code	Title	Units
DAT 8564	Database Design and SQL	1.5
DAT 8570	R and Statistics	1.5
FIN 8523B	Mergers and Acquisitions	1.5
FIN 8524	Options and Futures	1.5
FIN 8524B	Derivative Securities	1.5
FIN 8525	Fixed Income Securities	1.5
FIN 8530	International Finance	1.5

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Code	Title	Units
FIN 8500W	Venture Capital Methods	1.5
FIN 8500Y	Private Equity Methods	1.5
FIN 8532B	Data Analysis for Investments	1.5
FIN 8550D	Hedge Fund Strategies	1.5
FIN 8550E	Behavioral Finance	1.5
FIN 8555	Risk Management and Insurance	1.5
MGT 8560F	Professional Business Communication	1.5