

# MASTER OF SCIENCE

**FINANCE** 

THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE (MSF) PROVIDES THE TOP-QUALITY TRAINING NECESSARY FOR A SUCCESSFUL CAREER AS A FINANCIAL ANALYST



A CFA INSTITUTE-RECOGNIZED CURRICULUM, PREPARING STUDENTS TO SIT FOR THE CFA EXAM.

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UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE
ARE INCLUDED ON THIS
EXCLUSIVE LIST.

In 12 months, you can earn a Master of Science in Finance (MSF) from Oregon's top research university. With a focus on valuation and asset management, the University of Oregon MSF program is ideal for those targeting a coveted career as a financial analyst—whether at a sell-side investment firm evaluating specific sectors and industries, a buy-side investment house managing its own funds, an investment bank, or a corporate finance department.

Oregon's MSF is one of the few advanced finance degrees offered by a top-tier university on the West Coast.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Our MS in Finance degree is STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) certified. Therefore, you will be eligible to work in the United States for up to 36 months after graduation instead of the standard 12-month optional practical training (OPT) period.

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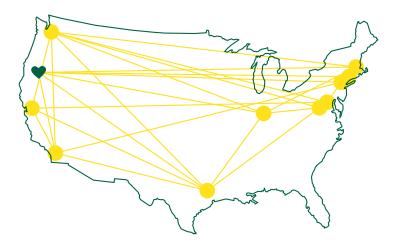






### CONNECTED TO INDUSTRY

With help from the acclaimed Cameron Center for Finance and Securities Analysis, you'll gain access to industry executives and alumni through our tailored speaker series and study tours to financial hubs around the United States.



# CAMERON CENTER

The Cameron Center for Finance and Securities Analysis is one of four specialty centers at the Lundquist College of Business. The center's industry-vetted scope, reputation, and connections create a highly focused program devoted to preparing graduates for leadership roles, and to make an impact immediately upon graduation.

### MANAGE REAL MONEY

A hallmark of our MSF program is live portfolio management, in which students actively manage more than \$1 million in real money invested in real markets. As an MSF student, you will have two distinct opportunities to practice securities analysis and portfolio management in a live environment through the Cameron Center for Finance and Securities Analysis.

#### **UO INVESTMENT GROUP**

The UO Investment Group (UOIG) is a student-run organization that manages, with faculty guidance, more than \$1 million spread across three portfolios. UOIG is structured like a buy-side firm, with sector leaders, company analysts, and lead portfolio managers. Founded in 1998, UOIG is one of the most successful student-run investment groups in the United States, with many UOIG alumni transitioning to successful careers on Wall Street.

#### **EMERGING MARKETS FUND**

The Emerging Markets Fund is managed entirely by graduate students and is uniquely focused on nations and economies with social or business activity in the process of rapid growth and industrialization. Students enroll in a course each term that manages the fund with faculty oversight. The fund's return since inception in 2011 is 21.81 percent, outperforming the MSCI Emerging Markets Index by 1.34 percent per year.



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# RESEARCH-PRODUCTIVE FACULTY

Working with the program's research-productive faculty, you'll learn state-of-the-art techniques and results from theoretical and empirical research in finance. Our Department of Finance faculty members are actively involved in scholarly research and teaching and have won numerous awards. The department has a strong reputation for its research on investment management and corporate finance, and finance faculty members' research is published in the leading journals in economics and finance.

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#### **ADMISSIONS**

Applications are evaluated holistically. This includes the essay, recommendation letter, and experience—not merely test scores and grades. The following is a typical MSF student profile:

- · GMAT 620, GRE 310\*
- · GPA 3.2 (4 point scale)\*
- · Four-year undergraduate degree
- · Recent graduate (not limited to this group)

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

FIRST ROUND: OCTOBER 15
SECOND ROUND: JANUARY 15
THIRD ROUND: MARCH 15
FOURTH ROUND: MAY 15

Rolling applications accepted after the May 15 deadline as space is available. International applicants requiring a student visa must apply by the third round deadline.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY

- Departmental/MSF application (statement of purpose, one professional recommendation, and résumé)
- · University of Oregon graduate school application
- · GMAT or GRE
- Transcripts
- Proof of English language proficiency (TOEFL or IELTS)<sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup>For applicants whose native language is not English.

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<sup>\*</sup>Not a required minimum.



#### CURRICULUM

Students complete the MSF program in 12 months (four quarters) beginning with the summer term. The curriculum emphasizes valuation and asset management and consists of six core courses plus electives, totaling a minimum of 45 credits. The required courses have no pre-requisites for MSF students.

#### CORE COURSES

- · Quantitative Methods in Finance
- · Financial Accounting
- · Corporate Finance and Valuation
- · Concepts of Investments
- · Practicum: Applications in Investment Management
- · Seminar: MSF Professional Development

#### **ELECTIVES\***

- · Derivative Markets and Financial Institutions
- · Hedge Fund Trading Strategies
- · Venture Capital and Private Equity
- · International Financial Management
- Fixed Income Securities
- · Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation
- · Wealth Management
- · Advanced Topics in Corporate Finance
- · Financial Reporting
- Commercial Banking
- · Advanced Topics in Portfolio Management
- · Practicum: Emerging Markets Fund
- · Practicum: Investment Group

<sup>\*</sup>This is a sample list of electives and is subject to change.



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