Master of Finance Program

The UC Irvine Paul Merage School of Business offers an innovative, new Master of Finance (MFin) program that provides extensive, practical training for quantitative and analytical jobs in the field of finance. This one-year program, taught by world-class faculty and leading researchers, thoroughly prepares students for entry and mid-level finance positions such as risk management, asset and wealth management, real estate management, and forecasting.

A capstone course with industry-based experiential projects.

The program is in economically thriving Orange County, in the heart of Southern California’s Tech Coast.

Program Structure

FALL (12 UNITS)
- ProSeminar (0)
- Foundations of Finance (4)
- Financial Reporting (4)
- Electives (4)

WINTER (12 - 16 UNITS)
- ProSeminar (0)
- Financial Research Methodology (4)
- Derivatives (4)
- Electives (4-8)

SPRING (12 -16 UNITS)
- ProSeminar (0)
- Risk Management (4)
- Electives (8-12)

SUMMER (12 - 16 UNITS)
- ProSeminar (0)
- Capstone Project (4)
- Electives (8-12)

SAMPLE ELECTIVES:
- Advanced Derivatives
- Behavioral Finance
- Financial Innovation
- Investments
- Wealth Management
- Venture Capital & Private Equity

Students can select from a number of elective offerings across all Merage School masters programs. For more information, contact us at mfin@merage.uci.edu.

merage.uci.edu/mfin
Admission Requirements

Applicants may apply online and must meet all prerequisite requirements at the time of matriculation into the program.

Admission to graduate standing in The Paul Merage School of Business is accorded to those possessing an undergraduate degree with an acceptable level of scholarship from an institution of recognized standing. Applicants for admission will be evaluated on their academic record and potential for leadership as demonstrated in submitted application materials including:

- Official transcripts from all institutions attended to obtain undergraduate degree (with English translation if needed)
- Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required but strongly recommended for applicants with GPAs below 3.3. While these tests are not required, the admissions team is looking for evidence of strong verbal and quantitative skills. Scores are valid for five years.
- Two letters of recommendation
- Two essays
- Resume
- Official TOEFL, PTE, or IELTS (international applicants)
- $150 application fee
- A personal interview (by invitation only)

Additional recommended but not required qualifications:
- Internship, post-university work or research experience in a quantitative discipline
- Prior exposure to computation programming such as C++ and familiarity with statistical, econometric and mathematical applications such as SAS, STATA, R, S-Plus, MATLAB or Mathematica

Career Advising

One of the benefits of attending the MFin program is our personal approach to career development. The Merage School Career Center helps prepare you to achieve your career goals by providing a variety of career management and job search workshops including career visioning and professional plan development, resume and cover letter writing, interview preparation and offer evaluation and salary negotiation. Our staff maintains an extensive network of hiring organizations and provides resources and activities to help you make important career connections. Continuing your education is a large investment and our Career Center partners with you to ensure that your education and overall experience makes the best possible impact on your career.

Financial Aid

Pursuing your MFin degree is an important investment in your future. The dedicated professionals in our Financial Aid office will share information with you regarding loan programs and merit-based scholarships.

For more information on financial support, contact Alda Ruggiero at The Paul Merage School of Business Financial Aid Office at 949.824.7967 or aruggier@uci.edu.

Application Deadlines

Applications are submitted online and are evaluated as they are received. Admissions decisions are usually made within four weeks after the interview. Deadlines and additional application information is available at merage.uci.edu/mfin.

Email mfin@merage.uci.edu with any questions.