

Master of Finance Program

The Master of Finance (MFin) Program at the University of California, Irvine Paul Merage School of Business is a STEM-Certified, intensive one-year program that provides extensive, practical training for quantitative and analytical jobs in the field of finance. Taught by world-class faculty and leading researchers in their fields, this structured curriculum incorporates all aspects of financial literacy, from management to theory, quantitative work to highly-complex problem-solving. The program's extensive exploration of the industry will prepare students for quantitative and analytical jobs in today's highly digital financial landscape.



STEM-certified (36 months of Optional Practical Training).



GMAT/GRE **WAIVED** for qualified applicants.



A capstone course with industry-based experiential projects.



Admitted California Residents will receive a \$10,000 Scholarship.



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



Prepares you for entry and mid-level finance positions such as: risk management, asset and wealth management, real estate management, and forecasting.



Program Structure

FALL (12 Units)

ProSeminar (0)
Foundations of Finance (4)
Financial Reporting (4)
Investments (4)

WINTER (16 Units)

ProSeminar (0)
Financial Research
Methodology (4)
Derivatives (4)
Electives (8)

SPRING (16 Units)

ProSeminar (0)
Risk Management (4)
Electives (8)

SUMMER (8 Units)

ProSeminar (0)
Capstone Project (4)
Electives (4)

*Program Structure Subject to Change.

SAMPLE ELECTIVES:

- Advanced Derivatives
- Behavioral Finance
- Financial Innovation
- FinTech
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Multinational Finance
- Venture Capital & Private Equity
- Wealth Management

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.

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

Financial Aid

Pursuing your MFin degree is an important investment in your future – that is why the Merage School has dedicated professionals working on your behalf in our Financial Aid office. When you meet with our staff, they will share information with you regarding loan programs and merit based fellowships.

For more information on financial support, contact Alda Ruggiero at the Merage School 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 of the interview. Deadlines and additional application information is available at merage.uci.edu/mfin.

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

Career Advising

The Master of Finance is a structured program that provides students with the skills and knowledge to become experts in finance, and to advance their careers in a *digitally driven world*. One of the benefits of the Merage School MFin program is our dedicated Career Services team that allows students to receive specialized and individualized guidance regarding career opportunities. 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 development planning, resume and cover letter writing, refining interviewing techniques, and offer evaluation and salary negotiation. Our staff maintains an extensive network of hiring organizations and provides resources and activities to help you make valuable career connections. We are a resource and a partner to ensure that your education and experience make the best possible impact on your career.

Capstone Project

The Capstone Project provides students an opportunity to work on real-life finance problems with industry partners and is designed to help students synthesize and demonstrate their deep competency of core topics, skills, models and practices. The growing demand for graduates who are able to understand and implement financial models and to innovate and improve upon current empirical methods using structured and non-structured data creates a mutually beneficial partnership with our industry partners to tap into Merage Talent. During the spring and summer quarters, students will work in teams led by a faculty advisor and the sponsor organization to create valuable collateral that will ultimately be presented to the Merage School faculty and staff, and the host organization.

Sample Capstone Companies:

First American Trust, BNY Mellon, Okapi Venture Capital, Pacific Life, Western Digital, Roth Capital Partners, Rimrock Capital Management

