Program Highlights and Benefits

- **STEM-designated (36 months of Optional Practical Training)**
- **GMAT/GRE WAIVED** for qualified applicants
- Prepares for positions in risk, asset, wealth and real estate management and corporate finance
- A capstone course with industry-based experiential projects
- Located in economically thriving Orange County, the heart of Southern California’s Tech Coast
- Affiliation with the CFA Institute and helps students obtain the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter

**Capstone Project**

The Capstone Project provides students an opportunity to work on real-life finance problems with industry partners. 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 Electives**

- Behavioral Finance
- Bonds and Fixed Income
- Corporate Finance Management
- Financial Econometrics
- Financial Statement Analysis
- FinTech
- Fundamentals of Financial Analysis
- Investments
- Machine Learning
- Management of Real Estate Enterprise
- Mergers and Acquisition
- Multinational Finance
- Portfolio Management
- Programming and Data Analytics
- Real Estate Security Analysis
- Real Estate Transactions
- Venture Capital and Private Equity
- Wealth Management

**Program Curriculum**

**Fall**
- ProSeminar
- Foundations of Finance
- Financial Reporting
- Investments Management

**Winter**
- ProSeminar
- Derivatives
- Financial Research & Methodology
- Electives

**Spring**
- ProSeminar
- Risk Management
- Electives

**Summer**
- ProSeminar
- Capstone Project
- Electives
Class Profile
Applications Received 986
Class Size 117
Average GPA 3.50
Average Work Experience 2.42
Percentage of domestic students 29%
Age Range 22-50
Women 49% Men 51%

Next Steps
• Meet with admissions staff
• Connect with a student ambassador
• Attend an event
• Apply

Admission Requirements
• Official transcripts (with English translation if needed)
• GMAT or GRE scores are not required but strongly recommended for applicants with GPAs below 3.3
• Two letters of recommendation
• Two essays
• Resume
• Official TOEFL or IELTS (if applicable)
• $150 application fee
• Personal interview (by invitation only)

Application Deadlines
October 15       March 1*
November 15      May 1
January 15       June 1**

* Final deadline for international applicants; we highly recommend all application materials, including recommendations, be submitted by this date to ensure sufficient time for visa processing.
** Qualified applications received may be reviewed on a space-available basis.

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