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 or IELTS (international applicants)
- $150 application fee
- A personal interview (by invitation only)

“I chose UCI because of its leading faculty in Finance. It is an opportunity to learn from some of the best educators in the industry through the program. I also enjoyed the warm welcome, and family-like culture UCI has to offer, along with the unparalleled location.”

Orlando Miguel ’19 MFin

Next Steps

- Schedule a Personal Consultation
- Connect with an Ambassador
- Attend a Webinar
- Attend an On-Campus Event
- Visit Campus
- Apply

Applications Deadlines

The MFin program has six rounds of application deadlines and it is your responsibility to ensure all parts of your application are completed by the stated deadline date.

October 15
November 15
January 15
March 1*
May 1
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.

June 1* Qualified applications received may be reviewed on a space-available basis.

"I chose UCI because of its leading faculty in Finance. It is an opportunity to learn from some of the best educators in the industry through the program. I also enjoyed the warm welcome, and family-like culture UCI has to offer, along with the unparalleled location.”

Orlando Miguel ’19 MFin

“UCI Paul Merage School of Business
Leadership for a Digitally Driven World”

Master of Finance
4230 Portola Drive
Irvine, CA 92697-3125
949.824.4909
mfin@merage.uci.edu
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 is in economically thriving Orange County, in the heart of Southern California’s Tech Coast.

Curriculum

**FALL**
- ProSeminar
- Foundations of Finance
- Financial Reporting
- Electives

**WINTER**
- ProSeminar
- Derivatives
- Financial Research and Methodology
- Electives

**SPRING**
- ProSeminar
- Risk Management
- Electives

**SUMMER**
- ProSeminar
- Capstone Project
- Electives

A capstone course with industry-based experiential projects.

**APPLICANT POOL & CLASS SIZE**
- Applications Received: 1,223
- Class Size: 71

**ACADEMIC PROFILE**
- Average GPA: 3.48
- Average GMAT: 622
- Average GRE: 310
- Domestic: 44%
- Age Range: 21 - 42
- Domestic: 45%
- Underserved Minorities: 14%

**REGION REPRESENTATION**
- China, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, United States, and Vietnam

**UNDERGRADUATE UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED**
- UC Irvine: 25.4%
- Other UC Schools: 9.9%
- Other CA Schools: 12.7%
- Other US Schools: 38%
- International Schools: 14%

**UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES**
- 36% Finance
- 27% Economics
- 18% Business Administration
- 7% Accounting
- 5% Social Sciences
- 5% Physical Sciences
- 3% Biological Sciences
- 1% Other

**SAMPLE ELECTIVES**
- Advanced Derivatives
- Behavioral Finance
- Corporate Valuation
- Financial Econometrics
- FinTech
- Investments
- Machine Learning
- Programming and Data Analytics
- Venture Capital and Private Equity
- Wealth Management

**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 Capstone Companies:**
- Mackenzie USA
- Riemer Capital
- Tech Coast Angels-Venture Capital Fund
- Cerene Fund II
- First American Trust
- Pacific Life
- IPC Inc
- Western Digital
- MG Capital

**CAPSTONE PROJECT**

**Women**: 51%
**Men**: 49%

Career Advising
One of the benefits of joining the MFin program is the individual focus on employment and career coaching. Our Career Services team works individually with students to identify the best career opportunities, and prepare for the recruitment and job interview process.

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

“For first hand the strength of the Merage Network, the continuous empowerment and the desire to inspire others. Merage also makes an effort to give back to the community.”

Michelle Quilici ’19 MFin

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

GMAT/GRE WAIVED for qualified applicants.

**PREPARES FOR ENTRY AND MID-LEVEL FINANCE POSITIONS SUCH AS:**
- Risk management
- Asset and wealth management
- Real estate management
- Forecasting

**STEM-CERTIFIED (36 MONTHS OF OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING).**

**GMAT/GRE WAIVED FOR QUALIFIED APPLICANTS.**

**PREPARES FOR ENTRY AND MID-LEVEL FINANCE POSITIONS SUCH AS:**
- Risk management
- Asset and wealth management
- Real estate management
- Forecasting

**PREPARES FOR ENTRY AND MID-LEVEL FINANCE POSITIONS SUCH AS:**
- Risk management
- Asset and wealth management
- Real estate management
- Forecasting

**APPLICANT POOL & CLASS SIZE**
- Applications Received: 1,223
- Class Size: 71

**ACADEMIC PROFILE**
- Average GPA: 3.48
- Average GMAT: 622
- Average GRE: 310
- Domestic: 44%
- Age Range: 21 - 42
- Domestic: 45%
- Underserved Minorities: 14%

**REGION REPRESENTATION**
- China, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, United States, and Vietnam

**UNDERGRADUATE UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED**
- UC Irvine: 25.4%
- Other UC Schools: 9.9%
- Other CA Schools: 12.7%
- Other US Schools: 38%
- International Schools: 14%

**UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES**
- 36% Finance
- 27% Economics
- 18% Business Administration
- 7% Accounting
- 5% Social Sciences
- 5% Physical Sciences
- 3% Biological Sciences
- 1% Other

**SAMPLE ELECTIVES**
- Advanced Derivatives
- Behavioral Finance
- Corporate Valuation
- Financial Econometrics
- FinTech
- Investments
- Machine Learning
- Programming and Data Analytics
- Venture Capital and Private Equity
- Wealth Management

**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 Capstone Companies:**
- Mackenzie USA
- Riemer Capital
- Tech Coast Angels-Venture Capital Fund
- Cerene Fund II
- First American Trust
- Pacific Life
- IPC Inc
- Western Digital
- MG Capital

**CAPSTONE PROJECT**

**Women**: 51%
**Men**: 49%

Career Advising
One of the benefits of joining the MFin program is the individual focus on employment and career coaching. Our Career Services team works individually with students to identify the best career opportunities, and prepare for the recruitment and job interview process.

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

“For first hand the strength of the Merage Network, the continuous empowerment and the desire to inspire others. Merage also makes an effort to give back to the community.”

Michelle Quilici ’19 MFin

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

GMAT/GRE WAIVED for qualified applicants.

**PREPARES FOR ENTRY AND MID-LEVEL FINANCE POSITIONS SUCH AS:**
- Risk management
- Asset and wealth management
- Real estate management
- Forecasting

**PREPARES FOR ENTRY AND MID-LEVEL FINANCE POSITIONS SUCH AS:**
- Risk management
- Asset and wealth management
- Real estate management
- Forecasting

**PREPARES FOR ENTRY AND MID-LEVEL FINANCE POSITIONS SUCH AS:**
- Risk management
- Asset and wealth management
- Real estate management
- Forecasting

**APPLICANT POOL & CLASS SIZE**
- Applications Received: 1,223
- Class Size: 71

**ACADEMIC PROFILE**
- Average GPA: 3.48
- Average GMAT: 622
- Average GRE: 310
- Domestic: 44%
- Age Range: 21 - 42
- Domestic: 45%
- Underserved Minorities: 14%

**REGION REPRESENTATION**
- China, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, United States, and Vietnam

**UNDERGRADUATE UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED**
- UC Irvine: 25.4%
- Other UC Schools: 9.9%
- Other CA Schools: 12.7%
- Other US Schools: 38%
- International Schools: 14%

**UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES**
- 36% Finance
- 27% Economics
- 18% Business Administration
- 7% Accounting
- 5% Social Sciences
- 5% Physical Sciences
- 3% Biological Sciences
- 1% Other

**SAMPLE ELECTIVES**
- Advanced Derivatives
- Behavioral Finance
- Corporate Valuation
- Financial Econometrics
- FinTech
- Investments
- Machine Learning
- Programming and Data Analytics
- Venture Capital and Private Equity
- Wealth Management

**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 Capstone Companies:**
- Mackenzie USA
- Riemer Capital
- Tech Coast Angels-Venture Capital Fund
- Cerene Fund II
- First American Trust
- Pacific Life
- IPC Inc
- Western Digital
- MG Capital

**CAPSTONE PROJECT**

**Women**: 51%
**Men**: 49%