

# FINANCE, MS

**Banner Code:** BU-MS-FNAN

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The purpose of the Finance, MS program is to prepare students for successful careers in financial industries and private sectors with finance-related job functions.

This degree will provide the opportunity for prospective students to further their education by offering a specialized program that helps them develop technical financial skills to fill the projected market demand and have a successful career in a global economy.

The program is designed to equip students with advanced knowledge and abilities essential for the highly skilled financial work environment.

## Admissions & Policies

### Admissions

All students registering for School of Business graduate courses must have graduate standing. Non-degree student status is not available.

Full eligibility and admission requirements can be viewed on the School of Business website (<https://business.gmu.edu/programs/graduate/admissions/>).

### Policies

For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

Graduate level courses offered by the School of Business cannot be audited.

## Requirements

### Degree Requirements

Total credits: 33

#### Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
MSF 603	Managerial Economics and Decisions of the Firm	3
MSF 632	Statistical and Quantitative Methods for Finance	3
MSF 643	Financial Economics and Statement Analysis	3
MSF 672	Corporate Finance and Governance	3
MSF 683	Ethical and Professional Standards in Finance	3

MSF 705	Venture Capital, Private Finance, and Alternative Investments	3
MSF 706	Investment Analysis	3
MSF 707	Futures, Options and Other Derivatives	3
MSF 717	International Finance and Financial Markets	3
MSF 732	Fixed Income Securities	3
MSF 777	Student Managed Investment Fund	3
Total Credits		33

## Accelerated Master's

### Bachelor's Degree (any)/Finance, Accelerated MS

#### Overview

This BAM pathway will provide the opportunity for prospective undergraduate students to further their education by offering a specialized accelerated program that helps them develop technical financial skills to fill the projected market demand and have a successful career in a global economy.

Undergraduates may be admitted to the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's program (BAM) and obtain a BS/BA in a chosen major and a MS in Finance in an accelerated time-frame after satisfactory completion of a minimum of 141 credits.

See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) for policies related to this program.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the Master's degree. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>)

#### BAM-MS Finance Pathway Admission Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions Policies and Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree policies. For information specific to this accelerated master's program, see the School of Business website (<https://business.gmu.edu/programs/graduate/admissions/>).

Students will be considered for admission into the BAM pathway after completion of a minimum of 60 credits and additional unit-specific criteria.

Students who are accepted into the BAM pathway will be allowed to register for graduate-level courses after successful completion of a minimum of 75 undergraduate credits and course specific pre-requisites.

#### Accelerated Master's Admission Requirements

Students already admitted into the BAM pathway will be admitted to the MS in Finance program, if they have met all the criteria found here (<https://business.gmu.edu/programs/graduate/admissions/>) and as verified on the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition form.

## BAM MS in Finance Pathway Requirements

To maintain the integrity and quality of both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs, undergraduate students interested in taking graduate courses choose from the following:

Code	Title	Credits
Advanced Standing courses (up to 12 credits; grade of B or better required):		
MSF 603	Managerial Economics and Decisions of the Firm	
MSF 632	Statistical and Quantitative Methods for Finance	
MSF 643	Financial Economics and Statement Analysis	
MSF 672	Corporate Finance and Governance	
MSF 683	Ethical and Professional Standards in Finance	

Code	Title	Credits
Reserve Credit courses (up to 6 credits) taken while an undergraduate and will only count for the graduate degree program:		
MSF 603	Managerial Economics and Decisions of the Firm	
MSF 632	Statistical and Quantitative Methods for Finance	
MSF 643	Financial Economics and Statement Analysis	
MSF 672	Corporate Finance and Governance	
MSF 683	Ethical and Professional Standards in Finance	

For more detailed information on coursework and timeline requirements, see AP6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) policies.