

MSBA: FINANCE

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The Finance Program

The Finance Program is concerned with a variety of business problems. The study of corporate finance emphasizes the firm's internal financial policy making. The top financial executive would be responsible for financial planning, administration of funds, protection of assets, tax administration and investor relations. The allied area of investment deals with the evaluation and selection of securities. International finance focuses on the special problems confronting firms engaged in international transactions. The Finance program also covers the general environment of an economy, including the supply and demand for funds and their interest rates.

Career Opportunities

Business corporations and nonprofit organizations:

Responsibilities include financial management, administration of funds, protection of assets, tax administration, and investor relations.

Brokerages and investment companies:

Responsibilities include counseling clients, marketing financial services, evaluation and selection of securities for investment portfolios.

Financial institutions:

Responsibilities include loan production, marketing financial services and building client relations.

Program Structure

The Master of Science degree in Finance is a program designed to prepare students for managerial positions requiring an understanding of the sources and uses of capital within a business organization. Individuals in these positions address a variety of business problems such as internal financing policy, the evaluation and selection of investment securities and international financial transactions in the world economy.

Program Prerequisites: Students must have recently completed each of the following program prerequisite courses or its equivalent.

Financial Accounting Fundamentals	BA 650
Principles of Microeconomics	ECON 102
Principles of Macroeconomics	ECON 101
Managerial Economics	BA 653
Statistical Analysis	BA 652
Business Law	FIN 604

Financial Management I*	BA 665
Operations Management	BA 662
Organizational Behavior	BA 651
Marketing	BA 655
College Algebra or Business Calculus	---

The prerequisite will be considered as having been met if you completed an equivalent course within the past 5 years at an institution accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and you earned a grade of B or higher in that course. Courses completed at non-AACSB accredited institutions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The Graduate Programs Office will inform you of the program prerequisites you need to complete. You should register for these courses first.

Courses in the Program: The MSBA program requires the completion of 30 semester units in advanced coursework. The 30 units of advanced coursework on your official program must include at least 15 units from the following list:

Financial Management II	FIN 617
Seminar in Investments	FIN 651
Seminar in Security Analysis and Portfolio Management	FIN 652
Case Studies in Financial Management	FIN 653
Seminar in International Business Finance	FIN 654
Decision Making in the World Economy	FIN 659
Seminar in Financial Institutions	FIN 656
Financing the Emerging Enterprise	FIN 641
Financial Risk Management	FIN 642

Career objectives determine which of these courses are most suitable for your program. However, several general comments can be made. Most MSBA finance students complete FIN 617 and Fin 651, usually early in their graduate program. The comprehensive examination is normally taken the final semester. Your program of study may include courses outside of finance. This program cannot include FIN 604 or IDS 609.

The Graduate Bulletin is an excellent source of information and provides descriptions of all courses available. It is available at: <http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/catalog/bulletin/>

Another excellent source of information is our site on the World Wide Web: website: <http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~cba/grad/index.html>

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* BA 665 will be required from all students who do not have an undergraduate degree in Finance or who have not taken at least two managerial Finance courses.