

FINANCE - MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS)

The nine-month MS in finance provides extensive coursework and an in-depth application of materials, preparing students for a range of job opportunities. In addition to the coursework, enrichment seminars in topics ranging from teamwork and leadership to ethics and corporate social responsibility support the "whole student" experience by incorporating professional development into the academic experience.

The focused finance curriculum offers students a firm grounding in general finance, and helps to develop the specific skills necessary to pursue careers in a variety of financial fields.

The MS degree in finance offers two tracks to develop skills in specific disciplines:

- The **investment management (IM) track** provides the knowledge and practical tools to construct optimal investment portfolios for an investor's desired goals in terms of assets, risks and returns. The curriculum offers strong foundational knowledge of investment theories along with intensive data-driven analysis to inform asset selection, portfolio construction, diversification and risk management. Coursework covers the drivers of value and growth in markets, the institutional features of stocks, bonds and derivatives markets, as well as investors' considerations among the various investment vehicles including ETFs, mutual funds, hedge funds, venture capital and private equity. This track prepares graduates with competencies necessary to pursue a career with an investment management firm and to take the CFA Level I exam.
- The **sustainable finance (SF) track** provides up-to-date knowledge for a wide array of careers helping investors, corporations, and governments allocate capital between different sustainability projects and evaluate the impact of sustainable funding in the markets.
- The **corporate finance/consulting (CF) track** prepares students for a career in management consulting, investment banking, private equity and venture capital.

For additional information, please visit Leeds School Graduate Programs (<http://www.colorado.edu/business/ms-programs/>) or email us at leedsgrad@colorado.edu.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses		
MSBC 5015	Managerial Economics	1.5
MSBC 5020	Financial Accounting	1.5
MSBC 5031	Quantitative Methods in Finance	3
MSBC 5060	Corporate Finance	3
MBAX 6210	Applied Financial Management	3
MSBC 5220	Investment Management & Analysis	3
MBAX 6250	Derivative Securities	3
MBAX 6260	Fixed Income Investing	3
MBAX 6295	Topics in Finance	3
Track-Specific Elective Courses		

Choose two track-specific electives	6
Total Credit Hours	30

Sample Plan of Study

Year One		Credit Hours
Fall Semester		
MSBC 5015	Managerial Economics	1.5
MSBC 5020	Financial Accounting	1.5
MSBC 5031	Quantitative Methods in Finance	3
MSBC 5060	Corporate Finance	3
MBAX 6250	Derivative Securities	3
MSBC 5220	Investment Management & Analysis	3
Credit Hours		15
Spring Semester		
MBAX 6210	Applied Financial Management	3
MBAX 6260	Fixed Income Investing	3
MBAX 6295	Topics in Finance ¹	3
Two track-specific electives (see Requirements tab)		6
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		30

¹ MBAX 6295 is delivered as 1.5 credits in fall & 1.5 credits in spring.