Master of Science in Finance

In only nine months, the W. P. Carey Master of Science in Finance (MS-FIN) provides depth in finance knowledge and analytical skills through a leading-edge curriculum that balances corporate finance, investment management, and financial risk management. A STEM-designated program, the MS-FIN will prepare you for a range of career opportunities as a highly skilled analyst in investment and commercial banking, asset and wealth management, and the insurance industry, as well as in typical corporate finance and treasury functions.

In addition to building expertise in finance, as an MS-FIN student, you’ll have access to world-renowned faculty, motivated classmates, and personalized career resources.

One of the most important aspects of the MS-FIN program has been the faculty. They each have a remarkable professional background or they do very interesting research. I know I’m going to take something away from every class.

Madison Cavanagh-Mailloux, MS-FIN 2016

Develop a global outlook in finance and prepare for a complex market.

14% increase

In 2018, 52% of companies planned to hire candidates with a master’s degree in finance, compared to 38% in 2017.  
– GMAC Corporate Recruiters Survey 2018

632,400 new financial management jobs by 2024 – Bureau of Labor Statistics

Accelerate your career

MS-FIN Class of 2018 graduates began careers with outstanding companies, including:

Allstate Insurance  
Axway  
Credit One Bank  
Deloitte  
Dimensional Fund Advisors  
Equity Methods  
Northern Trust

U.S. News & World Report
No. 1  Most innovative schools  
No. 31  Finance, graduate

Accelerate your career
Acquire the skills and expertise employers are looking for. The W. P. Carey Master of Science in Finance (MS-FIN) is one of the few advanced finance degrees offered by a top-ranked business school, providing access to world-class instruction of both fundamental topics in finance and the newest research findings in financial economics. Most MS-FIN students have recently received undergraduate degrees that emphasized quantitative skills.

Financial Accounting
Study contemporary systems, with an emphasis on the interpretation and evaluation of corporate external financial reports.

Managerial Finance
Learn contemporary finance theory and the application of analytical techniques to make optimal decisions under uncertainty.

Quantitative Methods in Finance I
Examine properties of financial data and the basis for portfolio optimization through estimation and testing of financial factor models.

Investment Strategies
Explore principles of risk and return, portfolio diversification, asset allocation, efficient markets, active portfolio management, and portfolio evaluation.

Derivatives
Learn about derivative assets, such as futures, forwards, swaps, and options; financial engineering; risk management; and credit derivatives.

Prepare for the CFA exam
Accepted into the CFA University Recognition Program, the MS-FIN degree will position you to take the Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA) exams. You’ll be well on your way toward earning a CFA designation upon completing your master’s program.

Recognition by the CFA Institute indicates that the MS-FIN curriculum not only reflects professional practice in the field, but also maintains high standards for academic excellence.

The STEM designation – administered by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency within the Department of Homeland Security – allows eligible graduates on student visas access to an Optional Practical Training (OPT) extension, up to 36 months, as compared to 12 months for non-STEM degrees.

The longer work authorization term may help international students gain additional real-world skills and experience in the U.S.