

Finance - M.S.

The Finance Master of Science degree program prepares students for career advancement in a variety of managerial and professional positions in a wide range of firms. As a result of the changes in the field of finance and the increasing complexity in the market, the modern analyst needs much more extensive training in finance than at any time in the recent past. This program provides students with the knowledge they need to apply complex financial technology for value creation in an ethical manner. The program provides two different tracks supported by elective courses for those wishing to seek certification as either a Certified Financial Planner® or a Chartered Financial Analyst.

If your interest lies in financial planning, it's important to know that JWU offers the CFP Certification Professional Education Program. This program is registered with the CFP Board, which means that students can meet the Education requirement and qualify to sit for CFP® Certification Examination administered by the CFP Board. Only about 200 institutions of higher education nationwide meet such a requirement. (See www.cfp.net/ for information pertaining to CFP certification requirements.)

Upon completion of the program, graduates are expected to:

- Apply knowledge of financial theories and practices to solve organizational and consumer economic challenges.
- Apply appropriate quantitative and qualitative methods to solve financial problems.
- Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills as a foundation for lifelong learning.
- Critique and interpret financial data to assess and improve entity performance within a moral and ethical framework.

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Foundation Courses

ECON5000	Economics in the Global Economy	3
FISV5000	Corporate Financial Accounting	3

Core Courses

FISV5410	Personal Financial Planning	3
FISV5526	Financial Reporting and Control	3
FISV5600	Financial Management	3
FISV6056	Fundamentals of Investment and Portfolio Management	3
MATH5100	Statistical Methods	3

Elective Courses

Choose five of the following: #		15
ACCT6410	Income Tax Planning *	
FISV5420	Estate Planning *	
FISV5430	Principles of Risk and Insurance *	
FISV5440	Retirement Planning *	
FISV6050	Strategic Financial Planning **	
FISV6060	Managing Capital Markets	
FISV6410	Equity Analysis **	
FISV6420	Bond Market Analysis **	
FISV6430	Applied Behavioral Finance	
FISV6440	Alternative Investments **	
FISV6450	Derivatives and Risk Management **	
FISV6480	Capstone for Certified Financial Planners *	
FISV6490	Institutional Portfolio Management **	

Total Credits 30.0-36.0

Students can take any of the electives to earn the MS Finance degree.

* Students wishing to qualify to CFP designation must take these electives (licensing not part of the MS Finance program).

** Students wishing to qualify for the CFA designation are highly recommended to take these electives (licensing not part of the MS Finance program).