

Finance - M.S.

Curriculum

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. Coursework offered by this program may be applied to industry specific certifications.

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

BUSN5010	Quantitative Methods in Business	3
BUSN5600	Business Analytics	3

Core Courses

FISV5410	Personal Financial Planning	3
FISV5600	Financial Management	3
FISV5720	Financial Reporting and Control	3
FISV6050	Strategic Financial Planning	3
FISV6056	Fundamentals of Investment and Portfolio Management	3
MATH5100	Statistical Methods	3

Elective Courses

Choose four of the following:		12
ACCT6020	Individual Taxation	
FISV5420	Estate Planning	
FISV5430	Principles of Risk and Insurance	
FISV5440	Retirement Planning	
FISV6430	Applied Behavioral Finance	
FISV6490	Institutional Portfolio Management	

Total Credits **36.0**

Admissions Requirements

Johnson & Wales University holistically reviews all elements of a student's application to identify those students most likely to succeed at the university.

Prior to being considered for admission into an online JWU graduate program, the following must be submitted:

1. A completed application for admission
2. Official or certified transcripts from all institutions attended, including bachelor's and master's degree conferral (if applicable). When a graduate program application is submitted prior to completing requirements for the bachelor's degree, Admissions will consider the application and, if admissible, will offer an acceptance pending submission of final transcript verifying bachelor's degree conferral. Without such verification, students will not be allowed to register for the current semester or continue enrollment, and will be in jeopardy of losing their academic status with the university.
3. Statement of Purpose: An essay explaining your motivation, aptitude and goals related to graduate-level academic study
4. Two letters of recommendation from individuals qualified to attest to the applicant's potential for success at the graduate level of study. A Personal Reference Form may be substituted for the letters of recommendation.
5. A current résumé or CV (required for applicants for conditional acceptance; optional for other applicants)

The letters of recommendation and Statement of Purpose may be emailed (jwuonline@jwu.edu).

Conditional Acceptance

Conditional acceptance to the Master of Science in Finance program may be extended to students who have a 2.41–2.84 cumulative undergraduate grade point average, and demonstrate significant evidence of professional success. Students granted conditional acceptance may take a maximum of three JWU graduate courses in their first semester (students may not enroll in two 8-week courses at the same time). If an overall GPA of 3.0 is earned in the first conditional semester, the student will be granted full admission to that program. Students who do not earn an overall GPA of 3.0 will be dismissed from the program and will not be accepted to any JWU graduate program.