

## Finance (MS) - Accelerated Online Program

### Overview

The Master of Science (MS) in Finance program equips students with a comprehensive understanding of financial principles within corporate environments and develops advanced analytical competencies essential for preparing, interpreting, and managing financial reports, budgets, forecasts, and planning activities. As the United States shifts towards a service-oriented economy, the financial services sector continues to drive this evolution, reflecting increased reliance on credit and derivative-based financial tools. Graduates of the MS Finance program are well-prepared to pursue diverse career opportunities in established and emerging roles, many offering competitive compensation. These roles include financial and investment analysts, personal financial advisors, loan officers, financial risk specialists, credit analysts, and budget analysts, among others.

The MS Finance curriculum consists of thirty (30) semester credit hours—twenty-one hours are designated as core requirements across seven courses, while nine hours are elective, allowing students to select three courses from a pre-approved list. Elective options may include recommended specialized tracks that have been detailed separately.

### Admission Requirements

Applicants must satisfy all UT Rio Grande Valley graduate admission criteria in addition to the following program-specific requirements:

1. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or an internationally recognized equivalent in a related discipline.
2. An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on 4.0 scale in the final 60 semester credit hours; candidates with GPAs below 3.0 may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
3. Official transcripts from each previously attended institution, submitted directly to UTRGV.

Application for admission must be submitted prior to the published deadline. The application is available at [www.utrgv.edu/gradapply](http://www.utrgv.edu/gradapply).

### Progression Requirements

Students who accumulate three grades of "C," regardless of overall GPA, may be subject to suspension from the program or required to retake one or more "C" graded courses.

### Program Requirements - 30 hours

#### Leveling Courses

If required, complete the following:

FINA 6303	Introduction to Finance	3
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#### Required Courses:

Complete all the following:

FINA 6340	Advanced Corporate Finance	3
FINA 6345	Contemporary Issues in Global Financial Markets	3
FINA 6351	Fundamentals of Financial Planning	3
FINA 6381	International Financial Management	3

#### Prescribed Electives - 18 hours

Choose from the following:

FINA 6342	Financial Topics Seminar	3
FINA 6350	Healthcare Finance	3
FINA 6353	Retirement Planning	3
FINA 6355	Wealth Management	3
FINA 6357	Introduction to Charitable Giving	3
FINA 6359	Capstone in Financial Planning	3
FINA 6393	Entrepreneurial Finance	3
QUMT 6310	Business Research	3

Total Credit Hours: 30