Program Description

With its emphasis on both practical and theoretical knowledge—and the skillsets and expertise that all future finance professionals must have—the Master of Science in Finance graduate program introduces students to core concepts used widely across all finance specializations and to preeminent faculty experts and industry leaders.

Offered by the Naveen Jindal School of Management at UT Dallas—one of the nation’s top ranked business schools according to U.S. News and World Report—the master’s program in Finance helps students develop:

- An in-depth understanding of finance, from its theoretical and technical aspects to its practical applications.
- The ability to make strategic financial decisions using appropriate data and models.
- The skills to analyze and scrutinize financial information in order to make sound, forward-looking financial decisions.
- A knowledge of technologies that enhance data analysis and strategic financial decision making.
- Expertise in written and oral communication and experience with leadership opportunities.

The Finance master’s program has numerous program partners across the School of Management and is uniquely situated to provide students with the skills they need to succeed in the master’s program and beyond. The program is designed for students with or without a previous educational background in finance and no prior work experience is required.

The MS Finance Cohort Program: The purpose of this special program is to develop effective leaders in professional finance by adopting a holistic approach that focuses on knowledge of finance as well as communication and leadership skills. The program is designed for students with or without a previous educational background in finance and makes it possible for students to complete all degree requirements in 12 months. No prior work experience is required, and admission to the program occurs only in the summer semester. Visit the websites below for additional information.

Benefits

The Finance master’s program ensures that students gain a broad understanding of their discipline, apply their knowledge and analytical skills to create effective and novel solutions to practical problems and communicate and work effectively in collaborative environments.

Other benefits include:

- **World-Class Faculty:** The program is led by faculty of the Naveen Jindal School of Management who are widely cited experts in their respective fields, many of whom also have professional industry experience.
- **Program Flexibility:** The Finance program offers a choice of tracks and numerous electives. Full-time and part-time options are available.
- **Cutting-Edge Skills:** Students in the program master in-demand skills in financial analysis, financial modeling, and many other areas.
- **Double Degree Option:** Students can obtain a double MS/MS should this be MBA/MS? degree by meeting both program’s degree requirements.
• **Facilities**: The School of Management building and Jindal School Addition provide students with more than 300,000 square feet of classroom, computer labs and study areas including specialized labs for financial trading, business communications, accounting and sales.

• **Location**: Situated in the greater Dallas region—recently rated by *Forbes* magazine as the #1 “Best City for Jobs”—UT Dallas provides students with easy access to employers and internship opportunities, not to mention a large and supportive alumni population.

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates of the Finance master's program have gone on to pursue careers as:

- financial analysts and planners
- budget and business analysts
- commodities traders
- credit analysts and managers
- insurance agents and underwriters
- international trade specialists
- investment bankers and loan specialists
- mortgage brokers, purchasing agents and real estate developers
- research analysts
- securities agents and stockbrokers
- treasurers, trust account administrators and trust investment officers
- mortgage brokers, purchasing agents and real estate developers
- research analysts
- securities agents and stockbrokers
- treasurers, trust account administrators and trust investment officers
- facilities specialists
- mergers and acquisitions specialists
- project control specialists
- risk management specialists
- tax advice specialists
- treasury management specialists

**Marketable Skills**

Upon successful completion of the MS in Finance degree program, graduates will be able to integrate market, industry and finance-specific knowledge to strategically solve financial problems. Students will develop the following marketable skills:

- Effective oral, written and visual communication of financial information and results.
- Gain quantitative and technological skills to evaluate financial data and make strategic financial decisions.
- Develop interpersonal skills for enhanced collaboration, negotiation and leadership.
- Build critical thinking and analytical reasoning to solve a mix of theoretical and real-world problems.

**Application Deadlines and Requirements**

Please take note of all application deadlines and visit the Apply Now webpage to begin the application process. See the Finance program’s website for additional information.

Admission to the Finance master’s program occurs in Fall, Spring and Summer semesters. Applicants should have:

- A bachelor's degree from an institution in the United States, or its equivalent (all majors are considered). Knowledge of calculus is required. Applicants who have not satisfied this requirement may take OPRE 6303 (Quantitative Foundations of Business).
- A grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 in both core and aggregate courses.
- Test Scores: Competitive GMAT performance based on a score that is less than five years old. GRE scores are also accepted.
- Letters of Recommendation: Applicants must submit at least one letter of recommendation from an individual able to judge the candidate’s potential for success in the master’s degree program. The letter can be academic or professional.
- Admissions Essay: Applicants must submit an essay outlining their academic interests and professional goals.
- A resume.
- International applicants must submit a TOEFL score of at least 80 on the internet-based test. Scores must be less than two years old. See the Graduate Catalog for additional information regarding English proficiency requirements for international applicants.
Naveen Jindal School of Management
About the School

The University of Texas at Dallas Naveen Jindal School of Management (JSOM) is the largest of UT Dallas’ eight schools, with an enrollment of about 9,000 with almost half who are graduate students. The school provides outstanding tuition value, a wide variety of classes on campus and online, flexible scheduling and a convenient location. The Jindal School of Management keeps abreast of business needs as an essential component in providing students with rigorous training and relevant skills for professional success. Programs are offered at the undergraduate, MBA, master’s, PhD and executive levels. Programs are organized around six broad topics of business specialization:

- Accounting
- Finance and Managerial Economics
- Information Systems
- Marketing
- Operations Management
- Organizations, Strategy and International Management

A broad array of internship and scholarship opportunities is made available to Jindal School students each academic year. The school operates its own Career Management Center, which students may use in addition to the campus-wide UT Dallas Career Center. More than 70 student organizations are based in the school. Most of these focus on career development in specific fields and build networking, internship and employment opportunities. U.S. News & World Report (2021) ranks the school’s Full-Time MBA program at No. 33 (tied) in the nation and tied for No. 12 (tied) among public university programs in the United States. In the same ranking, the publication places the Professional (Part-Time) MBA at No. 19 (tied) in the nation.

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Faculty
The Jindal School offers a variety of degree options at the undergraduate, graduate, master’s and PhD levels. The school’s relevant, rigorous curriculums were developed by exemplary teachers and leading researchers. The outstanding faculty members bring a wealth of intellectual capital, and they often come because UT Dallas enthusiastically encourages and supports scholarly inquiry and innovative teaching. New discoveries, along with faculty members’ expertise, inform the academic programs at every level.

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* UT Dallas also offers an Executive Management Science degree with concentration options in Project Management and Organizational Behavior and Coaching.

** UT Dallas also offers Executive MBAs with concentrations in Healthcare Management for Physicians (MS or MBA), Product Lifecycle and Supply Chain Management and Project Management.

*** Systems Engineering and Management is a joint program with the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science.
The school’s centers and institutes blend academic research with the real world. The business community as well as UT Dallas faculty and students benefit from this exchange of ideas, experiences and research. Jindal School Centers and Institutes of Excellence include:

- Center and Laboratory for Behavioral Operations and Economics
- Center for the Analysis of Property Rights and Innovation
- Center for Finance Strategy Innovation
- Center for Global Business
- Center for Healthcare Leadership and Management
- Center for Information Technology and Management
- Center for Intelligent Supply Networks
- Center for Internal Auditing Excellence
- Center for Professional Sales
- International Accounting Development: Oil and Gas
- International Center for Decision and Risk Analysis
- The Leadership Center
- Morris Hite Center
- Herbert D. Weitzman Institute for Real Estate
- Institute for Excellence in Corporate Governance
- Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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The Career Management Center (CMC)
The Career Management Center (CMC) prepares degree-seeking students in the Jindal School of Management for significant and fulfilling business careers. The CMC has a committed and enduring relationship with the DFW business community, home to 24 Fortune 500 companies. The CMC offers tools and programs to help students and graduates build their networks, enhance their skills and develop professionalism to land dream jobs. Services include:

- Handshake (internal job posting website)
- Professional development opportunities
- Internships
- Portfolio building
- Company visits and networking opportunities on campus

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Location
The Jindal School benefits from its location in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, a center of industry and trade that places a high value on ingenuity and entrepreneurship. Foreign Policy magazine named Dallas one of only five U.S. cities in the top 25 in its projection of the “most dynamic cities in the world in 2025.”