Master of Science in Management and Organizational Behavior

Finance

Benedictine University
Evening M.S. in Finance Program

Benedictine University’s traditional M.S. in Finance program is designed for working adults who have a business-related or quantitative undergraduate degree and desire a career in the area of finance. Evening classes are ideal for those who seek flexibility in their course schedules and plan to register as a part-time student. Students usually complete one to two courses per quarter. Classes are conducted one evening per week per class on the main campus in Lisle starting at 6:30 p.m. Select courses may be offered from 3:00-6:00 p.m., enabling a student to take two courses in one evening and thus requiring the student to come to campus only one night a week. Please consult the schedule for the exact times and locations.

The M.S. in Finance program may accept up to 16 quarter credit hours in transfer credit toward the master’s degree for graduate coursework completed at another institution. An additional 16 quarter credit hours may be waived for prior undergraduate coursework taken within the last seven years, pending department chair approval. This means that you can potentially complete your degree in as little as one year.

4+1 M.S. in Finance Program

Well-qualified Benedictine University students who complete their undergraduate degree in finance, accounting or business administration are eligible to complete a M.S. in Finance degree with one additional year of graduate study. The full-time 4+1 M.S. in Finance program is developed specifically for recent college graduates. Admittance to the M.S. in Finance program is not automatic and an application must be completed during the student’s senior year of undergraduate work.
Custom designed to professional standards, the Bloomberg Trading Lab supports more than 20 state-of-the-art professional applications in business analytics, economics, finance, investment portfolio management, strategy, and analytical visualization— an exceptional value for undergraduate and graduate students.

The M.S. in Finance program requires 64 quarter credit hours of graduate coursework. Students are required to choose four (4) elective courses suited to their personal or professional interests.

Managerial Competency Topics:
- MBA 520 Leadership and Ethics in a Global Environment (4)
- MBA 530 Organizational Behavior (4)

Core/Foundation Finance Competency:
- MSF 604 Theory and Practice of Financial Reporting (4)
- MSF 653 Investment Theory and Portfolio Management (4)
- MSF 643 Financial Mathematics (4)
- MSBA 659 Business Analytics (4)
- MSF 658 Derivative and Risk Management (4)

Advance Finance Topics:
- MSF 656 Investment Analysis (4)
- MSF 646 Fixed Income Securities (4)
- MSF 647 Behavioral Finance (4)
- MSF 605 Tax Influences on Decision Making (4)
- MSF 660 Investment Seminar Capstone (4)

Electives: students are required to choose 16-quarter-credit-hour elective courses suited to their personal or professional interests.

The Corporate Finance concentration provides the skills and knowledge necessary for maximizing shareholder value through long-term and short-term financial planning and the implementation of various strategies. Everything from capital investment decisions to investment banking falls under the domain of corporate finance. This concentration expands the career opportunities available to you in the areas of financial analysis, chief financial officer, corporate treasurer, controller, director of finance or investment banker. You may earn this concentration by selecting 16 or more quarter credit hours from the list below:

Corporate Finance Electives – 16 Credit Hours:
- MSF 655 Securities Regulations (4)
- MSF 613 Business and Economic Forecasting (4)
- MBA 626 Strategic Business Communication (4)
- MBA 603 Cost Analysis, Profit Planning and Control (4)

Other elective courses which will enhance the student's career goals may be substituted pending program director approval.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that U.S. employers will have nearly 2.4 Million jobs that require a graduate degree or higher between 2012 and 2022.
### Full-Time Faculty

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