The Master of Science in Finance (MSF) degree is a focused graduate program in business that offers in-depth learning for careers in a variety of financial settings.

Typically, students choose to pursue an MSF to move into the financial industry or to accelerate their current career path. Olin Business School’s MSF program, through its innovative coursework and abundant campus resources, provides you an intimate learning experience in either of two tracks: Corporate Finance and Investments (MSFC) or Quantitative Finance (MSFQ). With students' career ambitions in mind, offering separate tracks and highly accessible faculty gives you a more customized graduate experience.

**Program Highlights**

- **Outstanding Faculty:** Olin Business School has long been regarded as a pacesetter in the field of financial research. This impactful research by our world-renowned faculty members is embedded into the curriculum, giving you a recognized advantage when entering the job market upon graduation.

- **Experiential Learning:** Through consulting projects, entrepreneurial ventures, and our unique Investments Praxis, Olin's MSF program provides you with the opportunity to apply the skills learned inside the classroom into a live setting.

- **Professional Development:** Curriculum is designed to prepare you for the technical aspects of your career and to develop professional proficiency in areas such as strategy, marketing, presentation skills, interpersonal communication, and negotiation. Extracurricular programs allow you to further develop these skills through consulting and training.

- **Networking:** Alumni events, social gatherings, industry speakers, and panel discussions are some of the ways Olin’s current students and graduates interact with each other. Deeply rooted within the Washington University community, graduate studies at Olin provide you the distinct benefit of working in close proximity to some of the brightest students, faculty, and industry professionals in the world.

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“The MSF at Olin provided an intensive, one-year introduction into finance that allowed me to hit the ground running upon graduation. During interviews, I was able to convey that I truly understood valuation for investment banking positions, in addition to other skills needed.”

— RICHARD HEMMINGS  
MSFC, 2013  
Yellow Ribbon Program

“Olin combines quantitative finance and business perfectly. My favorite course is Quantitative Risk Management because it allows me to apply my mathematics knowledge to real-world risk management. I also like learning what kind of risk management skills companies want via the professional risk managers who come speak with our class.”

— WEI CHEN  
MSFQ, 2013
investment management, or corporate finance careers. Courses offered by Olin faculty, who are at the cutting-edge of corporate finance research, along with hands-on project experience provide our students an enormous advantage in the marketplace.”

— RADHAKRISHNAN (RADHA) GOPALAN, PHD
Academic Director, Master of Science in Finance –
Corporate Finance and Investments Track (MSFC)

CORPORATE FINANCE AND INVESTMENTS

Offered as both a full-time and a flexible part-time program, the MSFC track challenges you to learn how to manage risk, identify opportunities, and develop plans for future firm success. A high degree of preparation is needed for these endeavors.

SAMPLE COURSES
Data Analysis for Investments
Advanced Corporate Finance
Financial Intermediation
Mergers & Acquisitions
Options and Futures

CAREERS
Asset Management
Investment Research
Sales & Trading
Industry Finance

QUANTITATIVE FINANCE

Specifically designed to provide you with a skill set similar to that of a financial engineering degree program, the MSFQ track fuses advanced mathematical tools with a strategic understanding of business decision making. Students with strong quantitative skills, no matter the subject area, perform well in this program.

SAMPLE COURSES
Mathematical Finance
Fixed Income Derivatives
Fixed Income Securities
Quantitative Risk Management
Topics in Quantitative Finance

CAREERS
Risk Management Modeling
Credit Risk Analysis
Derivative Pricing
Fixed Income Analysis
Financial Software Development

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

Olin Finance Club serves as a forum for students seeking careers in finance. Leadership includes one Master of Science in Finance student and one Master of Accounting student.

The Quantitative Finance Club, which is open to all Specialized Masters Programs students, seeks to foster an environment of collaboration and learning outside of the classroom with a career focus. Leadership is comprised of four students from Specialized Masters Programs.

MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION LAB

The Management Communication Lab provides students with lab-based coaching and practice opportunities that complement a range of required and elective courses. Consultants help you expand your ability to craft succinct, precise communications. You will develop strategies through coaching, videotaping, rehearsals, web-based information, and critique sessions.

ASK ABOUT OUR ACCELERATED MSF SUMMER PROGRAM!

U.S. MILITARY VETERANS

Olin Business School is proud to be a full participant in the GI Bill's Yellow Ribbon Program. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs determines candidates’ eligibility for this benefit. Olin Business School is recognized as a military friendly school by the Graduate Management Admissions Council (GMAC).

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