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MFIN Curriculum

The Rady School MFIN is a 52-unit STEM designated degree program that can be completed in 12 months.

Required Courses (20 credits)
- Financial Accounting
- Investment Analysis
- Advanced Financial Risk Management
- Financial Econometrics and Empirical Methods
- Capstone: Applied Finance Project

Elective Courses (32 credits)
- Business Forecasting
- Behavioral Finance
- Valuation in Corporate Finance
- Real Estate Finance
- Mergers, Acquisitions, and Corporate Restructurings
- New Venture Finance
- Stochastic Calculus and Continuous Time Finance
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Computational Finance Methods
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Capstone Applied Finance Project (4 Credits)

- Direct, hands-on experience applying concepts, frameworks and tools learned in the classroom to a financial data or risk management project or initiative
- Completed during the final quarter of the program under faculty supervision

Admissions

Application Online

- Letters of Recommendation (2)
- Essay, resume, transcripts
- GMAT or GRE scores
- English proficiency testing, if required (valid two years)
- Deadlines: Nov 1 (Early decision), Dec 1, Feb 1, Apr 1 (International deadline), June 1
- Interview by invitation
- Decision within four to six weeks

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