The Master of Finance program at UC San Diego’s Rady School of Management prepares graduates to tackle significant challenges facing the financial sector. The one-year Master of Finance provides rigorous, hands-on training preparing graduates to immediately contribute in environments where quantitative and analytical skills are at a premium. Students learn cutting-edge methods for analyzing “big data” for financial decision making and risk management. The program’s emphasis on quantitative models and methods ensures graduates are equipped to develop innovative solutions to the complex problems facing the financial industry.

UC San Diego, ranked in the top 10 public universities in the U.S. and the top 15 universities in the world, has a rich tradition in empirical and theoretical econometrics. Some of the most widely-used empirical models have been developed from the research of UC San Diego faculty. The emphasis on rigorous empirical data-driven methods differentiates the Rady School’s Master of Finance from programs specializing in financial engineering.

The Rady School of Management’s Master of Finance program has earned the highly regarded status as an official CFA Institute® Affiliated University. This recognition signals to students, employers and the marketplace that the Rady School curriculum is closely tied to professional practice and is well-suited to preparing students to sit for the CFA examinations.

The Rady School of Management is an academic partner of the Global Association of Risk Professionals’ (GARP) Partnership for Risk Education

The Rady School MFIN is a 52-unit STEM designated degree program that can be completed in 12 months or 15 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
- Asset Management
- Mergers, Acquisitions, and Corporate Restructurings
- New Venture Finance
- Stochastic Calculus and Continuous Time Finance
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Computational Finance Methods
- Data Science for Finance
- Collecting and Analyzing Financial Data
- Professional Seminar

MFIN Curriculum

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A Rady School Master of Finance graduate will be skilled at financial analysis and practical problem solving and ready to make significant contributions at investment institutions, insurance companies, regulatory agencies and government agencies. Master of Finance students receive career support from Rady Career Management Center.

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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Career Highlights

Positions:

- Financial Analyst
- Investment Analyst
- Business Analyst
- Asset Management Manager
- Wealth Manager
- Development Fund Manager
- Risk Manager

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Enron Capital
J.P. Morgan
Disney
UBS
Bank of China
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