FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Master of Science in Finance provides unique opportunities for individuals who want to further their careers in the areas of investments, corporate finance, or banking. Whether completed on a part- or full-time basis, the program is especially useful for those seeking advanced certification as chartered financial analysts, certified financial managers, or certified financial planners. One can begin the MSF program in either the fall or spring semester.

COURSE OF STUDY
The curriculum includes 30 credits of course-work, consisting of 10 three-credit courses: seven required courses and three electives.

REQUIRED COURSES
- Corporate Finance
- Investment Analysis
- Portfolio Management
- Global Financial Markets and Institutions
- Derivative Securities
- Financial Risk Management
- Research Methods in Finance

ELECTIVE COURSES
- Shareholder Value
- Capital Budgeting
- International Financial Management
- Fixed Income Securities
- Seminar: Contemporary Topics in Finance
- Independent Seminar in Finance

GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR
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Dr. Ligas is the Associate Dean and Director of the Dolan School of Business graduate programs. He is available to answer any specific questions you have about our business programs, discuss/develop a program of study for you, or to schedule an advising appointment.

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Dr. Koutmos is a Professor of Finance and Coordinator of the Dolan School of Business MSF Program. He is available to answer questions pertaining to the finance profession, as well as to the various licensing exams/certifications.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Applicants for a master’s degree must hold a bachelor’s degree or MBA from a regionally accredited college or university (or the international equivalent) and have adequate background in the areas of:
- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- Financial Accounting
- Statistics

Applicants lacking proper education in these areas will need to take preparatory courses in addition to the main course work. These courses can be taken at Fairfield University. For more information on how to register for these pre-requisite courses, please contact Patricia Pivarnik in the Dolan School of Business at ppivarnik@fairfield.edu.

FORMAL ADMISSION PROCESS
Applications to the graduate program are accepted on a rolling basis. Applications are reviewed by the Graduate Admission Committee. Students seeking admission must complete and submit the following online:

1. A completed application.
   (Apply online at www.fairfield.edu/dsbapp.)
2. A non-refundable $60 application fee.
3. A professional résumé.

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5. Official transcripts from all universities/colleges attended. (All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved evaluating service. A list of approved evaluators is available at www.fairfield.edu/eval).

6. Two references completed online; one recommendation from a faculty member and one from a present or former employer is preferred.

7. Official score for the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) www.gmat.com. The GRE can be substituted for the GMAT.

8. All international students whose native language is not English must demonstrate proficiency in the English language by taking either TOEFL or IELTS exams. For admission to the graduate school, a TOEFL composite score of 550 for the paper test, 213 for the computer-based test, 80 on the internet-based test or an IELTS score of 6.5 is strongly recommended. Scores must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (TOEFL) or www.IELTS.org. Fairfield’s ETS code is 3390.

Submit transcripts and any other documents that cannot be uploaded to:

Committee on Graduate Admission
Charles F. Dolan School of Business
Fairfield University
1073 North Benson Road
Fairfield, CT 06824

The School generally admits graduate students who meet the minimum criteria of a formula score of 1100. The formula score is the result of multiplying an applicant’s grade point average (GPA) by 200 and adding that product to his or her GMAT score. In most cases, this requires an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.00 accompanied by a GMAT score of at least 500.

MANDATORY IMMUNIZATIONS

Connecticut State law requires each full-time or matriculated student to provide proof of immunity or screening against measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chicken pox), meningitis and tuberculosis. Certain exemptions based on age and housing status apply. Matriculating students are defined as those enrolled in a degree seeking program. More detailed information and the required downloadable forms are available online at www.fairfield.edu/immunization. Completed forms should be submitted directly to the Student Health Center. Although this is not required to complete an application, you must provide proof of immunity/screening prior to course registration. Please consult your private health care provider to obtain the necessary immunizations. Questions may be directed to the Student Health Center: (203) 254-4000 ext. 2241 or e-mail health@fairfield.edu.

DOLAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS GRADUATE ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Full-time graduate students in the school of business are eligible to apply for a limited number of entrance scholarships. These one-time awards are applied to the first semester of study. Given their competitive nature, it is best to apply early to be considered for these awards.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Advisors from the Office of Financial Aid are committed to helping students find the options that best suit each of their needs. We encourage all Fairfield University graduate students to contact the Financial Aid office with any questions or to make an appointment to speak with a counselor.

FINANCIAL AID CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: (203) 254-4125
Fax: (203) 254-4008
E-mail: finaid@fairfield.edu

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE OPERATIONS

Days: Monday-Friday
Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Location: Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J. Center

MORE INFORMATION

ADMISSION QUESTIONS

Questions about the application process should be directed to the Office of Graduate & Continuing Studies Admission

Phone: (203) 254-4184
Fax: (203) 254-4073
E-mail: gradadmis@fairfield.edu

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DOLAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS WEBSITE

www.fairfield.edu/mba

ONLINE CATALOG

For detailed course descriptions and other University information, please refer to our online catalog www.fairfield.edu/catalogs.

COURSE SCHEDULES

www.fairfield.edu/dsb_schedule

TUITION/FINANCIAL AID

Academic Year 2014/2015
Tuition: $815 per credit hour

A graduate education can provide countless professional and personal rewards in the future. However, the costs associated with earning a master’s degree may be challenging. Many students need to look beyond their own financial resources or the resources of their employer for assistance. There are many ways to finance a graduate education, including graduate assistantships, federal direct loan programs and our Veterans Pride Program, which are all discussed at www.fairfield.edu/gradfa.