



University College Dublin
College of Business and Law



Why UCD?

- Top 2% World University
- Ireland's largest and most international university
- Emphasis on Research and Innovation
- Safe, modern campus in Dublin, capital city of Ireland
- Extensive accommodation options with 24 hour security
- 1 hr flight from London

MSc in Finance

Why is this course for me?

This programme is designed to give you advanced specialist knowledge and a practical understanding of finance with research into the financial services industry. You will acquire the necessary theoretical and practical knowledge, as well as the skills required, for a career in the financial services industry – in investment banks, commercial banks, fund management, insurance companies, securitisation and trading houses and in the finance divisions of firms in other industries.

An undergraduate degree in business, economics, finance or any degree with a significant quantitative element is ideal for this course. Students on the programme have an opportunity to apply for a number of internship positions, allowing you to gain practical investment experience and draw valuable skills from industry professionals.

Graduates of the MSc in Finance receive special recognition as a CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) with the CFA Institute. This means that our programme contains at least 70 per cent of the CFA candidate body of knowledge, so you will benefit from a head start towards the internationally recognised CFA qualification.

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UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School is one of an elite group of schools worldwide to achieve the Triple Crown of Accreditation from EQUIS, AACSB and AMBA and we are the only Irish member of CEMS, which is a global alliance of leading business schools and organisations. Accreditations are your guarantee that you will receive a top quality, world class MBA and they position our school, and more importantly our students, in the minds of the international business community. A Financial Times survey ranked UCD Smurfit School as the leading business school in Ireland and 14th in Europe. The

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<http://www.smurfitschool.ie/mastersprogrammes/accountingandfinance/mscfinance/#d.en.35022>

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School's academics hold the highest qualifications from the world's leading universities and this together with their business experience enables them to create a stimulating environment both in teaching and research.

What will I study?

You will acquire a strong understanding of financial processes and procedures and develop the knowledge and skills (both professional and personal) necessary for a career in finance.

After completing the MSc in Finance you will have:

- A comprehensive understanding of firms' financial management decisions in the context of how they contribute to maximising shareholder and stakeholder value.
- A critical awareness of the operation and functions of international financial markets; of the various securities and their pricing; and of the wide range of risk management tools and strategies.
- An enhanced knowledge of the principles of portfolio management.
- A critical awareness of the risk-return trade-off and its importance in assessing investments, risk management and firms' financial decisions.

- An applied knowledge of modern econometric methods.

"This is a challenging and interesting programme; I gained a broad insight into global capital markets while also having the opportunity to focus on the specific areas of finance that interested me. Furthermore, in addition to the education and skills I learned in the lecture halls, I was fortunate to make many life-long friends with my class mates, which was an unexpected but hugely positive benefit."

Hugh Gibbons, MSc Finance 2009, Associate,
BNY Mellon

Career Opportunities

The MSc in Finance is ideal for those who have majored in finance and economics. Typical careers of graduates include investment analysis, corporate finance, investment banking, fund management, insurance, securities broking and trading and related financial services areas in Ireland and internationally. Our Graduates are employed in companies such as:

Boston Consulting Group, JP Morgan Chase & Co, Merrill Lynch & Co, Goldman Sachs, Bank of Ireland, AIB and Ulster Bank.