

Executive MS in Finance

The Executive MS in Finance prepares students for a leadership role in the finance function. In this program, students will gain the technical knowledge needed to understand current and new challenges in finance. Students will learn to think strategically, make sound financial decisions, and communicate their views effectively and persuasively.

The course of study starts with basics, builds on them, and concludes with courses oriented toward preparing students with the knowledge needed to manage future challenges. The highlight of the program is the International Study Tour.

Curriculum

The primary focus of the required courses in the program is fundamental financial concepts and models. The corporate finance course covers valuation concepts and techniques, essentials of debt and equity securities, capital budgeting, and elements of corporate capital structure. The investments course introduces students to Markowitz diversification theory, the capital asset pricing model of asset returns, and emphasizes a range of approaches to investment management and evaluation. The quantitative methods course covers essential statistical concepts needed in finance, value at risk, and regression models.

In the advanced courses, students build on their foundational knowledge. Case studies play a larger role in many of these courses, and challenge students to learn by doing. These courses usually include advanced corporate finance, debt securities, derivatives, and international financial markets.

The concluding set of courses introduces students to new challenges and frontiers in finance, and is more likely than the earlier groups of courses to differ slightly from year to year. It includes the International Study Tour, part of a course oriented toward international finance and business. Courses in recent years have included financial risk management, venture capital, corporate governance and ethics, mergers & acquisitions, and equity investment analysis.

The courses are taught in three trimesters. Most of the foundation courses are full 3-credit courses, and many of the others are shorter 1.5-credit courses, especially the specialized topics courses later in the program. Altogether, the program has 30 credits.

The delivery and format of the EMSF program may be modified in special circumstances. This may be done, for example, when given as part of the Zicklin International Executive Programs, or as part of a specialized program designed for a specific organization.

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Admissions

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