

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- Complete years 1 to 3 as outlined by the Southwestern University of Finance & Economics course matrix including
 - 060419/040293 Econometrics
 - 040397 Accounting
 - 043603 Microeconomics
 - 043021 Macroeconomics
- Excellent English communications skills to achieve the required 80 on the TOEFL iBT/6.5 IELTS.

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

Fall Semester (12 credit hours of undergraduate Finance courses)

FIN 3244 (3)	Financial Markets, Institutions, & International Finance Systems
FIN 3403 (3)	Financial Management of the Firm
GEB 4424 (3)	Perspectives on Free Enterprise
FIN 4934 (3)	Mergers & Acquisitions

Spring Semester (12 credit hours of undergraduate Finance courses, with an optional 3-credit research class)

FIN 4424 (3)	Problems in Financial Management
FIN 4504 (3)	Investments
FIN 4514 (3)	Security Analysis & Portfolio Management
FIN 4905r (3)	Directed Individual Study (optional)*
FIN 4324 OR FIN 4934 (3)	Commercial Bank Administration OR Derivatives

* OPTIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT

A unique aspect of the program is the opportunity to gain research experience working with a faculty member on an optional Individualized Research Project. The faculty member guides the students in research topic selection, data collection and analysis, and writing a research paper with the potential for further advance research or future publication.



To find out more about the Special Academic Program in Finance and the application process, please contact:

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For information on the FSU Department of Finance and the MSF program, please go to:
<http://www.cob.fsu.edu/Academic-Programs/Departments/Finance>

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<http://global.fsu.edu/sap/prgms/finance.htm>



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
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Special Academic Program in
Finance
with
Southwestern University of
Finance & Economics

2015-2016

OVERVIEW

The Florida State University (FSU) College of Business is offering a 24-credit Special Academic Program for rising senior students at Southwestern University of Finance & Economics (SWUFE). This unique program provides highly motivated and academically inclined students with the opportunity to complete their BS degree from SWUFE through successful participation in a 2-semester program at FSU.

The program integrates students academically, socially and culturally into university life at an outstanding research institution and helps prepare them for graduate study in the US. Students take a prescribed course of study during both semesters by enrolling in 8 courses in the Finance Program, with the opportunity to take an optional 3-credit course in research for an additional fee. These courses have been identified as meeting the requirements needed for students to complete the Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Southwestern University of Finance & Economics.

Program Dates:

August 2015 – May 2016

Program Fee:

\$31,044

Application Deadline:

March 10, 2015

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

Students interested in applying for the Master of Science in Finance degree program will take the GMAT and apply during spring 2016. Students who earned a minimum 3.0 grade point average (B or above) during the 2-semesters at FSU and a minimum GMAT score of 530 or above are encouraged to apply. The department prefers GMAT scores of 600 and GPAs of 3.5, but admission decisions are based on the applicant's full application and qualifications. Admission to Special Academic Program does not guarantee acceptance to the MSF program.

Accepted students begin the MSF program in summer 2016 with graduation expected May 2017. Upon completion of the requirements for the degree program, students will receive a MS in Finance from Florida State University.



BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

- Immersion in English-language and American culture, while earning credit at a highly ranked US university
- Study in classes with domestic and international students
- Full integration in the academic and social life of the academic department
- Work closely with FSU's high caliber faculty, often in small groups settings or on an optional individualized research project
- Dedicated academic and non-academic support from staff at the Center for Global Engagement to ensure a smooth transition to living and studying in the USA
- The opportunity to remain at FSU to study for a Master of Science degree if graduate admissions requirements are

PROGRAM SUPPORT

A team of staff at the Center for Global Engagement (CGE) at FSU provide academic and non-academic support for students throughout the duration of the program.

Staff members contact students accepted into the program to provide them with information about FSU, as well as to send all of the necessary immigration documents to apply for a visa. The CGE arranges housing and airport pick-ups and provides a Peer Mentor to help ensure that students are integrated into the FSU community.

In addition, the CGE provides academic support for students during the program, including course scheduling, advising, class registration, online learning and library access, and graduate school admissions. The CGE academic support staff member will also meet with participants regularly about academic matters and hold weekly office hours.

ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must have at least a 550 TOEFL/80 iBT/ or 6.5 IELTS, have a grade point average of 3.0 or equivalent, and have completed at least 3 years at their home institution. Students must submit the completed Florida State University non-degree student application form, copies of the undergraduate transcripts, and TOEFL score to their department's Faculty Contact by March 10, 2015. The final admission decisions will be made by the FSU faculty in the Department of Finance.

PROGRAM FEE \$31,044 INCLUDES:

- 24-credits in Department of Finance
- Ongoing support from CGE staff and peer mentors
- Room and board at FSU for fall and spring
- FSU ID Card & transcript (upon Program completion)
- Group pick up at Tallahassee Airport

In addition to program fees students pay for the following:

- SEVIS fee and visa application fee,
- An additional \$3,000 fee for students who choose the optional Individualized Research Project
- Roundtrip airfare to Tallahassee,
- Medical insurance meeting FSU requirements
- Textbooks
- Personal costs and food during break periods.

ACCOMMODATION AND DINING

Students live in the SouthGate Campus Centre which is conveniently located adjacent the Florida State University campus. The rooms are double occupancy and each student has a bed, wardrobe and desk. Wholesome meals are provided in the SouthGate Dining Hall. Mealtimes offer excellent variety and choice of food and opportunities for social interaction with domestic and international students. <http://southgateattallahassee.com/>

