THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE
The Master of Science in finance at AUC helps you advance your career in finance and keep up with the growth in the banking and financial services sector in Egypt. It provides you with the deep financial knowledge needed to be a well-rounded finance professional who can understand the industry's best practices and apply them to meet local market demands.

The program is designed to attract sophisticated and collegial participants seeking a professional or academic career in finance. Graduates of the program who are interested in pursuing a professional career are prepared to work in a vast array of institutions within various fields including: investment banking, portfolio management funds, corporate finance departments of national and multinational companies, private equity firms, venture capital firms, financial analysis and research departments, institutions involved in trading of financial instruments as well as regulatory bodies. For participants who will continue a career in academia, the program prepares them to apply to top tier PhD programs in finance.

**OUR PROGRAM**

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**DURATION**

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The program consists of 11 courses in addition to a thesis. Students are required to complete 37 credit hours to earn the degree of Master of Science in finance.

1. Courses
Students complete:
• Six core courses  • Four specialization courses  • A research methodology course

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1.1 The Foundation of Finance Courses
Students complete Core Curriculum courses that give them sufficient background in finance.

*Core Curriculum (six courses = 18 credits)*
1.2 Concentration Courses
Students will choose between two fields of specialization according to their professional goals. They can choose between the corporate finance track or the investment track.

Concentration and Elective Courses (four courses = 12 credits)

*Students specializing in a certain track are required to take two concentration courses as well as choose two other electives in that area.*

**Corporate Finance Track**
- **Concentration Courses:** Students are required to sit for:
  - Advanced Corporate Finance

**Course Electives**
- Choose three courses from:
  - Corporate Financial Modeling
  - Options and Derivatives
  - Financial Risk Analysis
  - International Financial Management
  - Financial Markets

**Investment Track**
- **Concentration Courses:** Students are required to sit for:
  - Portfolio Management

**Course Electives**
- Choose three courses from:
  - Options and Derivatives
  - Fixed Income Securities
  - International Financial Management
  - Real Estate Finance
  - Selected Topics in Financial Management

1.3 Research Methodology Course
Research Methodology Course (one course = one credit)

2. Thesis
The thesis is required of all students. The thesis topic must be related to the student’s area of specialization. A faculty member teaching in that area of specialization will supervise the thesis.

*Thesis (equivalent to two courses = six credits)*

**Waivers**
Students with relevant background may waive a maximum of two core courses, but must complete a minimum of 31 credit hours (including courses and a thesis) to be awarded the degree.

**Program Highlights:**
The Corporate Finance Track or the Investment Track?
The program prepares participants specializing in the corporate finance track for careers in areas such as corporate finance, private equity, venture capital, research and investment banking.

Students who choose the investment track can pursue careers in areas such as asset management, brokerage and research.
The Master of Science in finance is not just about in-class course delivery, but is an integrated academic experience. The following academic services at AUC make the program unique:

- Citadel Capital Financial Services Center
  www.aucegypt.edu/Business/ccfc
- El-Khazindar Business Research and Case Center
  www.aucegypt.edu/business/kcc/
- Career Advising and Placement Services

Lecture Series
- Meet the CEO
- School of Business Faculty Research Seminar Series
- Transforming Egypt
- Provost's Lecture

"Finance is the art and science of managing money. The Master of Science in finance at AUC aims at providing our graduate students with the solid scientific foundation of financial knowledge, while at the same time providing them with the skills and tools that they can use in to apply such knowledge in their professional careers. As faculty of the School of Business and the finance unit, we emphasize the understanding and application of these tools to equip our graduates with this philosophy of education."

Medhat Hassanein
Professor of Finance, AUC
Minister of Finance (1999 - 2004)
HOW TO APPLY

Step One: What You Need to Apply
- No prior work experience is required
- A standardized placement test (GRE or GMAT).
  - GMAT
    Score of 550 or higher (expires after five years).
  - GRE
    Exam taken before August 1, 2011: Quantitative - 550 out of 800. Analytical - 3.5 out of 6.0
    Exam taken after August 1, 2011: Quantitative - 110 out of 170. Analytical - 3.5 out of 6.0
- Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited university or college, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or an overall ranking of very good.
- English-language proficiency test with minimum acceptable results, based on the University’s admission policy (e.g. TOEFL test).
- Completed application
- Curriculum Vitae

Step Two: Interview
The Master of Science in finance is a competitive program. Only a limited number of applicants will be accepted. After the initial screening of applicants, short-listed applicants will sit in for a final interview.

Step Three: Acceptance
Final decisions on short-listed applicants will be communicated to students in June.

Tuition and Fees
For more information on the program and its cost, visit
www.aucegypt.edu/students/finaff/fees/pages/tuitionfees

Regular information sessions on the program are held at AUC New Cairo. Send an e-mail at msf@aucegypt.edu for more details.