



Master of Science in Finance

A Wealth of Financial Knowledge Could Lead to a Wealth of Career Opportunities.

Kaplan University's Master of Science in Finance is designed to help you develop specific skills in the areas of financial planning, corporate finance, banking, financial markets, and investment management.

Our curriculum is created by practicing professionals in the industry and uses the latest technology tools such as portfolios, wikis, blogs, and videos from experts in the field. Additionally, students can work directly with faculty via the online discussion boards and during faculty office hours.

Kaplan University's goal is to create a dynamic environment for online learning. Our technology and course delivery methods allow you to access our user-friendly classes virtually anywhere you have access to an Internet connection.

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Careers in Finance Are Projected to Be Careers in Demand.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, financial analysts may experience employment growth based on the increasing complexity and global diversification of investments, as well as the growing amount of assets currently being managed. Employment of financial analysts is expected to increase by 12% between 2014 and 2024.¹

Personal financial advisors may also experience faster-than-average job growth during the same time frame, as large numbers of baby boomers approach retirement and seek planning advice.²



Earn a Master's Degree and Prepare to Go Further.

A master's degree is often required for advanced financial analyst positions,¹ and can help improve a personal financial advisor's chances for promotion.²

The Master of Science in Finance is designed to prepare you to pursue opportunities in finance and insurance establishments such as banks; finance companies; security dealers; credit unions; for-profit and nonprofit businesses; and federal, state, or local government agencies.

Possible Career Opportunities:³

- **Personal Financial Advisor²**
 - Evaluate the financial needs of clients
 - Help clients identify and plan for long- and short-term financial goals
 - Create retirement plans
- **Financial Examiner⁴**
 - Monitor the financial condition of banks and other financial institutions
 - Review balance sheets, operating income and expense accounts, and loan documentation to confirm institution assets and liabilities
- **Financial Analyst¹**
 - Provide guidance to businesses and individuals making investment decisions

Develop the Knowledge to Help You Succeed.

The **Master of Science in Finance** program focuses on helping students develop advanced technical knowledge and skills in a range of financial areas. The curriculum fosters an understanding of the factors that influence high-level decision making. In addition, students are provided with opportunities to hone and implement their critical thinking skills in order to solve complex financial problems.

Courses in the degree plan include:

- Corporate Finance
- Business Communications
- Investment and Securities Analysis
- Risk Analysis and Management
- Financial Institutions and Markets
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Retirement Planning
- Fixed-Income and Futures Investing
- Portfolio Management

There are two areas of concentration within the Master of Science in Finance:

- Financial Analysis
- Financial Planning

The Master of Science in Finance’s curriculum includes:

- **Decision Analysis:** Use financial and other information to make and justify business decisions.
- **Risk Management and Investment Analysis:** Identify financial risk and create a plan to minimize exposure.
- **Leadership:** Apply financial theory to facilitate overall guidance of an organization and improve day-to-day processes including the interpretation of financial data.
- **Ethical Practices:** Comply with laws, regulations, and financial principles while developing and living by a personal code of ethics.
- **Communication:** Compose and report clear and accurate financial information to stakeholders.

Master of Science in Finance Graduates Interested in the CFP® Certification Examination

After successfully completing the Master of Science in Finance program you must register for and complete FP 107: Financial Plan Development, provided by Kaplan University’s School of Professional and Continuing Education, if you wish to meet all education requirements necessary to sit for the CFP® Certification Examination.

During FP 107, you will receive instruction on and review sample financial plans based on various case facts. You will then be required to complete a written financial plan, which you will present orally via a video recording.

For detailed information related to obtaining CFP® certification, you may access the CFP Board website located at: www.cfp.net/.



Program Detail

Master of Science in Finance

Credit Hours: 56

(14 courses: 10 core courses; 4 concentration or elective courses)

Admissions Requirements: a bachelor’s degree in finance from an accredited institution or a minimum of 30 semester/45 quarter credit hours in undergraduate coursework across the ACBSP’s Common Professional Components (marketing, management, finance, economics, law, ethics, accounting, globalization, policy, IT, and statistics); speak to an Admissions Advisor or refer to the University Catalog for additional information.

Kaplan University—A Different School of Thought®

Kaplan University is an institution of higher learning dedicated to providing innovative undergraduate, graduate, and continuing professional education. Our programs are designed to foster student learning with opportunities to launch, enhance, or change careers in today's diverse global society.

CFP Board-Registered Program

The Master of Science in Finance with a concentration in financial planning is a CFP Board-Registered Program in financial planning education and meets the specific criteria for educating individuals who wish to fulfill the education component for obtaining CFP® certification.⁵ Individuals who meet CFP Board's education requirement are eligible to sit for the CFP® Certification Examination. Successful completion of the education and examination components completes two of the core prerequisites to obtain CFP® certification.

Accredited by ACBSP

The Master of Science in Finance has received programmatic accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). ACBSP promotes continuous improvement and recognizes excellence in the accreditation of business education programs around the world. For more information on Kaplan University's ACBSP accreditation, visit www.acbsp.org.

Military Student Benefits

We provide specialized support and benefits that include military-friendly leave of absence and drop policies, and a tuition reduction for spouses of servicemembers, including member of the Guard or Reserve (see our website for complete program costs).

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Accounting
- Master of Science in Information Technology
- Master of Science in Management and Leadership

IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ



For comprehensive consumer and gainful employment information, visit www.kaplanuniversity.edu/student-consumer-information.aspx.

¹ Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-2017 Edition, Financial Analysts, www.bls.gov/ooh/Business-and-Financial/Financial-analysts.htm. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

² Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-2017 Edition, Personal Financial Advisors, www.bls.gov/ooh/business-and-financial/personal-financial-advisors.htm. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

³ Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, Kaplan University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.

⁴ Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-2017 Edition, Financial Examiners, on the Internet at www.bls.gov/ooh/business-and-financial/financial-examiners.htm.

⁵ Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc. owns the certification marks CFP®, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™, and  in the U.S., which it awards to individuals who successfully complete CFP Board's initial and ongoing certification requirements. Kaplan University does not certify individuals to use CFP®, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™, and  marks. CFP certification is granted solely by Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc. to individuals who, in addition to completing an educational requirement, have met its ethics, experience, and examination requirements. Although certain programs at Kaplan University are designed to prepare students to take various certification or licensing exams, the University cannot guarantee the student will be eligible to sit for or pass those exams. In some cases, field experience, additional coursework, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams.

Note From the Dean

"I am extremely proud of our business programs. When you consider what it takes to succeed in today's business climate, I believe there has never been a better time to earn your master's degree, and that Kaplan University is the place to do just that. I hope you will join us."



Dr. Thomas Boyd, Dean
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