MASTER OF FINANCE

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Graduate Study in Finance

The Master of Finance (MFIN) program, which consists of 33 hours (11 classes) of graduate credit beyond the foundation, is designed for students who are interested in graduate studies in Finance. The program allows for advanced study of both corporate finance and investments while also providing for the study of managerial topics essential to the working finance professional. The MFIN degree is ideal for students who want to focus more of their studies in finance than they could if they pursued an MBA degree with a concentration in finance. It is also appropriate for students who do not desire the depth in investments provided by the Master of Investment Management and Financial Analysis (MIMFA) degree.

Program Goals

1. Exhibit disciplinary knowledge and behavior essential in financial management.
2. Think critically to aid decision-making.
3. Commit to action that demonstrates care for others.
4. Exhibit personal habits consistent with personal formation.

Admission

1. Eligibility for Admission: Applicants for admission to the MFIN program must have a baccalaureate degree, regardless of the undergraduate field of study, and an acceptable level of scholarship from an accredited institution of higher education, along with the following documents:
2. Application: A completed online application form, personal essay discussing how a master's degree fits in with an applicant's career plans and which aspects of Creighton's MFIN program are most appealing, current resume, and a non-refundable application fee.
3. Recommendations: Two recommendations are required. The recommendations should be completed by persons other than family members who are capable of assessing an applicant's performance in an academic or work setting.
4. Transcripts: One official transcript must be sent from each institution of collegiate rank attended by the applicant. Transcripts should be sent directly from the collegiate institution to Enrollment Services, Harper Center, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178. All such transcripts become the property of Creighton University.
5. Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)\(^1\): All applicants must submit an acceptable score report on the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT). The GMAT is administered by the PearsonVUE. Further information about the GMAT may be obtained at MBA.com.
6. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): The Graduate School requires all students who are native speakers of languages other than English to demonstrate competence in English by a score of at least 90 on the Internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT) with Listening and Speaking sub-scores of at least 19 and Reading and Writing sub-scores of at least 21. International applicants who received their baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution in the U.S., United Kingdom, Canada (excluding French Quebec), Australia, New Zealand, or Africa (English speaking only) are not required to submit a TOEFL score report. The IELTS may be substituted for the TOEFL provided an applicant's overall band score is at least 6.5 with no subscore below 6.
7. Financial Ability: All international applicants must provide a "Certification of Available Finances" form in order for the I-20 form to be issued by the Office of International Programs if an applicant is admitted to the program.

Acceptance to the MFIN Program is granted to applicants who clearly demonstrate that they have high promise of succeeding in graduate business study. Interviews are not required as part of the admission process. Applicants who wish to visit the campus prior to submitting their application materials are welcome to contact the Graduate Business Programs to schedule an appointment.

GMAT Exemption Practices

1. GRE Performance: Applicants who have already taken the GRE may substitute their GRE performance for their GMAT score. The applicant’s verbal GRE score must be at least 153 and the quantitative score must be at least 144. The applicant must also be above the 20th percentile in both categories.
2. Professional Graduate Degrees: Applicants may be exempt from taking the GMAT if they have earned a professional graduate degree. Examples of such degrees include: J.D., M.D., Ph.D., D.D.S., Ed.D., and Pharm.D.
3. Professional certifications: Applicants who have earned CPA certification or CFA certification (have passed at least Level 1) may be exempted from taking the GMAT.
4. Creighton business graduates: Applicants who have earned a BSBA degree from Creighton University College of Professional Studies in the last 10 years with at least a 3.5 overall GPA plus at least a 3.75 GPA in all accounting, finance, and statistics courses taken may be exempted from taking the GMAT.

Degree Program

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