

Master of Science in

# FINANCE



# BECOME A FINANCIAL LEADER

## Why AUS?

- Flexible timing of classes, catering to busy professionals.
- A wide and varied choice of electives from across SBA's graduate offering.
- Elite industry access including guest lectures from industry leaders and learning tasks undertaken in collaboration with financial institutions.
- Graduate student assistantships and work-study opportunities.

**Increase your specialized financial knowledge, enhance your career prospects or ready yourself for PhD study through the School of Business Administration's (SBA) Master of Science in Finance (MSF) program.**

SBA's MSF is designed to meet demand within local and international labor markets for mid- and upper-level professionals equipped with advanced quantitative, analytical and financial risk management training. For ambitious professionals working within financial services, corporate finance, insurance, banking, securities, law or other fields, SBA's MSF is a mark of excellence that will help them expand their career scope and achieve their career aspirations.





The AUS Master of Science in Finance combines real-world learning with the highest levels of academic knowledge. Graduates of the program will be well placed to excel across a wide range of financial careers.

#### On completion of the MSF you will:

- meet the highest levels of proficiency in the functional or technical knowledge required for professional finance careers
- address key issues in professional decision making through the application of critical analysis and integration of knowledge relevant to changing environments
- be at the forefront of academic and professional research related to the practice of corporate finance and investment



#### In the MSF program, you will develop the skills to:

- evaluate risk in investments and devise risk management strategies
- price major financial assets and securities, including in complex environments
- assess and devise alternative financing decisions and strategies, based on advanced analysis and application of research skills
- select appropriate financial modeling and problem-solving techniques to facilitate financial decision making
- analyze advanced financial statements to inform high-level strategic thinking

## The MSF Curriculum

The MSF is designed to provide all students with a strong general background in finance and specific knowledge in the concentration of corporate finance and investment. MSF courses include:

### Required Core Courses

**FIN 681** Advanced Financial Statements Analysis

**FIN 682** Advanced Corporate Finance

**FIN 683** Applied Econometrics Methods

**FIN 684** Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management

### Required Courses in the Concentration of Corporate Finance and Investment

**FIN 685** Advanced Asset Valuation

**FIN 686** Pricing and Hedging of Financial Derivatives

**FIN 687** Financial Markets and Institutions

### Electives

*(9 credits for non-thesis track, or 3 credits for thesis track)*

**FIN 688** Private Equity and Venture Capital

**FIN 689** Risk Management

**FIN 691** International Financial Management

**FIN 692** Islamic Finance

**FIN 694** Special Topic Courses in Finance



## Admission Requirements

For full admission to the MSF degree program at AUS, an applicant must:

- have a relevant bachelor's degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 from an independently accredited university recognized by the UAE Ministry of Education. Applicants with a bachelor's degree obtained outside the UAE must submit an equivalency of their degree from the UAE Ministry of Education, Higher Education Affairs Division.
- have attained a minimum Internet-Based TOEFL score of 80 or a minimum IELTS score of 6.5.
- submit a current vitae/resume.

Applicants who do not meet the full admission requirements might be eligible for conditional admission to the program and are encouraged to check the program website for more details.



# DID YOU KNOW?

- As an affiliated partner of the **Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute**, SBA has developed the MSF curriculum to equip students with the skills necessary to complete the CFA examinations Level II and III.
- SBA offers **exceptional career guidance, counselling and mentoring**, with MSF students enjoying access to AUS coaching and career services and SBA faculty.
- The MSF has both a **thesis and non-thesis track**. By undertaking a thesis, students will gain a solid foundation to pursue a doctorate in finance upon completion of the MSF.
- Students with a non-business related bachelor's degree are able to pursue the MSF upon completion of preliminary **bridging courses**.
- AUS offers competitive full and partial **graduate assistantships** for qualified students, along with additional graduate student employment opportunities.

## Why SBA?



- QS World University Subject Rankings has named AUS the **best in the Middle East for business and management studies**.
- QS has named AUS the **UAE's top private university**.
- QS has named AUS as a **top 50 under 50 years university**.
- QS has ranked AUS among the **top 10 universities in the Arab world** for the past 5 years.
- QS has ranked AUS among the **world's top 350 universities**.



- Times Higher Education has named AUS as having a **higher percentage of international students than any other ranked university in the world**.
- Times Higher Education has ranked AUS within the **top 250 universities in the Asia region**.



- AUS is rated **MENA's best performing university** in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System.



- **Bloomberg** has granted AUS **Experiential Learning Partner** status. AUS is the first university in the region and one of only 35 universities worldwide to receive this prestigious accolade.



- **86 percent of SBA faculty hold professorial ranks**, having earned their PhDs from AACSB-accredited, predominantly North American universities.
- SBA's **student to faculty ratio is 15:1**.



- SBA is home to the region's **first interactive trading floor**, a replica of the trading firms of Wall Street or the Dubai Financial District.
- SBA maintains **strong connections with the business world** through **professional seminars, real-world projects and research**, and a **global network of successful AUS alumni**.

Detailed information regarding admission requirements, the proposed sequence of study and graduation requirements can be found at [www.aus.edu/sba/msf](http://www.aus.edu/sba/msf).

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