

FINANCIAL ECONOMICS, MS

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	16 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).

Other Grade Requirements n/a

Assessments and Examinations The Financial Economics sequence courses require students to write a paper. Students must meet all Graduate School grade requirements.

Language Requirements There are currently no language requirements for the master's degree in Financial Economics.

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Core in Financial Economics		
ECON 704	Econometrics I	3
ECON 721	Financial Microeconomics	3
ECON 724	Financial Econometrics	3
FINANCE 720	Investment Theory and Practice	3
FINANCE 725	Corporation Finance Theory and Practice	3
FINANCE 730	Derivative Securities - Theory and Practice	3
Elective Courses in Financial Economics		
Students will take two additional elective courses in Finance and two additional elective courses in Economics, from the list below.		12
FINANCE 410	Bank Management	
FINANCE 635	Business Valuation	
FINANCE 650	Mergers and Acquisitions	
FINANCE 740	Analysis of Fixed Income Securities	
FINANCE/INTL BUS 745	Multinational Business Finance	
FINANCE 757	Entrepreneurial Finance	
FINANCE 765	Contemporary Topics	
FINANCE 920	Theory of Finance	
FINANCE 971	Seminar-Corporate Finance (Ph.D.)	
ECON 702	Macroeconomics I	
ECON 709	Economic Statistics and Econometrics I	
ECON 711	Economic Theory-Microeconomics Sequence	
ECON 712	Economic Theory-Macroeconomics Sequence	
ECON 725	Machine Learning for Economists	
ECON 730	International Financial Economics	
ECON 770	Data Analytics for Economists	
Total Credits		30

Because the Financial Economics sequence courses require students to write a paper, they have the option of enrolling in directed research to complete the paper, under the supervision of the program faculty.

Other Policy

Students in this program may not take courses outside the prescribed curriculum without faculty advisor and program director approval. Students in this program cannot enroll concurrently in other undergraduate or graduate degree programs.