## YOU CAN KNOW FINANCE

# **OR YOU CAN MASTER IT**

#### A GRADUATE DEGREE FOCUSED ON YOU

Ohio State's STEM-designated Specialized Master in Finance (SMF) program begins with a three-week pre-term, followed by a fall semester spent building in-depth foundational finance knowledge. You'll personalize electives and hands-on learning experiences to prepare you for a finance career.

- Master the Tools: Today's finance roles require cross-disciplinary skills. At Fisher, you'll learn how to use financial software, solve real business challenges, dive deep into finance issues and build the leadership abilities necessary to excel as a high-performing finance professional.
- **Select Your Path:** Choose from four specialization tracks corporate finance, investment management, risk management or real estate and collaborate with peers and engage with specific employers in those areas. You can even create and forge a unique specialization track.
- All Undergraduate Majors Welcome: The SMF program is a diverse, global experience that welcomes non-business students who possess quantitative aptitude. No work experience is required.

"I was able to further my understanding of financial concepts and specialize in corporate finance, which led to an exciting career in consulting. I was also thrilled by the unique culture, classroom diversity and supportive faculty."

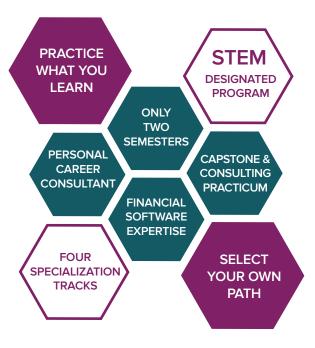
Ferny Angeles Paz (SMF '19)
Advisory Consultant
EY I New York, NY

#### CAREER FOCUS: PRACTICE WHAT YOU LEARN

We want you to succeed. The program is fast-paced because that's what a finance career is like. It's also why we've built a system of support around you, from award-winning faculty with expertise in academia and business education to a team of passionate coaches.

- Career Consultation: A dedicated career consultant provides one-on-one coaching from day one to close skill gaps and focus your professional goals on a specific area of finance. We also help you with interview training, job search support and more.
- Professional Certification: You're encouraged to pursue the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) or Financial Risk Manager (FRM) professional designations. Your curriculum can be personalized to target these examinations as part of your career goals, further distinguishing you as a leader in a competitive job market.
- **Learn from Leaders in Finance:** You'll have opportunities to gain professional perspectives and insights shared by world-class faculty, through an Applied Finance Speaker Series, projects and more.











#### NATIONALLY RANKED

BY FINANCIAL TIMES (2020)

Fisher's excellent relationships with leading employers means a wide range of companies, including Wells Fargo, JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, Deloitte, Duff & Phelps, EY and Edward Jones consistently seek out Fisher SMF graduates.

#### SMF graduates advance to positions in all areas of finance:

- Corporate Finance/Investment Banking
- Financial Services/Commercial Banking
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- Investment Management
- Real Estate
- Consulting
- Risk Management



in 2021, 94% of all job seeking SMF students accepted a job offer six months after graduating (96% for domestic students).



The median salary of Fisher's 2021 SMF graduating class was \$70,000 (avg. \$68,654).

# A FLEXIBLE DEGREE

## FINANCIAL SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS COURSE

You receive advanced financial software training in a Financial Software Applications and a Data Analysis course. You'll learn the tools and databases required to succeed in finance and will continue to expand those skills during core courses and electives.

Argus Enterprise Bloomberg Capital IQ Crystal Ball Microsoft Excel

Morningstar Rotman Interactive Trader SAS Thomas One Wall Street Prep

### PROJECTS & THE FINANCE CONSULTING PRACTICUM

Gain real-world experience through projects like the Core Capstone and the Finance Consulting Practicum. During the practicum, you'll serve as consultants leading a two-month project to create real business solutions for well-known companies . Some past participants have included Nationwide, Grief, Huntington, Ohio Health and Wells Fargo.

#### PERSONALIZED PROGRAM

No matter what path you take, Fisher's tight-knit SMF program is inclusive and flexible. You'll collaborate and connect with your peers and interact directly with faculty members who know you by name.

## Program Structure

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PRE-TERM	AUTUMN SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
	Session 1	Session 2	Session 1	Session 2
Orientation	Economics for Financial Analysts	Elective	Elective	Finance Consulting Practicum
Financial Analysis & Valuation	Data Analysis for Financial Management	Derivatives Markets	Elective	Elective
Career Management Workshop	Teamwork/ Leadership	Elective	Elective	Elective
Networking Workshop	Investment Theory & Practice	Core Capstone Project	Elective	Elective
Project Management Workshop	Financial Software Applications	Elective**	Elective	Elective

\*Build upon the Financial Software Applications core course by taking Financial Modeling, or pick a different elective that fits your goals.

## Electives (specialization tracks)

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CORPORATE FINANCE	INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT	RISK MANAGEMENT	REAL ESTATE			
Corporate Finance	Fixed Income Analysis	Enterprise Risk Management I & II	Principles of Real Estate			
Mergers & Acquisitions	Fixed Income Securities	Financial Institutions	Real Estate Finance			
Corporate Restructuring & Bankruptcy	Portfolio Management Quantitative Investments with Python	Derivatives Valuation	Real Estate Valuation			
Private Equity	Student Stock Market Investment Management*	Financial Modeling	Portfolio Management			
Financial Modeling	Investment Philosophies	Fixed Income Analysis	Financial Modeling			
Entrepreneurial Finance	Financial Modeling	Trading & Markets	Private Equity			
Behavioral Finance	Trading & Markets	Behavioral Finance	Behavioral Finance			
International Finance	Derivatives Valuation	Simulation, Risk Analysis, and Decision Making	Financial Institutions			
Corporate Financial Reporting I (AMIS)	Behaviorial Finance	Corporate Financial Reporting I & II (AMIS)				
Financial Statement Analysis I & II (AMIS)	Private Equity	SMF students can take additional graduate-level electives offered. <b>Popular electives include:</b>				
Accounting for Mergers & Acquisitions (AMIS)	Corporate Financial Reporting I & II (AMIS)	- FinTech - Tools for Data Analys				

- Data Analysis and Visualization
- Data Analysis for Financial Mgmt. II (covers SAS programming with financial applications)

## Current Class Profile (2022):

**3.0-3.9** 80% undergrad GPA range (average GPA is 3.42)

unique undergrad colleges or institutions represented

Top 3 Majors: Business Finance Arts & Sciences

Mergers, Acquisitions &

Corporate Development

Financial Statement

Analysis I & II (AMIS)

64% with less than one year of work experience. (2.4 years for remaining 36%)

countries and 3 states in the U.S. represented



80% age range (average age is 24)

#### **GMAT / GRE**

Wonder what SMF students score on the GMAT or GRE? Here are the averages:

Average GMAT (80% Range: 590-720)

Average GRE Composite (80% Range: 301-327)

