I applied to Whitman after hearing great things about the quality of education. In addition to the amazing faculty, the resources available to students, such as the Ballentine Investment Center, were invaluable in preparing for the next phase of my career. I was able to create meaningful connections—both personal and professional—with people from various backgrounds who I would have otherwise been unable to meet.

— ERIN CLOSTERMAN ’12 MS

THE WHITMAN DIFFERENCE

ALL YOU NEED TO ADVANCE

Today’s international marketplace is one of turbulent shifts and dramatic turns with seismic effect on financial strategies and decisions of businesses of all sizes across every industry. At the Martin J. Whitman School of Management, we understand that maximizing financial value and offsetting risk are the unequivocal measures of success for finance professionals. Our MS in Finance program entails critical training for predicting and adjusting to change so that you can become a forward-thinking financial leader in a dynamic global economy.

We take great pride in consistently having exceptional MS in Finance students like you, who are talented, dedicated and from various personal and professional backgrounds. Each year, the caliber of our students increases, and it is the privilege of our faculty to participate in their growth and development.

As an MS in Finance student at Whitman, you’ll find every aspect of our program is designed for your success. Small class sizes allow for personal interaction with our distinguished faculty and meaningful connections with classmates. Timely, relevant course offerings and the flexibility to customize electives help you expand your financial knowledge as you pursue areas of specialized interest.

Your Whitman academic experience will be enriched by the availability of the same technology used by practicing financial professionals as well as our proven preparation for designation exams. These resources, coupled with opportunities to engage with leading companies and accomplished alumni in nearby New York City, will give you a decided edge in the marketplace.

From seeing you through the admissions process to seeing you through the doors of Whitman as you set off on your career path, we are committed to preparing you well and giving you confidence for continued advancement. Please read on to learn further why Whitman is where you should pursue your MS in Finance degree.
COMPREHENSIVE, CUSTOMIZABLE CURRICULUM

The MS in Finance at Whitman is a rigorous one-year, 30-credit curriculum that offers you the ability to customize your degree by complementing core courses with a selection of electives. Designed to provide an intense foundation for any area of finance, the program challenges you to excel in terms of leadership, communication and analytical skills.

Eighteen to 21 credits are obtained through financial foundation courses that explore decision-making from the perspectives of corporate financial officers and institutional investors, examine the underpinnings of contemporary financial theory and provide cutting-edge approaches for quantitative analysis. Elective credits (9 to 12) allow further depth of field and focus. They may be chosen from areas such as accounting, corporate finance, economics, investments, real estate, risk management and statistics. The inclusion of real estate courses among our finance electives distinguishes the Whitman MS in Finance program from others and allows students to explore this up-and-coming specialty area.

REQUIRED COURSES (12 CREDITS):

- Corporate Financial Policy and Strategy
- Financial Management
- Investment Analysis
- General Linear Models OR Time Series Analysis

SPECIALTY AREAS:

C O R P O R A T E  F I N A N C E

- Bank Management
- International Financial Mgmt
- Offshore Finance

I N V E S T M E N T S

- Money and Banking
- Intro to Derivatives
- Fixed Income Securities
- Value Investing
- Distress Investing

R I S K  M A N A G E M E N T

- Operational Risk
- Credit Risk
- Corporate Financing Transactions

R E A L  E S T A T E

- Real Estate Principles
- Real Estate Development
- Real Estate Capital Markets
- Real Estate Finance and Investment

ELECTIVE COURSES IN EACH AREA INCLUDE:

PREPARING YOU FOR POSITIONS IN:

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PREPARING YOU FOR POSITIONS IN:

- Corporate Finance
- Treasury
- Asset Management
- Sales and Trading
- Risk Management
- Brokerage
- MBS/REIT Analysis
- Property Mgmt
- Development

POTENTIAL CONCURRENT DEGREE OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- MS in Finance and MS in Accounting
- MS in Finance and J.D.
- In addition, students may plan their MS in Finance coursework with preparative class offerings for a Ph.D.
PREPARATION FOR PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTION

The Whitman MS in Finance experience is immeasurably enhanced through real-world learning and skills application. With a state-of-the-art trading room, you’ll have personal access to current market data, live news feeds, software for analysis and other resources used by professionals in the field, including Bloomberg certification terminals and Factset terminals through Whitman’s Ballentine Investment Institute.

Successfully sitting for professional exams, such as the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), Financial Risk Manager (FRM) and Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) designations, gives our students a valuable distinction as they go before potential employers. According to the CFA Institute, Whitman students fare well in Level I testing, with typical exam pass rates an exceptional 10 percent higher than the global average.

Other opportunities to broaden your skills and gain a competitive edge include case and analysis competitions, preparation for Bloomberg certification and participation in Wall Street Prep Seminars to aid in technical interviews.

ADVANTAGEOUSLY LOCATED

A significant advantage for choosing Whitman to pursue your MS in Finance is its proximity to New York City and its consequential history and connections in the financial services industry. The access to key financial institutions, successful alumni and accomplished mentors is advantageous both in terms of practical experiences and influential connections.

These connections are especially valuable when you begin exploring career options. Through Whitman’s dedicated Career Center, MS in Finance students are able to network and interview with prestigious firms, such as JPMorgan Chase, Key Bank, Morgan Stanley, Citigroup and Bloomberg.

“JPMorgan Chase continues to have great success with the students hired from the Whitman School of Management. They bring theoretical knowledge with the practical applications to get things done at the firm.”

— NADEGE OLUIKEP
VP, JPMORGAN CHASE TALENT MANAGEMENT
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