Master of Financial Analysis
One-year or part-time focused master degree

Rutgers Business School’s Master of Financial Analysis (MFinA) degree provides rigorous courses that teach students to assess and solve problems. This specialty master degree focuses on analytical and quantitative skills, and financial management expertise. It is an excellent start toward the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) certification, tailored to help students be successful when they take the Level I CFA exam.

The MFinA degree also provides highly desired abilities that are valued in a wide-range of positions and careers. In 1 year, students can earn a master degree targeting the skills they want for a rewarding, open-ended career.

Rutgers is one of only 10 CFA Institute Partner Schools to offer a one-year master degree that helps prepare students to take the CFA exam.

The same curriculum, professors, and preparation is offered in a flexible part-time, evening format with a maximum of four years to complete the program.

CFA Exam Preparation

Instructors from the New York Society of Securities Analysts (NYSSA) will teach a four-day intensive CFA review session at our campus in late May (between spring finals and the early June CFA Level 1 exam). NYSSA is the largest and one of the oldest member societies of the CFA Institute. All instructors are CFA charter holders with years of experience preparing students to take the CFA exams.

CFA exams are given only in English, the worldwide language of business. The MFinA degree is designed to not only prepare students academically, but also to provide a way for international students to improve their English proficiency by taking the Summer Intensive Business English language program.

Rutgers is one of the elite universities chosen by the CFA Institute as a partner school

The Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter is the gold standard in financial training. Many US colleges offer courses that teach the skills needed to pass the CFA exams. Only 37 of those schools have been chosen by the CFA Institute as partner schools.

According to the CFA Institute “Partners are typically high profile universities of global stature that embed a significant percentage of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge into their degree programs.”

The CFA Institute is no longer accepting universities into the Program Partners program. Rutgers is proud to be a member of this elite set of universities.

The Rutgers Master of Financial Analysis degree is designed to cover over 70% of the material covered on the CFA Level I exam.

Holding a CFA charter is important for companies when hiring according to the CFA Institute:

“Employers recognize the CFA charter as a reliable way to differentiate the most qualified and determined job applicants, frequently listing the CFA charter as a requirement for certain positions.” Rutgers has designed a one-year Master program to make obtaining a CFA achievable.
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Curriculum

Students pursue the Master of Financial Analysis (MFinA) degree either full- or part-time. The full-time option is a 33-credit lock-step program — meaning all students take the same set of academic classes at the same time. The part-time option is the same 33-credit curriculum, but students may spread it out over time with a maximum of four years to complete their course of study.

Sampling of Courses

Aggregate Economic Analysis
Data Analysis and Decisions
Financial Management
Investment Analysis and Management
Managerial Economic Analysis
Analysis of Fixed Income Securities
Derivatives
Financial Statement Analysis
Real Estate and Alternative Investments
Portfolio Management

Both Full-Time and Part-Time
Credits: 33
Entrance Exam: GMAT/GRE

Full-Time Program
Length: 1 year
Application Deadline: April 15
Start Date: Summer Term, early July
Program Cost (Estimate):
$32,295.65 (NJ Resident)
$59,592.65 (International, includes Summer Intensive Business English)

Part-Time Program
Length: Flexible
Application Deadline: November 15
Start Date: Spring Term, January
Program Cost (Estimate):
$35,541.00 (NJ Resident)
$61,677.00 (Non-Resident)
TOEFL iBT®: 90 minimum

Admissions

We seek a diverse student body to bring varying experiences and backgrounds to the classroom. Admission decisions are based on the applicant’s previous coursework (including the number of quantitative classes the applicant has taken and how well the applicant did in those classes), a high level of performance on the GRE or GMAT and TOEFL iBT®. Applicants must have completed at least one semester of calculus, as well as upper level probability and statistics.

Neither prior work experience nor a previous degree in finance is necessary for the full time program. For the part-time program, it is recommended that students have at least two years of work experience. The academic backgrounds that best prepare students for this program include degrees in mathematics, sciences, engineering, economics, management, etc.

Learn more at: business.rutgers.edu/mfina. Apply today!

Rutgers students dominant in New York Regional Finals of CFA Institute’s Global Investment Research Challenge


The CFA Institute Research Challenge calls for teams to research and report on a publicly-traded company and give a “buy” or “sell” rating and then back up the recommendation with detailed analysis.

RBS has distinguished itself in the competition by conducting intensive field research and presenting with conviction. One Wall Street panelist judging the competition congratulated RBS by declaring, “Rutgers is creating a dynasty.”

John Longo, the team’s faculty advisor and professor of finance and economics, believes “this proves that Rutgers is among the top business schools in the country.”

For winning the CFA Institute’s competition, Rutgers Business School students were honored to ring the closing bell at NASDAQ’s world headquarters in New York’s Time Square.

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Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick is an integral part of one of the nation’s oldest, largest, and most distinguished institutions of higher learning: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey – founded in 1766. Rutgers Business School has been accredited since 1941 by AACSB International – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business – a distinction that represents the hallmark of excellence in management education.