

FINANCE (SMEAL)

Degree Requirements

Master of Finance (M.Fin.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

The number of total credits required for the MFIN program is 31 credits at the 400, 500, or 800 level, with at least 18 credits at the 500 or 800 level, and at least 6 credits at the 500 level.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
BA 512	Quantitative Analysis for Managerial Decision Making	2
BA 817	Communication Skills for Management	2
BA 821	Foundation in Managerial Accounting	2
BA 831	Foundations in Finance	2
FIN 550	Financial Analysis and Valuation	2
FIN 577	Financial Engineering and Corporate Strategy	2
FIN 855	Global Finance	2
FIN 871	Strategic Financial Management	2
FIN 875	Fixed Income Markets	2
FIN 881	Fundamentals of Financial Markets	2
FIN 883	Modern Portfolio Management: Theory and Practice	2
FIN 815	Advanced Financial Modeling	3
FIN 865	Data Science & AI for Finance	2
FIN 831	Mergers, Acquisitions and Deals	2
Culminating Experience		
FIN 880	Corporate Finance Analytical Research Projects (Capstone Course)	2
Total Credits		31

The MFIN program culminates with the capstone course, FIN 880 Corporate Finance Analytical Research Projects. FIN 880 combines multidisciplinary critical analysis and problem solving of strategy in the context of a challenging business environment. The capstone course integrates all of the essential concepts involved in financial decision making cultivated throughout the program.

The aim of the capstone is to assess students' ability to synthesize and integrate the skills they have developed throughout their course work. This course is structured to support student success in fulfilling program goals and requirements. The projects students tackle will mirror what they'll encounter on the job as a significant member of the planning strategic management team. The course integrates topics and methodologies analyzed throughout the program, leading students to understand that strategic analysis, and ultimately, the firm's ability to enhance shareholder value, is a holistic and multifaceted analytical process.