

MFin

Master of Finance



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Make a solid investment in your career.

The Sobey School of Business Master of Finance (MFin) program is Atlantic Canada's leading accredited academic program for financial education. This intensive 12-month program, covering content usually offered through a two-year master's program, is a rigorous full-time commitment. During your studies, you will gain essential skills that global employers demand in today's workforce.

Graduates of the program possess both the research and technical capabilities required to advance in their careers. Additionally, all MFin students are registered in the CFA Institute and enrolled in the Chartered Financial Analyst™ exam in June. The MFin program will thoroughly prepare you for levels 1, 2, and 3 exams.

Our program effectively prepares graduates for a variety of professional careers in the financial industry including jobs in financial analysis and advising, portfolio and risk management, and corporate finance.

Key Benefits

- Complete a degree equivalent to a two-year masters in just 12 months
- Prepare for the CFA designation Level 1, 2, and 3 exams
- Have 24-hour access to financial databases and Bloomberg terminals
- Gain sought-after research and technical skills
- Network with industry professionals and hiring agents
- Train with industry professionals and respected professors in the field of financial education
- Live and study in the commercial capital of Atlantic Canada

Faculty Insights

The MFin academic director is Saint Mary's University's President Emeritus, Dr. Colin Dodds, a leading authority in the world of international finance. We also have two Canada Research Scholars teaching in the program – Dr. Najah Attig, who was a Canada Research Chair (CRC) (Finance), and Dr. Mohammad Rahaman who was named CRC in International Finance and Competitiveness in 2018.



Program Structure

- 12-month intensive, rigorous program
- Program covers 16 courses
- Write the CFA Level 1 exam in June
- Two options in last module:
 - **Option 1:** Study Risk Management & Investment Banking
 - **Option 2:** Complete Major Research Project under faculty member supervision

Courses

- Microeconomics and Business Strategy
- Financial Reporting and Analysis
- Applied Statistics and Data Analysis
- Macroeconomics and Public Policy
- Financial Management
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Corporate Finance
- Investments
- Futures and Options
- Econometrics
- Fixed Income Securities Analysis
- Applied Portfolio Management and Business Forecasting
- Financial Markets and Institutions
- International Business Financing and Banking
- CFA Workshop
- Special Topics in Finance and Research Methodology Risk Management, and Investment Banking

Career Preparation

As a Master of Finance (MFin) student, you will have access to comprehensive career services provided by the Graduate Career Services (GCS) team. At the beginning of each academic year, GCS invites students to attend the annual Accounting and Finance Career Fair, which gives them exposure to a wide range of employers. In addition, GCS facilitates several Corporate Tours, workshops, networking opportunities and a Speaker Series throughout the year where students have the opportunity to see industry in action, build their professional networks and explore potential career paths.

Students are encouraged to participate in one-on-one job coaching with trained employment specialists who offer insight into the individual's unique value proposition and guide them on the steps that are required for employment success. Individuals who utilize the professional development initiatives provided by GCS are able to develop a clear focus on their career goals and an overall understanding of what steps are required as they move forward.

A Master of Finance will give you access to a wide variety of careers such as: government organizations, private banking, customer service, investor services, equity research, and risk management. For further information on what Graduate Career Services offers, please visit www.smu.ca/academics/sobey/graduate-career-services.html



MFin has been an invaluable learning experience for me. In addition to gaining immense knowledge, my stress and time management skills improved enormously. The program also provided multiple opportunities to work within a group setting, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Although the intensity of the program kept me on my toes, it was a real encouragement when I received the highest academic award. I have now obtained the profession that I wanted and attribute my success to my decision to study MFin at the Sobey School of Business.

- Tamanna Arefin, MFin 2017



Location Matters

BOSTON - Flight time: direct 1h 30m

NEW YORK - Flight time: direct 2h 10m

TORONTO - Flight time: direct 2h 20m

LONDON - Flight time: direct 6h

Walking time to Atlantic Ocean: 10 minutes



Saint Mary's University: Tradition and Excellence

Founded in 1802, Saint Mary's University is one of the oldest degree-granting institutions in Canada. It is also one of Canada's most international universities, with over 118 countries represented throughout the student body. Saint Mary's offers Bachelor, Masters and PhD programs in Arts, Science and Business, along with graduate diplomas and certificate programs. The Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's University was established in 1934. As Atlantic Canada's largest and most respected business school with 3,200 students, the Sobey School is among the few on the East Coast of Canada with the internationally recognized AACSB accreditation – only 5% of business schools worldwide achieve this prestigious designation.

About Halifax

Halifax boasts seven universities. When you come to Saint Mary's, you will join a large population of students from all over Canada and the world, on campus and off. Halifax is the safe, beautiful, economic and cultural center of the region. In the tree-lined area surrounding the university, you will find comfortable accommodations, cafes, shopping, movie theatres, pubs, a large wilderness park and a beach, all within a 20-minute walk.

Family & Graduate Housing

Living in a residence community provides students with opportunities for learning and growth that are equally as valuable as those available to them in the classroom. Saint Mary's University offers one and two-bedroom apartments for student families, graduate students, and other eligible individuals associated with the University. Family & Graduate Housing monthly rental rates are available through the Housing & Residence (call 902.420.5598 or email residence.housing@smu.ca). There are accommodations also available on the beautiful park-like campus of the Atlantic School of Theology, located a five-minute walk from Saint Mary's.

Student Life

As a Sobey student, you can take part in graduate case competitions on the local, national and international level. In addition, there are over 40 active student societies on campus which students are invited to participate in such as Net Impact, Speak Up Society, MBA Society, Graduate Student Society, and the Investment Society. Saint Mary's has a world-class fitness facility and a wide range of varsity and intramural sports.



Admission Requirements

- A four-year university degree in finance or other quantitative-related discipline such as engineering, with an overall minimum average of B.
- Applicants whose first language is not English or who did not complete their entire degree from an English medium university require a minimum English proficiency score of:
 - IELTS 6.5 (6.0 for conditional admission)
 - TOEFL 550 or iBT® 80 or equivalent (72 in iBT® for conditional admission)

* Tests cannot be more than two years old.

Students accepted conditionally must meet the terms of their acceptance before attending the MFin program. In order to meet the requirement for full admission, these students are eligible to attend our eight-week pre-MFin language course or can retake an accepted language test and submit an improved score.

Additional Documents Required

- A satisfactory score on the GMAT will be considered an asset, but is not required
- An up-to-date résumé.
- Official transcripts for all universities and colleges attended.
- Three recommendations. Find the recommendation form on the application portion of our website.
- Short answers to the Supplemental Form, found on the application portion of our website.

Application Deadlines

June 30: Canadians/Permanent Residents
April 1: International Applicants

Estimated Program Fees

Canadian students: \$37,145*

International Full Time: \$44,976*

*Fees include medical, dental, and all associated course fees.

Pre-MFin Language Training: \$2,975

Fees subject to change. Annual estimated living expenses: \$13,000 - \$17,000.

Entrance Scholarships

There are two types of entrances scholarships available for the 2018-2019 academic year. Some applicants may qualify for both.

Canadian Citizens or Permanent Resident card holders who are accepted into the MFin program are automatically considered for a \$4,000 entrance scholarship when their file is reviewed.

Applications who have successfully passed the CFA Level 1 exam and are accepted into the MFin program are automatically considered for a \$4,000 entrance scholarship when their file is reviewed.

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