

## **Master of Science (MSc) Program in Financial Analysis**

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The Master of Science (MSc) program in Financial Analysis is designed to provide rigorous training to students for professional careers in the finance industry. The curriculum is structured to meet the growing and specialized demands of the industry. It begins with a solid foundation in accounting, economics, quantitative and computing skills, asset valuation and financial derivatives, which form the core subjects in the Chartered Financial Analysts (CFA) examinations curriculum. Students can then build on top of this broad knowledge base by choosing advanced courses and specialized electives that lead to concentration in Corporate Finance or Security Analysis.

### ***Admission Requirements***

Applicants must possess a first degree with second class honors or above from a university or a recognized institution, or possess equivalent professional qualifications, and a satisfactory GMAT score. They may be asked to attend an interview. Work experience is preferred.

### ***Program Duration***

The program can be completed in part-time mode in 18-24 months.

### ***Program Fee***

The program fee for the 2012-13 intake is HK\$6,300 per credit. The program fee is payable in installments according to a payment schedule announced at the program website.

### ***Curriculum***

Students are required to complete 30 credits of coursework as follows:

1. Core courses: 12 credits

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|------|------|-----------------------------------|
| ACCT | 5150 | Accounting Foundations            |
| ECON | 5030 | Foundations of Economic Analysis  |
| FINA | 5120 | Corporate Finance                 |
| FINA | 5210 | Investment Analysis               |
| FINA | 5290 | Derivatives Analysis              |
| ISOM | 5520 | Statistics for Financial Analysis |

2. Required courses: 8 credits

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| ACCT | 5160 | Corporate Financial Reporting I         |
| FINA | 5140 | Advanced Topics in Financial Management |
| FINA | 5300 | Advanced Derivatives Analysis           |
| FINA | 5360 | Fixed Income Analysis                   |

3. Elective courses: 10 credits

Concentration

The program comprises two concentrations:

*Corporate Finance Concentration* - Students are required to choose at least four courses from the list of special topics in Corporate Finance to graduate with the Corporate Finance Concentration designation. Topics to be selected and approved by the Academic Director.

*Security Analysis Concentration* - Students are required to choose at least four courses from the list of special topics in Security Analysis to graduate with the Security Analysis Concentration designation. Topics to be selected and approved by the Academic Director.

Students will be allowed to take more than 30 credits of coursework and claim a second concentration with a minimum of 8 additional credits. Of these additional 8 credits, at least 6 credits must not have been used to satisfy the first concentration requirement.

***Credit Transfer***

Students can apply for credit transfer and/or course substitution for core courses. The maximum number of transfer credits to be granted is 6 credits. Applications for credit transfer must be submitted to the Program Office during the first term after admission.

***Graduation Requirements***

Students must complete the program with a graduation grade average (GGA) of 2.850 or above as required of all postgraduate students at the University.