The Sykes College of Business draws together talented faculty, sophisticated technology and cutting-edge curriculum to provide students with the tools to succeed in a changing world. Highly qualified students of diverse ages and backgrounds receive advanced training in an array of disciplines from faculty members with a pulse on the business community. The M.S. in Finance program is available in two formats, full time and part time, and offers day, night and weekend classes.
M.S. in Finance students not only have direct access to knowledgeable professors with practical expertise, but they also learn to use the most current technology — including SAP’s Compustat database, Oracle’s Crystal Ball simulation software and Bloomberg’s Professional data terminal. UT’s high-tech trading room offers students hands-on experience in investment management. Training with technology gives students a competitive edge over other job applicants in the industry.

SAP, the world’s leading enterprise system platform, has become a popular tool for Fortune 500 companies. The Sykes College of Business curriculum in applied corporate finance uses SAP in the classroom so students learn with systems they are likely to use in the workplace. This puts UT at the forefront of educating finance students in applying contemporary finance theory and business systems, giving graduates a significant competitive advantage.

Currently, UT is one of the few universities in the country that has integrated SAP into its graduate finance program.

Monte Carlo Simulation

The application of Monte Carlo simulation — technology that helps assess risk in quantitative analysis and decision-making — in international finance courses allows students to thoroughly evaluate risk and return in business models. Many students go on to use this skill in the workplace.

Bloomberg Certification

The Huizenga Financial Trading Center inside the Sykes College of Business provides a state-of-the-art learning center for students seeking careers in investments. The center includes access to Bloomberg Professional real-time trading information, giving students an opportunity to achieve Bloomberg certification.
Today’s businesses compete in a global marketplace influenced by varying cultures, economies and mindsets. It is vital for UT students to understand how these differences affect international business relationships and operations. Pivotal to the Sykes College of Business education, cross-cultural business concepts are infused throughout the curriculum, providing a global perspective and offering invaluable opportunities for scholarship and travel.

Each area of study engages students in domestic and international perspectives of current events and the implications for multi-national transactions. As global economies continue to intermingle and tighten, it is a key initiative of the Sykes College of Business to produce graduates who recognize the melting pot of cultures present in the workplace. M.S. in Finance courses discuss international financial markets, international parity conditions, hedging foreign cash flows, arbitrage portfolios, international capital budgeting, international portfolio allocation and international cost of capital.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in UT’s robust study abroad offerings. Professors lead several educational trips each year to Asia, South America and Europe.

**Companies that have hired UT graduates include:**

- Bank of America
- Bloomberg L.P.
- Citi
- Deloitte
- Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation
- Ernst & Young
- Franklin Templeton Investments
- GE
- MetLife
- Microsoft Corporation
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Raymond James
- SAP
- Sykes Enterprises
- T. Rowe Price
- TIAA-CREF
- USAA
- Wells Fargo

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During his undergraduate years at UT, Greg Pepitone interned with Ameriprise Financial, T. Rowe Price and the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team while earning bachelor’s degrees in finance and sport management. He then decided to further his education by earning dual graduate degrees from the Sykes College of Business. His investment paid off: As a result of a graduate internship with PricewaterhouseCoopers, Pepitone was hired full time as a strategic advisor in the company’s sports, convention and tourism practice.

**Research in Finance**

Finance professors conduct research in areas ranging from venture capital and international corporate finance to alternative investments and the use of technology in finance. An article titled “Do Windfall Non-debt Tax Shields From Acquisitions Affect Corporate Debt Issues?” by Professor Walter Smith was recently published by *Managerial Finance*.

His findings show that target firm tax spread and tax loss carry forwards are inconsequential to the acquirer’s likelihood of issuing further debt, suggesting that tax synergies are relatively unimportant motives for acquisitions.
About UT

The University of Tampa is a medium-sized, private university offering more than 150 areas of undergraduate study and 10 graduate programs. Richly diverse, UT is the school of choice for approximately 7,000 students from across the country and around the world.

Visit www.ut.edu/graduate for more information about UT and the Sykes College of Business.

Scholarships

Each year the Sykes College of Business awards graduate assistantships to select first-year students with outstanding academic and professional credentials. Graduate assistantships cover tuition for up to 36 credit hours over four semesters and provide a stipend. Recipients work 20 hours a week conducting research and applying concepts they are learning in the classroom.

Career Advancement

UT’s Office of Career Services offers excellent advisory services to students, helping them prepare effective résumés, find internships and apply for positions with top companies in the Tampa Bay area and beyond. About 90 percent of M.S. in Finance students secure internships with local and international businesses, gaining experience that proves invaluable in their career development.

Graduate students and alumni have free, lifetime access to a variety of tools and networks to help advance their careers. This includes HIRE-UT, a specialized online resource exclusively for UT students and alumni. HIRE-UT posts job openings from companies looking for well-qualified candidates.

UT’s strong relationships with local and global companies bring a wide range of possibilities for current graduate finance students and alumni looking for new opportunities. Because of their overwhelmingly positive experiences with hiring UT students and alumni over the years, many of these companies keep coming back to HIRE-UT.

One of the distinctive characteristics of a UT education is the built-in network of active alumni and links to the local and international business communities. Opportunities abound for business connections between students and alumni on a variety of levels.

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