

**Sykes College of Business**

# M.S. in Finance



THE UNIVERSITY  
OF TAMPA

**Master of Science in Finance**

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.

## Manage Change. Create Value.

UT's rigorous **M.S. in Finance** program gives students the training needed to excel in the ever-changing global financial industry. The complex nature of today's world of investment and finance requires professionals equipped with advanced quantitative, analytical and decision-making skills to manage change and create value.

The leading-edge finance curriculum at the Sykes College of Business focuses on practical financial management and modern valuation, and qualifies students for careers in areas such as banking, brokerage, individual and institutional investments, insurance, portfolio management and financial analysis and planning. Grounded in the current realities and best practices of the industry, courses are geared toward helping students advance in their finance careers and prepare for the Chartered

Financial Analyst (CFA) common body of knowledge (CBOK) Levels I, II and III. UT finance professors — including two CFA charter holders — encourage their students to take as many parts of the CFA exam as possible to help them get ahead in the finance industry. The Sykes College of Business maintains strategic partnerships with CFA Tampa Bay and Becker/Stalla CFA Review.

Students may take advantage of M.S. in Finance electives in special topics of interest such as venture capital and alternative investments, commercial real estate valuation, accounting and value creation, advanced investments and portfolio management and advanced corporate finance. An MBA concentration in finance is also offered.

## Internationally Recognized Program

The Sykes College of Business is accredited at the undergraduate and graduate levels by

AACSB International (the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), an honor held by only six percent of



business schools worldwide. It is rated a top graduate business school in the U.S. by *Bloomberg Businessweek*, and since 2007 has been named among the best business schools in the world by The Princeton Review.

## FACULTY highlights

Ninety-seven percent of UT's business professors have doctorates, and most have industry experience. Faculty members regularly publish research in high-level journals, with an emphasis on real-world applications.



**Jeffrey Donaldson, Ph.D., CFA**

Jeffrey Donaldson specializes in investments, portfolio management and trust investments. His research has been published in the *Financial Analysts Journal* and *Journal of Financial Research*, among others. He has twice received the Graduate Faculty Member of the Year Award for Excellence in Teaching.



**Marcus Ingram, Ph.D., CFA**

Marcus Ingram has published papers and cases on investment management, corporate finance and financial econometrics. His current research focuses on behavioral finance and efficient markets and on developing educational case studies in finance. He teaches courses in financial management and strategy.

## Training with Technology

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.

### Applying SAP

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.

Once a year, UT also offers the TERP10 Academy, which provides intensive training to prepare students to become an SAP Certified Business Associate with SAP ERP 6.0, a highly marketable certification. The 10-day course covers the fundamental integrative business processes in SAP, including procurement, production, planning, project management, sales, customer service, asset management, financial

accounting, human resources and analytics. On the last day of the course, students may choose to sit for the exam.

### 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 Terminal real-time trading information, giving students an opportunity to achieve Bloomberg certification.



## Preparing for the Global Economy

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.

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 finance graduates include:

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



### alumnus profile

**David Gewandter '12**  
**M.S. in Finance and MBA**  
**Demand Planning Manager**  
**Bloomin' Brands Inc.**

"With small class sizes, a diverse student body and many opportunities to interact with industry professionals, the M.S. in Finance program at UT is unmatched by any other. During my time at UT I was consistently encouraged and supported in enhancing my résumé and preparing for my career. From publishing an empirical study of broker benefits with one of my professors to competing in a case study competition on leveraged buyouts, there was no shortage of career-focused activities in which to participate."



### State-of-the-Art Facilities

Within an 80,000-sq.-ft. facility, the Sykes College of Business offers state-of-the-art resources such as the Huizenga Family Foundation Trading Center, which provides Bloomberg Terminal real-time trading information for hands-on financial management.



## alumnus profile

**Jordan Holding '15**  
**M.S. in Finance and MBA**  
**Financial Analyst, Mezrah Consulting**

"UT's graduate program provided me with the resources necessary to jump-start my professional career. I find their extracurricular opportunities to be particularly valuable, as they enable students to distinguish themselves from the masses. The annual International SAP Simulation Competition and the ACG Cup Contest are among the unique experiences I had the privilege of partaking in at UT."

### Graduate Assistantships

Each year the Sykes College of Business awards graduate assistantships to select students with outstanding academic and professional credentials. Graduate assistantships cover tuition for up to 12 credit hours per semester, plus a stipend. Recipients work 20 hours per week for an academic or administrative office. For more information about this and other financial aid for graduate students, visit [ut.edu/graduatefinancialaid](http://ut.edu/graduatefinancialaid).

### 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.

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

UT's strong business relationships bring a wide range of possibilities for current graduate finance students and alumni looking for new opportunities. Because of their overwhelmingly positive experiences with UT students and alumni over the years, many of these companies keep coming back to campus to recruit and hire.

Another distinctive characteristic 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.



### About UT

The University of Tampa is a medium-sized, private university offering more than 200 undergraduate and graduate programs of study. Richly diverse, UT is the school of choice for approximately 9,600 students from all 50 states and 130 countries.

Visit [ut.edu/msfinance](http://ut.edu/msfinance) for more information about the M.S. in Finance program and the Sykes College of Business.

