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The University of San Francisco STEM-certified MS in Financial Analysis program gives you three distinct advantages:

Unrivaled location. Our downtown campus puts you in the heart of San Francisco's Financial District. You'll build your professional network with leading financial firms and global companies—including Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Schwab, and a host of fintech startups—all located just blocks away.

Practical training. Our STEM-certified program focuses on the knowledge required by the CFA® designation. We have been part of the CFA Institute Affiliated University program since 2006—a consortium to which only 283 universities worldwide belong.

The latest technology and certifications. Gain unlimited access to the latest training tools in financial analysis and investments. Acquire essential skills for analyzing financial data through Bloomberg terminals in our dedicated trading room, and earn highly sought-after Bloomberg certificates and expertise.

YOUR MSFA—DESIGNED TO FIT YOUR LIFE AND SCHEDULE

We offer both full-time and part-time options so you can earn your degree at a pace that works for you.

In the full-time MSFA program, classes meet three days per week in person at our downtown San Francisco location. Designed for recent graduates and students in the early stages of their careers, the full-time MSFA is an 18-month program that includes research practicum or academic immersion.

18-month program with 35 credits

- › Meets three days per week.
- › No work experience required.

The part-time MSFA program offers classes both online and in-person, offering the ideal balance for investment professionals who want to earn their MSFA while also working full time.

22-month program with 34 credits

- › Two-unit courses meet in person two Saturdays a month, for three months, at our downtown San Francisco location.
- › Online course content includes instructor videos and guided assignments that are completed between in-person class sessions.

IN THE CLASSROOM AND BEYOND

Accomplished Faculty

Professors in the MSFA program include academics active in finance research as well as finance professionals from local investment companies. You'll gain knowledge from instructors with a breadth of industry knowledge and deep analytical skills. The majority of our instructors also hold CFA charters.

Sample Coursework

- › Equity Valuation
- › Fixed Income Valuation
- › Derivatives I
- › Advanced Financial Statement Analysis
- › Ethics and Finance I
- › Behavioral Finance
- › Derivatives II
- › International Finance
- › Econometrics
- › Capital Market Theory
- › Alternative Investments
- › Financial Econometrics
- › Portfolio Management

And choose one of the following courses:

- › Advanced Investment Research
- › Student Managed Fund
- › New York City Equity Valuation

John C. Williams, President
and CEO, Federal Reserve
Bank of New York



The MSFA program is exactly what I was looking for to push me forward in my career, since the program is tailored specifically to investment management, with a clear objective of CFA certification. I really liked that the program helped me achieve my personal goals while working toward the greater good.
-Matt Stalcup '13



Education has the highest yielding return of any investment."
-John C. Williams, President
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Learn From Notable Guest Speakers

USF students engage with the leading thinkers in finance. Faculty host top speakers from companies like BlackRock, Kleiner Perkins Caufield Byers, and Coinbase. We've also welcomed Nobel Laureates in economics Harry Markowitz, Myron Scholes and Robert C. Merton, and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak.

Think Creatively and Take the Lead

USF MSFA students compete in the regional CFA Institute Investment Research Challenge, and have a history of competing at the top. In fact, we've placed first, beating 16 other teams including Stanford and Wharton.

Why Does it Benefit You to Earn Your MSFA From a STEM Program?

As a STEM-designated program, our MSFA offers a blend of disciplines in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics with business and finance. According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, people who hold a degree in a STEM field earn a higher salary on average than those who do not, even if the degree holder is not employed in a STEM field.

Are you an International Student?

Another benefit of STEM designation is that, as an international student graduating from such a program, you are eligible for a 24-month STEM OPT extension, in addition to the regular post-completion 12-month OPT period. USF also offers personal advising to support international students. You can learn more at International Student & Scholar Services usfca.edu/iss.

Learn with Talented Students from Around the World

USF is home to students from diverse professional fields, backgrounds, and countries. Together, they create a perfect incubator for learning and generating fresh ideas. Particularly in our full-time MSFA program, you'll enjoy small class sizes with a student body that's approximately 90 percent international students.

Your Professional Network is Just Steps Away—and Reaches Around the World

As a USF student, you'll have a strong support community of successful MSFA alumni. Many of our former students are working just a few steps away from us in downtown San Francisco, at firms like BlackRock, Visa, and Charles Schwab. Many of our international students return to their home countries, so you'll gain access to a truly global network of fellow alumni.

Recent MSFA Alumni Have Gone on to Successful Careers at:



Hands-On Investment Management

As an MSFA student, you'll have a host of firsthand learning opportunities:

- › Visit Wall Street and participate in a week-long Wall Street Training® competition where you produce and present a research report and buy/sell/hold recommendation on a company.
- › Apply to join our Student-Managed Fund—structured as an investment company that oversees \$1 million of USF money—and take on a role in managing these funds.
- › Participate in a real financial research project with one of our industry partners.
- › Lead the finance world as an ethical professional with quantitative expertise.



I came to USF to increase my knowledge of finance, but I accomplished so much more than that. I've learned valuable interpersonal and leadership skills and made many friends and useful network connections. San Francisco is a more diverse city than I ever could have imagined, and it is a wonderful learning ground for internationally oriented people such as myself.

-Piri Watanametta '14



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