The American University in Cairo (AUC) was founded in 1919 by Americans devoted to education and community service in the Middle East. Today, AUC is the region’s premier English-language University — an essential contributor to the social, political and cultural life of the Arab world. AUC’s academic programs are rooted in liberal arts education and serve as a crossroad for the world’s cultures: a vital, vibrant forum for reasoned argument, spirited debate, and heightened understanding across a multitude of boundaries.

Designed to accommodate 5,500 full-time students and 1,500 faculty and staff members, AUC’s 260-acre campus is technologically advanced and environmentally sensitive. Offering state-of-the-art resources to students and faculty members from around the world, the campus weaves Egyptian urban and architectural traditions into a modern campus and is designed to be accessible to people with disabilities.

The Master of Science in finance is not just about in-class course delivery, but is an integrated academic experience. The following academic services at AUC make the program unique:

- AUC Library
- AUC Venture Lab
- The John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy, Civic Engagement and Responsible Business
- AUC School of Business Financial Services Center
- El-Khazindar Business Research and Case Center
- Career Advising and Placement Services

38,386 Alumni

25,063 Alumni by geographical distribution - Egypt

13,323 Alumni by geographical distribution - International
The School of Business was launched in 2009 as part of a restructuring of the former School of Business, Economics and Communication, which was established in 1993. The school offers four undergraduate programs: Bachelors of Arts in Economics, Accounting, Business Administration, and Business Administration with a concentration in the Management of Information and Communication Technology. It also offers six graduate programs: Master of Business Administration, Master of Arts in Economics, Master of Arts in Economics in International Development, Master of Science in Finance, Executive Master of Business Administration and CEMS Master in International Management.

AUC’s School of Business is recognized as the top private business school in Egypt and one of the best in the Arab world and Africa. The School of Business is one of less than 1 percent of business schools worldwide, out of nearly 14,000, as well as the first in the Middle East and third in Africa, to achieve triple-crown accreditation from the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS), the Association of MBAs (AMBA), and the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

AUC’s School of Business programs are based on entrepreneurship, family business, responsible business, and economic development. Programs are delivered in ways that allow students to enjoy a learning experience extending beyond the classroom and including a variety of activities such as business plan competitions, internships, case-study writing, and student projects. The school is gradually becoming a research-intensive institution where faculty members enhance learning through research activities and prepare students to compete in a knowledge-based global community.

Lecture Series
- Meet the CEO
- School of Business Faculty Research Seminar Series
- Transforming Egypt

*Business Forward: the knowledge portal of the AUC School of Business*
Vision
The School of Business aims to be the leading knowledge hub with Arab region relevance and global influence.

Mission
The School of Business develops entrepreneurial and responsible global leaders and professionals.

Core Values
• Belonging
• Ambition
• Integrity and Good Citizenship
• Excellence

Accreditation
AUC’s School of Business is among 1 percent of business schools worldwide to be triple-crown accredited. It has achieved this prestigious accreditation by acquiring the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation in 2006 (re-accredited in 2011), as well as accreditation from the Association of MBAs (AMBA) and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS), both in 2014.

Since 2006, the school has been accredited by AACSB — one of only 5 percent of all business schools in the world to receive such accreditation.

In 2014, the school received accreditation for its MBA and Executive MBA programs by the London-based AMBA. Only 2 percent of MBA programs worldwide are AMBA-accredited.

In 2014, the entire school received accreditation from EQUIS. A high level of academic quality, professional relevance, innovation, and internationalization are required to achieve EQUIS accreditation. EQUIS accredits programs that focus upon the development of managerial and entrepreneurial skills.
Ranking

74th
Business school worldwide in open-enrollment executive education programs (2019)

Top 10
Masters in Management CEMS MiM (2019)

Five-Palmes League of Excellence
100 universal business schools with a strong global influence

First
School of Business in Africa 2018 - 2019

First
Executive MBA program in Africa 2018 - 2019

First
Master of Arts in Economics in Africa 2018 - 2019

Second
MBA program in Africa 2018 - 2019

First
Master of Science in Finance in Africa 2018 - 2019

Top 200
QS Global MBA Ranking 2019

74th
QS Global EMBA Ranking 2019

101st
Master of Finance World Ranking 2019

Statistics

Gender Distribution

56 %

44 %

12,432
Undergraduate and Graduate Alumni

*total number excluding double counts

Undergraduate Alumni

9,903

Accounting 981

Business Administration 4,284

Economics 4,568

Management of Information Systems 70

Graduate Alumni

2,529

Economics 463

Economics in International Development 174

Executive Master of Business Administration 62

Finance 39

Management 370

Master of Business Administration 1,421

*Data as of census date November 2019
Program Overview
The Master of Science in finance (MSF) at AUC helps participants advance their careers in the finance field and keep up with the growth in the banking and financial services sector in Egypt. It is a pre-experience program that provides the deep financial knowledge needed to be a well-rounded professional who can understand the industry’s best practices and apply them to meet local market demands. With concentrations in corporate finance, investments, and FinTech, the MSF provides students with an option to specialize in the area that can help them pursue various career tracks in finance, including corporate financial management, treasury, financial research, asset management, investment banking and private equity.

The Master of Science in finance has been accepted into the Charter Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute University Recognition Program. The American University in Cairo is the first in Egypt to have received this form of acknowledgment. This status is granted to institutions whose degree program(s) incorporate at least 70 percent of the CFA program Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK), which provides students with a solid grounding in the CBOK and positions them well to sit for the CFA exams.

Admission
All applicants must satisfy the University’s graduate admission requirements and obtain an acceptable score on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Examinations (GRE). The applicant must present a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or very good for non-GPA measured degrees. No previous work experience is needed.
To obtain the MSc in finance degree, students must complete 42 credit hours, of which 33 credit hours are coursework and a thesis of 9 credit hours. Students with a relevant background can waive some of the core courses but must complete a minimum of 36 credit hours to be awarded the degree. The research methodology course is mandatory.

Completion
The program consists of 11 courses plus a thesis. The MSF is designed to be completed in two full years.
# How To Apply

## Step One: What You Need to Apply

- A standardized placement test (GRE or GMAT)
  - GMAT: Score of 550 or higher (expires after five years)
  - GRE: Quantitative: 150 out of 170
  - Analytical: 3.5 out of 6.0
- Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited university or college with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or an overall ranking of very good
- English-language proficiency test with minimum acceptable results, based on the University’s admission policy (e.g. TOEFL test)
- Completed application
- Curriculum vitae
- No prior work experience is required

## Step Two: Interview

The Master of Science in finance is a competitive program. Only a limited number of applicants will be accepted. After the initial screening of applicants, short-listed applicants will sit in for a final interview.

## Step Three: Acceptance

Final decisions on short-listed applicants will be communicated to students twice per year.

https://www.aucegypt.edu/admissions/graduate
Program Structure

1. Courses

1.1 MSc Core Courses (18 credits)

Students must complete six core courses before attempting to take any of the elective courses. Students with relevant background can waive up to two core courses. The core courses are:

- ACCT 501/5201 - Financial Reporting and Analysis (3 cr.)
- FINC 527/5201 - Managerial Economics (3 cr.)
- FINC 535/5204 - Applied Financial Econometrics (3 cr.)
- FINC 540/5202 - Financial Management (3 cr.)
- FINC 541/5203 - Investments and Portfolio Management (3 cr.)
- FINC 000/5230 - Statistical and numerical methods (3 cr.)

1.2 MSc Concentrations (12 credits)

The student must complete all core courses before attempting to take any of the elective courses. The student specializes in one of three concentration fields which are Investments, corporate finance and FinTech. The student must take four courses (12 cr.) from his or her concentration field.

Investments Concentration (12 cr.)
- FINC 512/5313 - Options and Derivatives (3 cr.)
- FINC 513/5331 - Fixed Income Securities (3 cr.)
- FINC 516/5314 - Real Estate Finance (3 cr.)
- FINC 518/5315 - Islamic Finance (3 cr.)
- FINC 542/5311 - International Financial Management (3 cr.)
- FINC 543/5312 - Financial Institutions and Markets (3 cr.)
- FINC 545/5333 - Private Equity and Venture Capital (3 cr.)
- FINC 570/5370 - Selected Topics in Financial Management (3 cr.)
- FINC 575/5375 - Independent Study in Financial Management (1-3 cr.)
Corporate Finance Concentration (12 cr.)

- FINC 512/5313 - Options and Derivatives (3 cr.)
- FINC 514/5353 - Financial Risk Analysis (3 cr.)
- FINC 517/5352 - Financial Modeling (3 cr.)
- FINC 518/5315 - Islamic Finance (3 cr.)
- FINC 542/5311 - International Financial Management (3 cr.)
- FINC 543/5312 - Financial Institutions and Markets (3 cr.)
- FINC 544/5351 - Advanced Corporate Finance (3 cr.)
- FINC 545/5333 - Private Equity and Venture Capital (3 cr.)
- FINC 570/5370 - Selected Topics in Financial Management (3 cr.)
- FINC 575/5375 - Independent Study in Financial Management (1-3 cr.)

FinTech Concentration (12 cr.)

The student must complete the following course:

- FINC 000/5320 - Financial Computing (3 cr.)

In addition the student chooses three courses (9 cr.) from the following concentration courses:

- FINC 512/5313 - Options and Derivatives (3 cr.)
- FINC 514/5353 - Financial Risk Analysis (3 cr.)
- MGMT 510/5307 - Entrepreneurship and Innovation (3 cr.)
- FINC 570/5370 - Selected Topics in Financial Management (3 cr.)
- CSCE 565/5261 - Advanced Artificial Intelligence (3 cr.)

1.3 Research Methodology (3 credit hours)

A student must take a research methodology course before starting the thesis.

- FINC 590/5402 - Research Methodology (3 cr.)

2. Thesis (9 credit hours)

A thesis (9 credit hours) is required for all students. The topic of the thesis must be in the area of specialization and supervised by a faculty member in the area.

- FINC 599/5401 - Thesis (9 cr.)

Waiver

Students with a relevant background can waive a maximum of two core courses, but must complete a minimum of 36 credit hours (including courses and a thesis) to be awarded the degree.
Fellowships and Scholarships

AUC offers a variety of fellowships, academic scholarships and work-study opportunities to assist students in financing their graduate studies. Below is a list of fellowships and scholarships available at the graduate level. For more information and for applications, visit www.aucegypt.edu/admissions/fellowships/listings.

African Graduate Fellowships
African, non-Egyptian students

Fellowships for Refugees
Applicants with refugee status

International Graduate Fellowships
International students - All fields of study

Dr. Ahmed and Ann M. El-Mokadem Fellowship
Egyptian nationals

University Fellowships
All nationalities

The School of Business Fellowship Fund
All nationalities

The FinTech Fellowships
Luqman Weise Capital FinTech Fellowship for Egyptians

Ryoichi Sasakawa Endowed Young Leaders Fellowships Fund (SYLFF) Program
All nationalities
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