**Finance & Economics**

**Master of Science in Finance and Economics**

**Who pursues this program?**
Students who want to improve their understanding of economics and finance, particularly those interested in or already working in:
- Finance institutions and finance departments in business and government.
- Policy-oriented and community service occupations in the private and public sectors.
- Economic and financial consulting and advising.
- Teaching at the high school, community college, or instructor level.
- Preparation for law school or doctorate programs in economics and finance.

**How does the program work?**
- The program is designed to be accessible to both working students and full-time students.
- Students are able to take every course required for graduation in the online, campus, or Amarillo environments. In addition, students have the option of combining selected online courses with traditional campus or Amarillo Center courses to meet degree requirements.
- The 36 credit hour MSFE program is designed for completion within a two-year period, although completion can take one to six years.

**How will this degree benefit me?**
The program’s orientation toward application as opposed to theory enhances opportunities for graduates in a broad range of occupations and institutions.

**What courses will I take?**
- Foundation Courses. Students are required to establish proficiency in economics, finance, accounting, and statistics. This proficiency may be established by courses taken in an undergraduate program, by completing advanced standing examinations in these areas, or by taking the following courses: ECON 6300, FIN 6300, ACCT 6300, and CIDM 6300.
- 24 hours of graduate core courses
- 9-12 hours of courses for MSFE elective courses
- Upon completion of all course work for the MSFE degree, the student will be required to take a comprehensive written and/or oral exam covering the core courses and the area of specialization selected by the student.

**What sets this program apart from other programs?**
A program like this is offered at few other schools in the United States. We are able to offer the degree at West Texas A&M University because our economics and finance programs reside in the same department.

The MSFE program at West Texas A&M University provides students with opportunities for growth and development in the areas of professional writing and oral communication. Students are provided with opportunities to demonstrate capacity to use finance and economic analytical tools to analyze complex problems and recommend feasible solutions. In addition students are provided with opportunities to demonstrate capacity to recognize and evaluate ethical dimensions of financial decisions and effects on stakeholders. Students are provided with opportunities to learn about conducting business in a diverse, global environment. The MSFE program also provides students with opportunities to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of advanced theoretical concepts in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and financial management. Knowledge and understanding of advanced quantitative and statistical skills.
Admission Criteria and Application Guidelines

Full Admission
- Complete online application
- Undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher
- While all applicants are encouraged to take the GMAT exam, those with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher may opt out of taking the GMAT exam by emailing their decision to Dr. LaVelle Mills, Associate Dean of Graduate Business programs, at (lmills@wtamu.edu)
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions
- Three letters of recommendation*
- Career resume*
- Statement of Goals describing interest in pursuing the MSFE degree and how earning the degree will help you meet your career goals*
- Proficiency in foundation business courses

*To be emailed to the Office of Graduate Business Programs (gradbusprograms@wtamu.edu).

Students who do not initially meet the requirements for Full Admission may submit materials to be reviewed by the College of Business Graduate Admissions Committee for consideration of Provisional Acceptance.

Suggested Deadlines to Apply
- August 1 for Fall admission
- December 1 for Spring admission
- May 1 for Summer admission

Program Contact Information
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