



# Graduate Certificate in Finance

## OVERVIEW

The Graduate Certificate in Finance offered by the Master of Science in Economics (MSE) program at the American University of Armenia will help professionals boost their financial acumen, which is necessary for making sound business decisions. The courses will provide training in many aspects of finance, including:

- THEORIES BEHIND FINANCIAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT
- FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION
- PRACTITIONER'S PERSPECTIVE FOR ASSET ALLOCATION AND MULTI-ASSET INVESTING
- ANALYSIS AND VALUATION OF TRADED SECURITIES
- TOOLS FOR PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND ASSET PRICING MODELS
- INDEX MODELS, AND APPLIED TIME SERIES ANALYSIS
- INSIGHTS OF CORPORATE FINANCE THEORY AND APPLICATION OF THE THEORY TO REAL-LIFE FINANCIAL DECISIONS

## CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

To receive a Certificate in Finance (CF) students must successfully complete the below listed graduate courses with a grade of C- or better in each course and maintain an overall minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA). CF graduates who wish to pursue further study towards the MS in Economics program, may transfer their CF courses and credits towards the MSE Program. Required coursework for the completion of CF must be finished in 2-years period, after starting the program.

### Required Courses:

- Finance Theory (Fall)
- Economic Statistics (Fall, optional\*)
- Financial Econometrics and Time Series Analysis\*\* (Spring, blended\*\*\* class)
- Asset Allocation and Multi-asset Investing (Spring, blended\*\*\* class)
- Economics of Corporate Finance (Summer)

\* This course is not required for the completion of the CF; however, it is a pre-requisite for the Financial Econometrics and Time Series Analysis course. Students with prior knowledge of Econometrics may be exempt from this course, after a transcript evaluation and/or an interview.

\*\* Intermediate level knowledge of Econometrics, specifically regression analysis is required. Alternatively, students can take Economic Statistics course offered in the Fall. Additional tuition will be assumed.

\*\*\* Blended courses are real-time online courses. Students can attend blended courses at AUA Yerevan campus, or from their workplace or home. During the quiz and exams, physical presence at AUA is required.

## ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

**To be considered for acceptance, applicants must:**

**Submit a complete Application** for Enrollment in Certificate Programs at [im.aua.am](http://im.aua.am) including all required supplements as outlined in the instructions.

**Present valid and official results** confirming English Language Proficiency typically through the TOEFL iBT (minimum score of 68\*) or IELTS Academic (minimum score of 6.0\*). Native and near native speakers are eligible for a waiver. Present an official GRE or GMAT score at a minimum of 50th percentile on the quantitative section. The score is valid only if the test date was less than five years before the application submission date. AUA graduate alumni are eligible for a waiver.

**Hold an undergraduate degree** from an accredited or licensed institution of higher education. Students in their final year of studies are also eligible to apply.

**The required coursework for the completion of CDA must be finished in 2-years period, after starting the program.**

Check AUA website for Application Submission Deadlines.

Fees are calculated per credit unit, as per university policy.

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