

# FINANCE

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The Master of Finance degree, offered by the Jones Graduate School of Business (<https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/business/business/>), is designed to prepare students with a top-tier undergraduate education, regardless of their major, to enter the financial services profession. It is ideally suited for early-career individuals or those looking to pivot into specialized finance roles, providing them with the advanced knowledge and competitive edge needed to succeed in the evolving financial landscape.

Graduates of the program will conduct robust financial analysis, design effective financial strategies that align with investment objectives, considering risk management, portfolio optimization, and risk. Students will also analyze and optimize capital structure, funding strategies, and corporate governance practices, as well as develop proficiency in financial software, programming languages, and AI-driven tools.

Finance does not currently offer an academic program at the undergraduate level.

## Master's Program

- Master of Finance (MFin) Degree (<https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/business/finance/finance-mfin/>)

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To view the most recent semester's course schedule, please see [Rice's Course Schedule \(https://courses.rice.edu/admweb!/SWKSCAT.cat\)](https://courses.rice.edu/admweb!/SWKSCAT.cat).

## Finance (FINA)

### Description and Code Legend

*Note: Internally, the university uses the following descriptions, codes, and abbreviations for this academic program. The following is a quick reference:*

#### Course Catalog/Schedule

- Course offerings/subject code: FINA

#### Home School Description and Code

- Rice Business: JS

#### Home Department Description and Code

- Management: MGMT

#### Graduate Degree Description and Code

- Master of Finance degree: MFin

#### Graduate Degree Program Description and Code

- Degree Program in Finance: FINA

#### CIP Code and Description <sup>1</sup>

- FINA Major/Program: CIP Code/Title: 52.1399 - *Management Sciences and Quantitative Methods, Other*

<sup>1</sup> Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2020 Codes and Descriptions from the National Center for Education Statistics: <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/>.