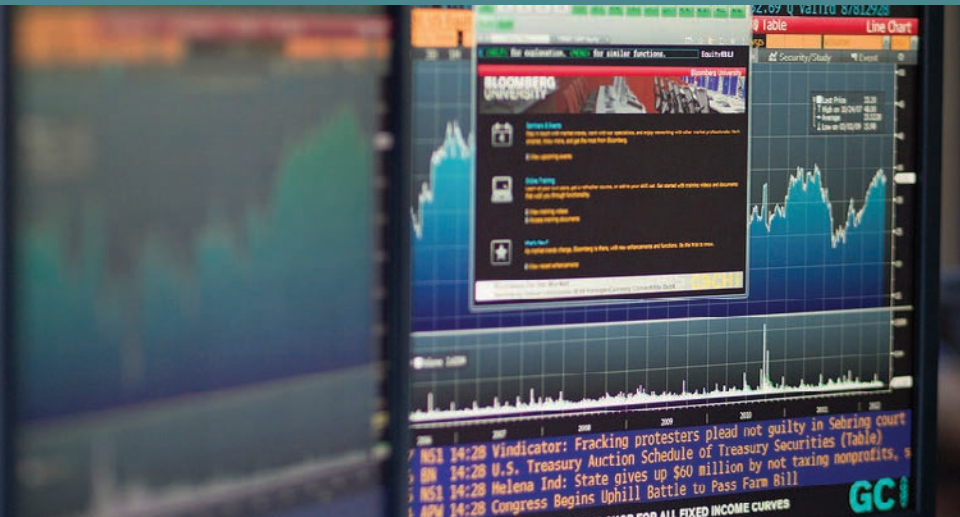


# Brandeis University INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SCHOOL



## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE (MSF)



WORLD  
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## THE BRANDEIS ADVANTAGE

By teaching rigorous business, finance and economics with a global perspective, Brandeis International Business School (IBS) prepares students to succeed in companies and organizations worldwide. The school is part of Brandeis University, a medium-sized private research university ranked among the most selective by U.S. News and World Report. Students have unsurpassed access to renowned faculty and a global network of over 50,000 alumni in 160 countries.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

An MSF degree from Brandeis IBS will equip you to succeed in financial careers around the world. Whether your career interests lie in asset management, corporate finance, fintech, risk management or transfer pricing and valuation, you'll engage with rigorous modeling, conduct complex financial and predictive analyses and gain hands-on experience via real-world practicums with corporations or emerging financial startups.

*“At Brandeis IBS, you’re in classes with people who are just as good as you or even better, which keeps things challenging. It was amazing to take classes from professors with hands-on experience in the world of finance. It made me feel like I was already part of the industry.”*

**—Melina Yépez, MSF '15**  
Senior Consultant,  
Financial Advisory Services, Deloitte



# CORE COMPONENTS

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## **PRACTICAL, HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE**

A required practicum provides invaluable experience in the finance industry through an internship or a field project with a corporate partner. Students can also pursue directed research with a faculty member. In each case, students turn classroom theories and exercises into real-world solutions to complex global financial issues.

## **INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**

Global industry treks and immersion programs connect our students with a worldwide network of employers, alumni and resources to help launch successful careers in finance.

## **ACADEMIC RIGOR**

MSF students gain practical quantitative skills, extensive experience with global financial modeling and a comprehensive analytical toolkit.

## **GLOBAL RECOGNITION**

The Brandeis MSF program is ranked fifth in the country by the TFE Times (formerly The Financial Engineer).

The program is recognized by the Chartered Financial Analysts (CFA) Institute University Affiliation Program and is an academic partner program of the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP).

# PROGRAM BENEFITS

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## **QUANTITATIVE FOCUS**

Students train on leading software, engage with complex models and actively explore the intersection of financial theory and real-world implications.

## **STEM-DESIGNATED PROGRAM**

Study in a program that enables international students to extend a 12-month practical training experience after graduation by an additional 24 months.

## **CFA PREPARATION AND SUPPORT**

The MSF is a partner program of the CFA Institute, and the school provides scholarships to students preparing for the CFA exam.

## **A DIVERSE STUDENT BASE**

Connect and engage with students and faculty from all over the world in a robust business school community.

## **CAREER SUPPORT**

A dynamic alumni network of financial experts provides students with lifelong guidance from the moment they begin the program. Students receive access to alumni mentors, professional career coaches and faculty advisors to achieve academic and career success.

## **BOSTON: AN EDUCATIONAL HUB**

Complete your studies at the intersection of growing innovation, finance and technology sectors while developing your network in the Boston area.

## **PERSONALIZED APPROACH**

MSF students benefit from the individual attention of academic advisors, career coaches and mentors, each focused on the student's professional success.



# CONCENTRATIONS

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*You can choose from among five MSF concentrations to match your interests and career goals. Our concentration curriculum dynamically evolves to match your career interests and goals.*

## ASSET MANAGEMENT

Evaluate investment opportunities, quantify risks and craft strategic plans around financial assets. The Asset Management concentration prepares students to manage investment portfolios with a quantitative skill set and a thoughtful, global perspective.

**Careers:** Students in this concentration learn to succeed in the fields of securities and portfolio management within hedge funds, investment firms and international banks. Recent graduates have received job offers at companies including BlackRock, Deutsche Bank, BNP Paribas, Goldman Sachs and State Street Global Advisors.

Career Paths: Asset Management Analyst, Associate, Director of Asset Management, Portfolio Manager

## FINTECH

Innovate to disrupt norms in the financial sector using technology-enabled, data-driven analytics and financial modeling. The FinTech concentration allows students to learn how data and technology are driving innovation to reshape the financial sector.

**Careers:** Students in this concentration are prepared for success in sectors such as predictive analytics in finance, peer-to-peer lending, robo advising and insurtech, among others. Companies that have offered related opportunities include Amazon, Facebook, Fidelity, Liberty Mutual, State Street Global Advisors, Vanguard and Accenture.

Career Paths: Financial Analyst, Robo Adviser, Credit Analyst, Risk Analyst, Quantitative Growth Analyst, Financial Strategy and Planning Associate, Markets Execution Digital Strategy Analyst

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## CORPORATE FINANCE

Make financial decisions that drive business performance. The Corporate Finance concentration prepares students to examine and solve company challenges from a financial perspective by applying lessons from coursework in accounting, financial planning and management, investments, corporate governance, credit risk analysis, forecasting and more.

**Careers:** Corporate finance offers a wealth of career applications in finance, with opportunities in investment banking, mergers and acquisitions, private equity, consulting, deal analysis, entrepreneurship and more. Companies that have employed our alumni include Deloitte, Bain Capital, Ernst & Young, McKinsey & Company and Fidelity.

Career Paths: Financial Analyst, Financial Manager, Private Equity Associate, Merger & Acquisitions Analyst, Investment Banking Analyst

*“The MSF program offered small class sizes and excellent faculty. My goals were to learn and network as much as possible, and thanks to the excellent curriculum and helpful alumni base, I was able to reach them. I learned how to tackle financial problems and learn from each experience, which is very important in the real world.”*

**Kirtesh Wagulde, MSF '15**  
Quantitative Analyst, Santander Bank





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## RISK MANAGEMENT

Uncover, analyze and respond to organizational and marketplace risks in a program that partners with the Global Association for Risk Professionals (GARP). In the Risk Management concentration, students use quantitative models to understand risks within businesses, industries and economies affected by changes in interest rates, currency, politics, leadership and more.

**Careers:** Financial risks are everywhere — and so are jobs in the field. Students in this concentration learn to apply classroom thinking to careers in corporate strategy, financial services, reputation management, governance, currency and interest rates, fraud detection and quantitative risk modeling. Recent graduates in this field have gone on to work for companies such as John Hancock and Fidelity.

Career Paths: Investment Analyst, Financial Risk Analyst, Operational Risk Analyst, Account Analyst, Corporate Banking Credit Analyst, Trading and Operations Associate



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## TRANSFER PRICING AND VALUATION

Contribute to the growing global demand for individuals who understand and negotiate inter-company, international profit-sharing. The Transfer Pricing and Valuation concentration trains students to approach finance with a multidisciplinary skill set that includes accounting, statistics, econometrics and financial modeling.

**Careers:** Most organizations with international footprints seek employers with backgrounds in transfer pricing and valuation. MSF graduates have launched careers in the field in countries around the world. Recent alumni have accepted transfer pricing and valuation roles at companies including NERA Economic Consulting, Deloitte, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Ernst & Young.

Career Paths: Transfer Pricing Analyst, Transfer Pricing Associate, Valuation Associate

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

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Brandeis IBS supports qualified U.S. and international students with generous merit-based scholarships. Students are automatically considered for these scholarships when they apply. Additionally, U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents may apply for federal loans, and international students may be considered for Brandeis University loans.



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