

## **MASTERS OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN FINANCE PROGRAM**

The Master of Business Administration in Finance at the Jose Maria Vargas University aims to help managers gain a distinct advantage in their profession, whether they are in industrial, financial, government or non-profit institutions. The MBA Program in Finance seeks candidates of high caliber -- i.e., students with strong academic backgrounds, professional experience, personal maturity and the interest and discipline to develop their managerial and leadership potential.

To achieve this goal, the College offers a broad-based program curriculum which hopes to strike a balance between technical training and practical problem-solving that is founded on current management theories and approaches. It is complemented by case analyses, company/industry studies, business games and other experiential learning methods. A conscious effort has been made to develop a curriculum responsive to the unique features of the South Florida Region. MBA students engage in an intensive study in current management concepts and techniques through a core curriculum covering the functional areas in business as well as economics, applied mathematics and statistics and behavioral science. Students are encouraged to gain added functional expertise by pursuing elective courses offered at the Business Administration Department of Jose Maria Vargas University.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of the MBA program in Finance is to prepare graduates for leadership roles in the field of Financial Management. This Program's theoretical orientation is blended with a significant amount of attention for pragmatic application. Each course is structured around a theoretical framework and gives greater emphasis on current research and literature. In order to accomplish this directive, the MBA Program in Finance program is designed to accomplish the following educational objectives:

- Aims to prepare the student for a career on financial management, specifically to undertake the various financial management functions in managing financial institutions, as well as the -functions of the financial manager or the treasurer in non-financial institutions.
- Expand student's skills in communicating financial knowledge. Both written and oral communication skills will be augmented.
- The Program also intends to prepare the student for responsibilities in regulatory and policy-making functions affecting financial markets and institutions.
- The Program provides the student with a strong foundation on theory, principles, and concepts of finance. In addition, the student is introduced to analytical tools and perspectives that shall provide a firm basis for financial decision-making.
- Encourage professional socialization to provide students with a strong personal sense of identification with the finance profession, awareness of their social responsibilities, and acceptance of the personal discipline needed to be productive members of the profession.

It is not possible to achieve these learning objectives simply by offering more finance courses. It will be necessary to change the mode in which finance is taught at the mater's level. We expect to make extensive use of case analyses, written assignments, class presentations, professional experience, and computer applications.

### **ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

Students must present the following minimum qualifications:

- Official transcripts indicating conferral of a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution with a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA (Foreign transcripts must be translated and evaluated by a member of NACES. GPA calculation must be included in the evaluation).
- Official transcripts from all previously attended postsecondary institutions in the United States or abroad. (Foreign diplomas and transcripts must be translated and evaluated by a member of NACES. GPA calculation must be included in the evaluation).
- Completion of a comprehensive essay on the relationship of this program to their personal and professional goals
- Completed admissions application packet, including a **\$75.00** non-refundable application fee
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three letters of recommendation

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

The MBA program in Finance requires the following courses for 39 semester credit hours:

#### **MBA core required courses:**

##### **Credits**

#### **Semester I** (requirement of 4 courses for 12 Credits)

- Successful completion of the University orientation program.
- **ISM 5403** Enterprise Information Systems 3 Credits
- **MGT 5015** Legal, Ethical, and Social Values of Business 3 Credits
- **MGT 5020** Managing Organizational Behavior 3 Credits
- **ECO 5050** Economic Thinking 3 Credits

#### **Semester II** (requirement of 4 courses for 12 Credits)

- **MKT 5070** Managerial Marketing 3 Credits
- **FIN 5080** Applying Managerial Finance 3 Credits
- **OPS 5095** Service Operations Management 3 Credits
- **QNT 5040** Business Modeling 3 Credits

#### **Finance core required courses:**

##### **Credits**

#### **Semester III** (requirement of 3 courses for 9 Credits)

- **FIN 5530** Money Markets and Monetary Institutions 3 Credits
- **FIN 5535** Future and Options 3 Credits
- **FIN 5620** Investment Principles and Policies 3 Credits

#### **Semester IV** (requirement of 2 courses for 6 Credits)

- **FIN 5560** Advanced Financial Policy 3 Credits
- **FIN 5502** Finance Capstone 3 Credits
- Successful completion of the university career services requirements.