

**“Best Business Schools.”**

— The Princeton Review

**Among the “10 top master’s universities in the North”**

— U.S. News & World Report

## KANIA SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

# Master of Science in Finance Program

## WHY SCRANTON?

### *A University of Scranton MSF*

Flexible programming. Jesuit values. Successful outcomes. You’ll find all of this — and more — when you choose The University of Scranton for your MSF studies. Our top-notch faculty will work alongside you as you pursue a higher level of education in our Finance Program which is housed in the AACSB-accredited Kania School of Management.

## AT A GLANCE

- The 30 credit-hour MSF program is closely related to the CFA Institute’s ten areas of focus for a trustworthy, future-focused industry: putting investors first, safeguarding the system, financial knowledge, regulation and enforcement, retirement security, transparency and fairness.
- Curriculum is designed to provide students with specialized knowledge of financial securities, financial markets and institutions, foreign exchange markets, risk metrics investment criteria, capital budgeting techniques and hedging strategies;
- Help to prepare students for numerous professional certifications, such as the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) certification and the Certified Financial Planner (CFP).
- Understand the global environment and critical leadership roles that are associated within the broader business environment.

## JESUIT VALUES

- *A strong emphasis on ethics, social justice & environmental responsibility*
- *Corporate social responsibility*
- *Develop well-rounded & thoughtful contributors to society*
- *Dedication to excellence in education & care for the entire person*
- *Highlighting global perspectives*

## OUTCOMES

Someone with an advanced degree may find themselves in a wide range of upper-level career paths including but not limited to:

- **Financial & wealth manager**
- **Securities, commodities & financial services sales agent**
- **Personal financial advisor**
- **Financial analyst**

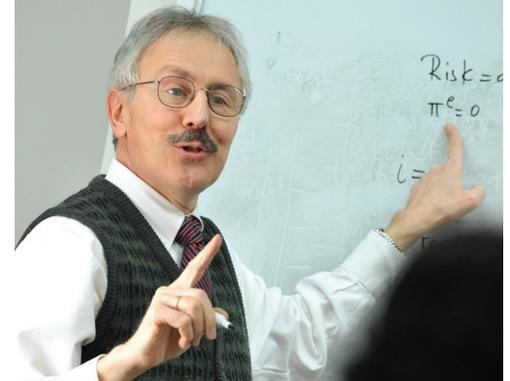
The top skills in high demand from employers included financial analysis, financial reporting & forecasting.

## FILLING A GROWING NEED

Employment growth for financial analysts is projected to grow by 12 percent from 2014 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations. Factors driving the growth include more financial products available and the need for specialized knowledge to manage intricate investment portfolios.

According to the CFA Society’s 2016 Financial Compensation Survey, the median compensation of a financial professional with a graduate degree is \$119,000, about \$45,000 higher than that of a professional with a Bachelor degree. Moreover, the median salary of a professional with a graduate degree and a CFA designation is \$226,000, roughly \$151,000 higher than the median salary of someone with a Bachelor degree only.

## ONE-TO-ONE LEARNING Faculty Engagement



### PERSONAL ATTENTION

- **Work alongside faculty and distinguished executive alumni who will assist with personal academic planning throughout the program.**
- **Work with a faculty mentor who will assist with your personal academic planning throughout the program.**

## AACSB Accreditation

The Kania School of Management is fully accredited by AACSB International (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business). We are the only university in Northeastern Pennsylvania to receive this accreditation. Worldwide, only five percent of business schools are accredited by AACSB. AACSB accreditation is a seal of approval that reflects the high quality of a business school. Evaluation is done every five years including self-evaluations, peer reviews, committee reviews, faculty qualifications, and curricula.



30 credits required for awarding of degree

## Core Courses:

- FIN 508:** Financial Management
- FIN 582:** Advanced Financial Management
- FIN 583:** Investment Analysis
- FIN 585:** Derivative Securities
- FIN 586:** Portfolio Theory
- ECO 507:** Managerial Economics
- MGT 501:** Responsibility, Sustainability & Justice
- FIN 588:** Quantitative Analysis of Finance

## Elective Courses (6 credits required):

- FIN 581:** Financial Institutions
- FIN 584:** International Finance
- FIN 587:** Treasury Management
- ACC 527:** Financial Reporting & Research
- ECO 583:** Macroeconomic Analysis: A Global Perspective

In addition, upon completing the MSF curriculum, students are invited to participate in a two-day, optional on-campus residency. The residency consists of an 8-hour, self-paced course that provides students with hands-on training and experience with a Bloomberg terminal, an established industry service. The course consists of four interconnected modules — Economics, Currencies, Fixed Income & Equities — and incorporates material from Bloomberg data, news, analytics, and TV. Students who take advantage of and successfully complete the coursework will receive the Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC) certificate of completion.

English Proficiency Requirements can be submitted as one of the following:

- Minimum TOEFL 80ibt (internet-based test)
- Minimum IELTS overall band score of 6.5
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic score of 53
- Successful completion at a participating English language center in the USA
- Duolingo (score of at least 105)



## WHAT NEXT? HOW TO PROCEED FROM HERE

Applicants who have questions about our nondiscrimination policy, or have concerns about discrimination on the basis of sex should contact: Title IX Coordinator, c/o • The Office of Equity & Diversity • Institute of Molecular Biology & Medicine, Rm 311 • TitleIX@scranton.edu • 570.941.6645

## CONTACT THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

You are encouraged to contact the Program Director, Dr. Aram Balagoyzyan, for information on the academic components of the MSF program. To contact Dr. Balagoyzyan, please email [aram.balagoyzyan@scranton.edu](mailto:aram.balagoyzyan@scranton.edu) or call 570.941.5934.

## APPLY NOW

We welcome applications on a rolling basis for all available terms. To apply to the MSF program, or for additional application and admission information, please visit: [scranton.edu/gradapply](https://scranton.edu/gradapply)

For additional information on international student support and services, please visit: [Scranton.edu/international](https://scranton.edu/international)

## ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE

Admission to the MSF program is based on a combination of three indicators:

- Previous academic performance resulting in completion of a bachelor's degree
- Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) score or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Score and/or relevant work experience\*
- Three professional letters of recommendation

For applicants who possess three or more years of supervisory or professional experience in finance or a related field, or possess CFA, CFP, or an MBA or doctoral degree in a business-related program from a regionally accredited school, the GMAT or GRE requirement may be waived. Instead, these applicants will be asked to provide a written response to a case depicting a hypothetical business scenario and will be informed of this additional requirement after a review of the completed application.

\* For matriculation into the MSF program through the Fall 2021 term, the GMAT/GRE score requirement will be waived for all applicants.

## DO MORE

### Graduate Assistantships

Graduate assistantships are available on a competitive basis to graduate students who seek to strengthen the breadth and quality of the educational experience. Graduate assistants work with faculty and staff in the areas of teaching, research and/or administration. The graduate assistant is awarded a tuition scholarship as well as a stipend. *More at:* [scranton.edu/ga](https://scranton.edu/ga)

### Career Development Services

MSF students have full access to the services of the Gerard R. Roche Center for Career Development, which include resume and cover letter writing, interview and job search techniques, and participation in employer on-campus recruiting visits and Career Expos. Students and alumni can access a wide range of employment opportunities through the office's online job posting system. The career team is available to consult for advice and support throughout your career. *More at:* [scranton.edu/careers](https://scranton.edu/careers)

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