Accelerated BA/MSF Program Requirements

The MSF program is open to students from any undergraduate major.

Prerequisite courses are required. Prospective MSF students need to have completed ECON 010, ECON160/PSYC105 (or comparable statistics course), MATH 120, MGMT101 and MGMT240 with a grade of B- or higher prior to the start of their senior year (students can be enrolled in these courses in the semester that they are applying or can take them in the summer before their senior year). If a student places higher than MATH120 on the math placement exam, he/she should take a higher level math course to satisfy the math prerequisite. AP credit may count towards the Math prerequisite requirement. However, Clark’s MSF degree is a very quantitative based program, and students are encouraged to take some quantitative courses during their undergraduate years to help them prepare if they have AP credit for the math prerequisite.

For Accelerated degree general academic requirements, please visit the Accelerated degree website: http://www.clarku.edu/graduate/prospective/fifthyear/

10 units are required for the MSF program. Students must have the availability in their senior year to take 3 units of MSF graduate courses.

Graduate courses students MUST take in the senior year include:

FIN5401 Intro to Investment Analysis (1 unit - Fall)
FIN5309 Financial Econometrics (1 unit - Fall)
FIN5216 Computational Finance (1 unit - Spring)

Students then take the remaining units for the MSF degree in their 5th year
FIN5310 Case Studies in Corporate Finance (1 unit - Fall)
FIN5203 Investment Strategies (1 unit - Fall)
FIN5207 Advanced Derivatives (1 unit - Fall)
Elective (Accounting, Finance or Economics, 1 unit - Fall)
  *Students can choose to complete this elective in the spring of their senior year

FIN5310 - Case Studies in Derivatives (1 unit - Spring)
FIN5208 - Fixed Income Securities (1 unit - Spring)
Elective (Accounting, Finance or Economics, 1 unit - Spring)

Internship Requirement

Every MSF student who does not have 3 or more years of full-time work experience is required to complete an internship prior to the completion of the graduate degree. GSOM has its own Career Services office, located in Carlson Hall, which assists with internship and job placement. Internships completed as an undergraduate cannot fulfill the MSF internship requirement. MSF students are encouraged to complete their internship requirement in the summer between their senior year and fifth year.