

## What our recent graduates say

"The finance sector is notoriously hard to break into as a new graduate, and COVID has further amplified the situation. A University of Otago Master of Finance degree will set you apart when it comes to securing employment after graduation.

Compared to my undergraduate degree, completing the Master of Finance developed a skillset that better prepared me for the roles I now fulfil in the workplace. Time management, concise report writing, data analytics, modelling and presenting are all skills I learned during my postgraduate year that I have transferred to my day-to-day responsibilities.

I found the FINC 580 Research Project the most beneficial paper. This self-driven project helped me to learn and develop important research skills, and supported my transition from being a reactive learner to a proactive team member in my workplace."

**Hamish Kennett**  
Master of Finance graduate  
Deals Edge graduate at PwC



"As an international student, coming to New Zealand to study the Master of Finance degree was an amazing opportunity. After finishing my MFinC at the University of Otago I am now employed as a business analyst at a top securities firm in Vietnam. I am required to oversee market requirements and determine stock/derivative management functions in trading applications. The MFinC provided me with the underlying theory and knowledge to be able to undertake these tasks with confidence. Managing a large research project within a fixed time constraint together with opportunities to present work and undertake quantitative analysis have all been valuable learning outcomes that I have been able to use in my new role."

**Phuong Vu**  
Master of Finance graduate  
Senior Business Analyst at Techcom Securities



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# Master of Finance (MFinC)

Enhance your qualifications and career prospects.

# Accelerate your finance career



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Whether you are a finance graduate, or have a degree in mathematics, statistics, physics or economics, if you're good with numbers and want to get involved in the world of finance, then the MFinC programme could be perfect for you.

### Why study the Master of Finance at Otago?

Improve your employment options by studying at the #1 business school in New Zealand for research\*, where the courses are driven by leading technology and taught by award-winning teachers.

Build transferable skills and equip yourself to follow a career in the finance industry as a professional practitioner or as an academic researcher in the discipline of finance.

Otago is the gateway to you building key relationships with industry bodies, along with employment in advisory roles with the Big Four. Get started on your future career today.

*\*PBRF Quality Evaluation (latest evaluation 2018).*



## Key information

- A coursework master's degree of 12 months' duration.
- Consists of seven taught papers and either an applied or research project.
- Requires a B+ average (at 300 level) in an appropriate degree, such as mathematics, physics, statistics, engineering, economics, computer science or finance.
- Applicants with relevant practical experience may be considered if the B+ average is not met.

## Teaching style and methods

You will be taught using a mixture of lectures and in-class discussions, seminars, computer lab class work, tutorials, group work, and using STATA, datasets and other tools. While completing the programme you may be assessed in a variety of ways, including lab assignments, essays, firm valuations, case studies, literature reviews, individual or group presentations, and exams

## Career opportunities

As a graduate of the MFinC programme you will have a wide range of potential career opportunities. These include commercial banking, investment banking, funds management, insurance broking, analysis, stock broking, private wealth management, bond issues, regulation, government finances, corporate treasury, financial advising, trading and corporate finance.

There is a wide range of roles in which you may find yourself working, including personal financial advisors, financial managers, financial analysts, financial services sales agents, insurance underwriters, credit risk management analysts, and mergers and acquisitions analysts.

## Degree structure

You must complete seven of the following papers:\*

- FINC 402 Advanced Corporate Finance
- FINC 403 Studies in Capital Markets
- FINC 405 Mathematical Finance
- FINC 406 Advanced Empirical Finance
- FINC 410 Advanced International Financial Management
- FINC 411 Financial Risk Management
- FINC 460 Advanced Fixed Income Securities
- FINC 420 Energy and Carbon Finance
- FINC 425 Governance Issues in Finance
- BSNS 401 The Environment of Business and Economics

*Plus one of the following papers:*

FINC 501 Applied Project – help solve a problem for an actual business

*or*

FINC 580 Research Project – an academically focused project completed with staff guidance

*\*Every paper may not be offered in a given year.*