

# Graduate Certificate of Finance

APPLIED LEARNING TO ACCELERATE YOUR CAREER

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The Graduate Certificate of Finance is a comprehensive online course for individuals seeking to gain an edge in their career. The program, led by industry-experienced academics, ensures a thorough understanding of finance concepts, techniques and applications. The online learning experience provides you with the flexibility to complete your studies in a timeframe best matched to your career demands.

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Since 1980, Macquarie University Applied Finance Centre (MAFC) has designed and delivered graduate programs that combine the collective experience of the industry leaders who deliver them with the academic rigour required for an applied understanding of the theories that underpin solutions for real-world finance issues and complex transactions.

The Graduate Certificate of Finance may be taken as a stand-alone qualification, or as a pathway to the Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance or Master of Applied Finance.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN FINANCE

- Banking
- Corporate Finance
- Financial Markets
- Financial Services
- Funds Management
- Regulatory Agencies
- Risk Management

## WHO SHOULD APPLY



The Graduate Certificate of Finance is for individuals seeking a sound understanding of finance (fundamental technical skills and knowledge) and the financial services sector.

Applicants with a bachelor degree or a minimum of five years' professional work experience are eligible to apply.

## WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

 <b>Finance Principles</b>	 <b>Financial Statement Analysis and Modelling</b>	 <b>Quantitative and Economic Analysis</b>	 <b>Case Studies in Applied Finance</b>
<p>Covers the key building blocks required for an appreciation of the finance discipline within a single unifying conceptual framework. Introduction to three of the key ideas in finance: analysis of trade-offs over time, asset valuation and risk management. These ideas will be applied to the following subfields of finance: corporate finance, investments, and financial markets and institutions.</p>	<p>Develops financial analysis skills to support further study in corporate finance and investment analysis. The emphasis is on interpreting financial statements in the context of a company's operational performance and strategy to assess historical financial performance, and to prepare a spreadsheet-based financial model capable of forecasting integrated financial statements for a company.</p>	<p>Taught in two parts with part one developing skills in microeconomic analysis (demand and supply, and application to the consumer and the firm) and concludes with an analysis of market structure.</p> <p>Part two develops quantitative skills used in finance, including descriptive statistics, probability, statistical inference, correlation and regression analysis.</p> <p>You'll also improve and hone your spreadsheet skills in statistical modelling.</p>	<p>Provides an understanding of the finance industry and its integral role in the modern economy. Focuses on a high-level, fully integrated overview of the major participants, their roles, interactions and the purpose they endeavour to fill for all stakeholders in the economy. Examines key structures of the finance system, and how they operate and at times, fail. Real-life case studies will be used to better understand the application of finance globally.</p>

## KEY FEATURES



**Fundamental technical finance knowledge and skills**



**Opens opportunities for career transition into finance**



**Delivered online by our highly regarded faculty of industry professionals**



**A pathway to Masters level study in finance**



**One-year complimentary affiliate membership with Finsia (Australia's peak banking and finance industry body)**

### HOW YOU WILL STUDY

You may complete the Graduate Certificate of Finance from any location globally. This course is delivered and assessed online, at a pace that ensures a rigorous but fair assessment of your ongoing learning, understanding and application.

Each unit of study has been designed to ensure you progress through the structured learning activities in a supportive environment. You will learn in partnership with your peers and industry-experienced academics. We focus on continual learning and feedback, allowing you to engage meaningfully with the curriculum.

MAFC academic staff are all industry practitioners with extensive knowledge and experience of the financial services sector, and are committed to helping you achieve meaningful learning outcomes.

### CONNECTIONS WITH INDUSTRY



Graduate Certificate of Finance students receive complimentary membership of Finsia, the finance industry's peak body. Finsia was formed by the amalgamation of the Securities Institute of Australia and the Australasian Institute of Banking and Finance. Membership provides access to Finsia programs, events and member benefits, including Finsia's 16-week professional mentoring program.

If you are completing the Graduate Certificate of Finance as a pathway to the Master of Applied Finance, our education partnerships and accreditation by key international industry bodies provide further endorsement of the rigour and respect given to our programs.

For more information about our education partnerships visit [mafc.mq.edu.au](http://mafc.mq.edu.au)

### QUICK FACTS

<b>Award</b>	Graduate Certificate of Finance
<b>Study mode</b>	Online
<b>Duration</b>	6 months full-time, 1 year part-time
<b>Entry criteria</b>	Bachelor degree or 5 years' professional work experience
<b>Units of study</b>	4
<b>Fees (2017)</b>	AU\$3192 per unit (AU\$12,768 for the full program)

### APPLICATION AND TERM COMMENCEMENT DATES

Term	Application closing date	Term commencement date
2/2017	19 February 2017	27 March 2017
3/2017	14 May 2017	19 June 2017
4/2017	6 August 2017	11 September 2017
1/2018	26 November 2017	4 January 2018

All applicants for graduate coursework studies at Macquarie University are required to provide evidence of proficiency in English. For more information on English language requirements refer to [mq.edu.au/english-requirements](http://mq.edu.au/english-requirements)



**How to apply**

Submit applications online at [mafc.mq.edu.au](http://mafc.mq.edu.au)



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## OPENING NEW PATHS TO A BRILLIANT CAREER



*“As a reliability engineer I deal with plant breakdowns and analysis, and often analyse the life-cycle cost and payback rates of numerous projects. This requires accurate and reliable budgets. Completing the MAFC Graduate Certificate of Finance has equipped me with finance knowledge and skills, and has enabled me to significantly improve my performance in my current role. Completing the course, I’ve discovered a passion for finance. To speed up my career progression into management I’ve now enrolled in the Master of Applied Finance, which will not only deepen my skills in finance, but give me even richer career-development opportunities.”*

**Tyler Sims**

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF FINANCE, 2015  
ENGINEER, BHP BILLITON, ROXBY DOWNS



*“While working as a lawyer, I chose to do further studies in finance to help me with the capital markets and project finance work I was doing. I have found the course to be one of the best all-round educational experiences I have had. I feel it has given me a greater understanding of the financial industry, finance systems and how it all ties in together.”*

**Giselle Finnane**

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF FINANCE, 2016  
SENIOR ASSOCIATE, MARQUE LAWYERS

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