Become a Financial Thinker and Manager

Master's in Finance
About CEU Business School

Central European University (CEU) Business School educates leaders, entrepreneurs and financial professionals who transform or support the organizations in which they work so that these enterprises grow, innovate and bring greater prosperity to their communities.

Established in 1988 in Budapest, Hungary by a group that included legendary investor and philanthropist George Soros, the school educated the managers and financial professionals who led Central and Eastern Europe’s transition from a socialist to a market economy. With this legacy and track record, CEU Business School today like no other business school prepares graduate students, executives, professionals and global entrepreneurs from all over the world to lead in fast-changing and emerging economies.

CEU Business School emphasizes innovation, entrepreneurship, managerial professionalism and high standards of integrity and ethics in all of its programs. It is ranked the #1 business school in Central Europe by international employers and #18 in Europe overall.

The Business School offers American degrees and an American-style of education emphasizing state-of-the-art practices, case studies, hands-on corporate projects and business simulations. Students benefit from a faculty-to-student ratio of 1:8 and a highly diverse international community of students and faculty.

Master’s in Finance Faculty

Master’s in Finance Program faculty members represent a vast array of financial intellectual and practical experience. Our faculty brings advanced theory, applied research, consulting and exciting financial start-ups into the classroom. Program faculty comprise full-time faculty members from CEU Business School and CEU’s Department of Economics, all of whom are acknowledged leaders in their respective fields. Our course instructors also include prominent and distinguished practitioners. The program also hosts distinguished lecturers and guest speakers from the financial sector and from such organizations as the Institute for New Economic Thinking.
A Degree for Today’s Financial Realities

Globalization, the 2008 financial and euro crises, and the digital age, among other factors, have altered the field of finance. CEU Business School’s Master of Science in Finance program is designed to provide financial professionals with the expertise needed to succeed in this new, complex environment.

Because CEU Business School is both a leader in preparing students for the challenges of transitioning and emerging economies and an American school, Master’s in Finance students develop skills and knowledge applicable to established as well as transitioning and emerging markets.

Program Highlights

• Leads to an American-accredited degree
• Helps students become thinkers and managers who understand the role of finance, both in the overall competitive arena and within firms
• Covers the psychological/cognitive aspects and the social impact of finance
• Has a strong practical focus: includes business cases, trade simulations and a field project in which you will help a firm (either in financial services or another industry) solve a finance-oriented challenge that enterprise is facing
• Allows you to choose between two tracks: Investments and Banking or Financial Management
• Involves close collaboration with CEU’s distinguished Economics Department (a large number of cross-listed courses are available)
• Offers the possibility of applying course credit to ACCA; some courses help students prepare for the CFA exam
• Structured to be intensive, resulting in minimal professional interruption

Who Should Enroll?

Professionals who want to accelerate their financial careers, move into the finance profession, or enhance their financial skills for other roles should enroll in the program. Ideal candidates have a strong interest in financial business issues, sound mathematical and quantitative skills, as well as good communication abilities.

Career Prospects

After graduation, students move into finance positions, such as CFO, controller, and investment banker, or remain in their original business functions (marketing, general management, etc.) with improved financial and managerial skills. We expect a great number of students to become or assist entrepreneurs as well, leveraging the school’s business incubator, CEU InnovationsLab.
Curriculum

Core courses in the Master's in Finance's 30-credit curriculum provide students with the in-depth knowledge of key concepts with which every finance professional should be familiar: financial reporting, analysis and controlling, corporate finance and management. The elective courses enable students to customize their learning in their areas of interest. You can choose 15 credits from a pool of electives in two distinct tracks: Investments and Banking or Financial Management.

### Core Courses

| Financial Reporting and Control (Accounting) | Finance |
| Finance and Strategy | Regulatory and Policy Environments |
| Behavioral Aspects of Finance | Microeconomics |
| Macroeconomics |

### Electives Include:

**Investments and Banking Track**

| Quantitative Tools | Fundamentals of Investments I – Investments and Capital Markets |
| Fundamentals of Investments II – Equity Investing | Alternative Investments – Hedge Funds |
| Alternative Investments – Real Estate Asset Management | Derivatives |
| Valuation and Restructuring | Banking and Financial Institutions |
| Global Businesses - the Euro Crises |

**Financial Management Track**

| Strategic Management Accounting | Current Issues in Financial Reporting |
| Corporate Finance and Risk Management | Entrepreneurial Finance I - Working Capital Management |
| Entrepreneurial Finance II - Financial Planning | Mergers and Acquisitions |
| Tax Management | Auditing and Internal Control |
| Global Businesses - the Euro Crises |
Life and Learning in Budapest

CEU Business School is located in Budapest — the heart of Central Europe and a crossroads city offering the best of East and West. While immersed in history, this city of two million inhabitants looks to the future. It is a meeting place of people, ideas and cultures from all over the world.

With its breathtaking range of architecture — from Roman ruins and Art Nouveau buildings — and elegant Habsburg-era boulevards, it is a city of historic grandeur. It is also alive with contemporary art and culture. And for the cost-conscious, Budapest is an attractive destination, enjoying a much lower cost of living — from apartment rentals to food to transportation — compared to other European cities.

Other European capitals — Prague, Vienna, Bratislava, Zagreb, Belgrade — are easily experienced in a day trip or a weekend visit. In fact, all of Europe is within easy reach.
Finance has long been a key competency of CEU Business School. Indeed, finance is among the most popular specializations in our longstanding MBA program. There is a growing need throughout the world for highly educated financial professionals. Building on our experience and market demand, we have launched this new, exciting and sophisticated Master’s in Finance program.

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—Mel Horwitch,
CEU Business School
Dean, University Professor

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—Anna Turner,
Master’s in Finance
Academic Director

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—Laura Ipacs,
Master’s in Finance Adjunct
Faculty Member,
Financial Strategy Consultant

Admission Requirements

• Completed online application
• Undergraduate degree with a good GPA
• Competitive GMAT score or CFA (min levels 1 and 2) or ACCA exams (min. levels 1-8)
• Acceptable TOEFL (or equivalent) score if English is not first language or undergrad degree was not in English
• Professional CV
• 2 years of professional experience
• 2 letters of recommendation
• Statement of Purpose essay

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Tuition

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