

2008-2011 Master's in Finance

End-of-Program Evaluation Notes

All Master's in Finance (MMF) student graduates have been required to submit an end-of-program evaluation starting in August 2007. Actions have been taken on the suggestions and requests made by MMF program graduates as fitting to the overall design of the program and within department resources.

Actions Taken to Requests by Students

- 1) More elective course offerings, particularly fixed income-oriented courses.
Added Commercial Real Estate class starting Spring 2009. Offered two fixed income (vs. one) courses starting Spring 2011.
- 2) Provide an introductory finance course so students of different background knowledge are "all on the same page."
Implemented FINPREP online modules through UAOC in Summer 2009.
- 3) Add more Excel modeling.
Curriculum in FIN513, Valuation Modeling revised to focus on Excel modeling in Fall 2009.
- 4) More guidance/structure on the final project.
Implemented weekly assignments and tracking by the Ph.D. project advisors in Summer 2010.
- 5) More preparation for master's project.
Added SAS workshop at end of Spring semester and more direct link between work in FIN525, Empirical Finance Methods and the project in Spring 2011.
- 6) MATLAB information.
Added to FIN542, Fixed Income in Fall 2011.
- 7) Stronger derivatives course.
Added Applied Risk Management in Spring 2012.
- 8) More accounting classes.
Added Financial Statement Analysis for Investment Management in Fall 2012.
- 9) More curriculum focusing on CFA Level 1 and 2 exams.
Adding Financial Statement Analysis for Investment Management in Fall 2012 and Portfolio Management Theory course in Spring 2013.
- 10) More investment courses.
Adding Portfolio Management Theory course in Spring 2013.