SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE EDUCATION

Applied Financial Economics
+ John Cook School of Business

Saint Louis University is a Catholic, Jesuit institution that values academic excellence, life-changing research, compassionate health care, and a strong commitment to faith and service.

Founded in 1818, the University fosters the intellectual and character development of nearly 14,000 students on two campuses in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Building on a legacy of nearly 200 years, Saint Louis University continues to move forward with an unwavering commitment to a higher purpose, a greater good.

OVERVIEW

The Master of Science in applied financial economics (M.S.-A.F.E.) is a one-of-a-kind program in the region that responds to the market need for individuals to enter the labor market with a set of applied technical skills.

The M.S.-A.F.E. program consists of 30 credit hours that can be completed full-time in one calendar year. No work experience is required, which means that students can transition into the program upon achieving their undergraduate degree. The program can be pursued on a part-time basis for up to five years, which makes it ideal for working professionals.

This quantitatively-based, applied graduate program in financial economics focuses on the analysis and forecasting of financial variables, such as interest rates and stock returns, and their effects on financial markets.

Curriculum
The M.S.-A.F.E. program helps students develop strong ethical, technical and professional skills, and provides in-depth expertise in economics and finance. Students begin with foundational courses in accounting, economics and applied business statistics. Advanced courses cover econometrics, finance theory and advanced macro theory with electives available in monetary theory, international economics, equity securities and markets, fixed income securities, and derivative securities and markets.

Career Options
According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the outlook is bright for individuals with graduate degrees who have skills in quantitative analysis and the ability to apply quantitative analysis to economic modeling and forecasting.

Graduates of the applied financial economics program will be qualified for a range of analysis-related jobs. Possible positions include:
• Research analyst/associate/assistant
• Policy analyst
• Data analyst
• Staff economist
• Strategy analyst
• Business economist
• Securities analyst
• Market forecaster
• Instructor (e.g. community college or university nontenure track)
• Doctoral student

DEGREES AND PROGRAMS OFFERED
• Master of Science in Applied Financial Economics (M.S.-A.F.E.)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
• Application
• Résumé
• Two letters of recommendation
• Official transcript(s)
• Personal statement
• Official GMAT or GRE scores sent from ETS or Pearson VUE

ADMISSION CRITERIA
There are no prerequisite degree requirements for entry into the program.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE
M.S.-A.F.E.
FALL | Rolling
SPRING | N/A
SUMMER | N/A
Deadlines for assistantships are listed online.

COURSES AVAILABLE
DAYS ☐ NIGHTS ☑ WEEKENDS ☐ ONLINE ☐

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The M.S.-A.F.E. program is unique because the applications and areas of focus are both finance and financial economics. An added benefit to the program is that the quantitative modeling and forecasting skills gained in this program are transferrable to a variety of industries.

Scholarships and financial aid are available. For more information, please visit the website of the student financial aid office at finaid.slu.edu.

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