

Alignment of MSF Program and the CFA Curriculum

The main focus of the MSF program is to meet the increasing domestic and global demands for finance professionals, especially those who want to have a CFA designation. Employers recognize the CFA charter as a reliable way to differentiate the most qualified and determined job applicants, frequently listing the CFA charter as a requirement for certain positions. Further, the CFA Institute website indicates that CFA members are experienced and accomplished working professionals including portfolio managers, research analysts, chief executives and financial advisors.

The CFA designation provides an excellent opportunity for people working in financial services to advance their careers. Top employers of CFA charter holders are, for instance, Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, Barclays, Citigroup, Deutsche Bank and Goldman Sachs.

Comparison of CFA and MS Finance Curriculum	
CFA	MS Finance
Ethical and Professional Standards	FIN 660
Quantitative Methods	FIN 640
Economics	FIN 690
Financial Reporting and Analysis	FIN 610
Corporate Finance	FIN 600
Equity Investments	FIN 670
Fixed Income	FIN 685
Derivatives	FIN 680
Alternative Investments	FIN 680
Portfolio Management and Wealth Planning	FIN 650