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THE MBSC MASTER IN FINANCE (MiF)

Finance for a Vision



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Master in Finance

MISSION STATEMENT

The **Master in Finance program** develops early career professionals as future financial leaders who manage and drive value creation for themselves, their organizations and society sustainably and responsibly.

The program equips participants with distinctive capabilities that enable them to either pursue careers in finance, or accelerate their finance careers, and in both cases, successfully lead their organizations in a globally competitive knowledge economy.





Message From THE DEAN

Thank you for your interest in **Prince Mohammed Bin Salman College for Business and Entrepreneurship**. You have just taken the first step at expanding your future.

By fostering leadership and an entrepreneurial mindset, we help you discover how to shape the Kingdom's economy. With the **MBS College Master in Finance**, you will not only learn how to lead effectively and create value in a responsible and sustainable manner, but we will also equip you with distinctive competencies to accelerate your career.

Our global faculty deliver knowledge through experiential learning by tightly integrating theory with a wealth of practical experiences. You will create an action-based, innovative mindset and strive towards becoming elite through achievement.

Through our partnership with **Babson Global**, we open a door for you to access world-class education in Saudi Arabia, where you will combine global knowledge with local practices. With the support of the **MiSK Foundation, Emaar the Economic City, and Lockheed Martin**, we will deliver on our vision of unlocking opportunities and potential for the development of society in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

I encourage you to have a good look at our School and see how we can make you distinctive. With us, you will expand your future and, subsequently, you will be able to expand the futures of others.

Sincerely,
Dr. Zeger Degraeve

Unlock Your Potential

WITH MBS COLLEGE

The Prince Mohammed Bin Salman College (MBSC) aims to develop a new generation of distinctive graduates. It prides itself on its focus on an experiential learning pedagogy, the presence of world-class faculty developing and teaching courses, and global expertise relevant to the region.

MBSC has a culture that reflects the best of academic traditions and the values of world-class institutions of higher learning whose hallmarks include respect for diversity, professionalism, integrity, and a constant commitment to excellence both in and out of the classroom.

MBSC provides world-class education that meets international standards, right here in Saudi Arabia.

MBSC was established in 2016 in partnership with Babson Global, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Babson College, the #1 ranked entrepreneurship college in the USA for almost a quarter of a century.



▶ Global Expertise with a Regional Focus

Locally-based and engaged with the business community, our professors have degrees from the world's best universities, and are experienced educators with extensive research portfolios and a strong business and entrepreneurship background. Our global faculty are actively involved in the development of excellence in management and finance education with a regional focus.

▶ Experiential Learning

At MBSC, we focus on experiential learning. Students benefit from active participation in the classroom. This interactive approach forms the basis for an effective financial mindset, both within and beyond the classroom.

▶ Essential Skills for Business Success

MBSC programs address the business challenges of the Kingdom and the region through practice-oriented pedagogy. Through our programs, students gain the skills they need to succeed in any business environment, essential skills such as effective communication, problem-solving, and decision-making.

The MBSC

ADVANTAGE





Master in Finance

FINANCE FOR A VISION

MBSC presents a distinctive **Master in Finance**, globally relevant, uniquely tailored to respond to the needs of the Saudi and regional market, and closely aligned with **Vision 2030**.

Delivered in the key cities of **Riyadh** and **KAEC**, offering access to both the heart of business and government in Saudi Arabia as well as the **MBSC** campus city that allows students an immersive learning experience, the **MiF** is offered in a unique **modular format, for a four-day long weekend each month**, to suit the needs of an engaged student body pursuing their careers in conjunction with their academic journey.

The MiF responds to the needs of the Saudi and regional market, and is closely aligned with **Vision 2030.**

1 Become the Kingdom's Future Financial Leader

Acquire a solid foundation in functional knowledge and draw on **multiple finance areas** concurrently to address real world challenges in real time. Master personal effectiveness and **communication skills** for success at work.

2 Accelerate Your Career

Gain access to **unparalleled career** development opportunities, skillsets and tools to accelerate your **career**. Distinguish yourself from your peers and attain professional success.

Tangible Benefits for

YOUR LIFE AND WORK

3 Expand Your Network

Study alongside and learn from a diverse student body. Access **MBSC Executive MBA** and **Master in Management (MiM)** students and alumni to grow your personal and professional networks. Gain access to dynamic public and **corporate leaders** during **MBSC** networking events and co-curricular activities.



Curriculum

The **MBSC MiF** maintains a uniquely adaptive design that facilitates training in finance for all students, regardless of whether they have previously pursued formal studies in the discipline. Whether a student has a background in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or business, **the Master in Finance** takes students of all backgrounds with a substantial quantitative component, and instils in them the finance fundamentals, before delving into the advanced topics necessary for preparing them to assume financial leadership roles in organizations of all types.

Curricular Core:

FOUNDATIONS, FUNCTIONS
AND LEADERSHIP

The curricular core is comprised of **12 courses** that represent three key areas of development:

- 1) Foundational knowledge necessary for the study of finance
- 2) Functional knowledge of various aspects of finance
- 3) The role and skills of a financial leader



The core is delivered with **MBSC's** signature emphasis on entrepreneurial thinking- developing a mindset that encourages **innovation, adaptability, and problem-solving** in senior leaders. It is designed to ensure that all students, no matter their background, have the foundational knowledge required for the further study of finance. The first part of the core therefore, **Foundations**, includes courses in quantitative methods, accounting, economics, and corporate finance.

The second set of classes, **Functions**, covers **various key areas of finance**, such as investment analysis, portfolio management, and derivatives. The third and final portion of the core is **Leadership**, which rounds out the foundational and functional courses with courses in strategy and leadership. Together, the curricular core prepares students for financial leadership roles as they enter various **industries throughout Saudi Arabia and the world.**

According to a recent report produced by the Misk Global Forum on **Readiness for the Future of Work**, "Companies are increasingly seeking workers with 21st-century skills including critical thinking, communication and collaboration, so that they can respond quickly to customer and marketplace needs."

The Distinctive Core in the MiF program equips students with these crucial skills.

Distinctive Core:

MBSC is distinguished in preparing its graduates to meet the challenges of the 21st-century workplace with the skills to navigate and manage the rapidly changing work environment.

CEOs and HR executives, regionally and globally, are increasingly reporting on the importance of personal effectiveness and communication skills as the most important characteristics they seek in their employees, and regret that the education of young graduates is typically deficient in these areas of development.

MBSC provides an educational experience and resources that emphasize the development of personal effectiveness skills through interactive practical application and continuous self-reflection focused on **personal growth** through an innovative multifaceted approach. The emphasis on personal effectiveness development is through required modules, digital learning platforms and a continuous encouragement for students to utilize these skills throughout the curriculum. At the same time, individual mentoring is provided as needed.

Personal Effectiveness:

The course aims to develop and enhance students' intra- and inter-personal skills necessary for the development of management competencies by requiring students to actively engage with peers in self-reflective processes that are essential for self-awareness. Continued growth and development in both personal development spheres are complementary and critical for the holistic growth of the individual for the development of self-awareness, emotional regulation, establishing and maintaining relationships, decision making, advancing a creative mindset, and evolving management competencies.

Professional Communication:

The course aims to provide students with professional communication skills that enables them to effectively and efficiently engage with their colleagues, teams, and executives. Students learn the **fundamentals of using communication (written, verbal, and visual)** to become positive contributors in their environment through persuasion, assertiveness, and empathetic professional styles of communication.

Integrated Financial Challenge (IFC)

The **MBSC MiF** Integrated Financial Challenge is a dynamic, six-month long course, applying knowledge acquired to real-world business problems. Combining theoretical knowledge and applied work, students will investigate and propose a solution to a real-world finance-related business problem. This will require calling upon the aggregated understanding of analytical,

quantitative, adaptive, personal effectiveness and problem-solving skills acquired through the duration of the MiF program. Faculty, working closely with industry leaders from the private, public or social sectors, will identify and nominate a set of finance-related business problems. Working in teams of 5-8 students, each team will be assigned one such problem, and will apply their knowledge and skills to its resolution. Teams will be assessed periodically at different stages of the six-month course; they will be self-assessed by teammates, and evaluated by coaches, faculty and external industry leaders.

Program Plan

42 CREDITS

Quantitative Methods for Finance (2 credits)	Corporate Finance (2 credits)	Financial Statement Analysis (2 credits)	Portfolio Management (2 credits)	Electives* (8 credits)
Accounting & Financial Reporting (2 credits)	Accounting for Managers (2 credits)	Investment Analysis (2 credits)	Derivatives & Risk Management (2 credits)	
Economics (2 credits)	Financial Institutions & Markets (2 credits)	Strategy (2 credits)	Leadership (2 credits)	Integrated Financial Challenge (8 credits)
Personal Effectiveness & Professional Communication 1 (1 credit)		Personal Effectiveness & Professional Communication 2 (1 credit)		

*Through the appropriate combination of electives, MiF students can obtain one of the two concentrations available in the program: Financial Analysis (CFA) or Corporate Finance.



Concentrations

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (CFA) CONCENTRATION

This concentration is designed for those aspiring to become **financial analysts** and follow a career in **investment management**. The curriculum is closely aligned to the **CFA program**, the most prestigious professional qualification worldwide for investment professionals and financial analysts.

Successfully completing this concentration will equip you with the knowledge and skills to become **CFA** charterholder in a significantly accelerated time frame than the normal one of about 5 years the CFA Institute suggests. Earning the CFA designation will allow you to join the **CFA Society Saudi Arabia**, a highly exclusive club that currently includes about **400 members**, will open the doors for employment at prestigious organizations in the Kingdom and abroad, and will pave the way for a fulfilling and lucrative career in finance.

THE CURRICULUM
IS ALIGNED TO THE
CFA PROGRAM

CORPORATE FINANCE CONCENTRATION

This concentration is designed for those wishing to climb the corporate ladder and become **Chief Financial Officers (CFOs)** or assume senior leadership positions in family enterprises. Therefore, this concentration provides further training on valuation, mergers & acquisitions, business law, and

negotiations. A deep understanding of these topics is of paramount importance for **aspiring entrepreneurs** too. Thus, this concentration is also appropriate for those wanting to establish and grow their own business.



**BECOME
CHIEF
FINANCIAL
OFFICERS**

Concentrations

AND ELECTIVES

Financial Analysis (CFA)			
Business Ethics (2 credits)	Private Wealth Management (2 credits)	Alternative Assets (1 credit)	Electives (3 credits)

Corporate Finance				
Mergers & Acquisitions (1 credit)	Valuation (1 credit)	Business Law (1 credit)	Negotiations (1 credit)	Electives (4 credits)

Electives*					
Islamic Finance (1 credit)	Sustainable Finance (1 credit)	Energy Finance (1 credit)	FinTech (1 credit)	Blockchain and Digital Assets (1 credit)	Finance for Entrepreneurs (2 credits)

*Electives can change at MBSC discretion.

The Ideal Candidate

MBSC is looking for a diverse cohort of outstanding candidates with demonstrated academic success and achievements in their majors and an illustrated commitment to personal development. The program is intended for recent graduates seeking a career in finance, early-career financial professionals seeking to advance their finance careers, or more experienced

professionals seeking to transition into a career in finance. Applicants with undergraduate degrees in any discipline with a substantial quantitative component are welcomed.



"If you wish to advance your finance career, the MiF is for you. It focuses on enhancing your skills as well as expanding your knowledge on how to support sustainable and responsible value creation."

Dr. Larissa Von Alberti-Alhtaybat

Vice Dean Programs and Associate Professor of Accounting, MBSC
PhD, University of Southampton

Modular Format

4-DAYS EVERY MONTH
OVER 18 MONTHS

	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
8 AM				
12 PM				
LUNCH				
1 PM				
4 PM				
BREAK				
5 PM		Co-Curricular		
8 PM				



88%
of our Alumni
had an increase
in salary of up
to 77%

81%
successfully
progressed to
a preferred role

58%
are C-Suite
Executives

Become the Kingdom's
Financial Leader with
MBSC

Location

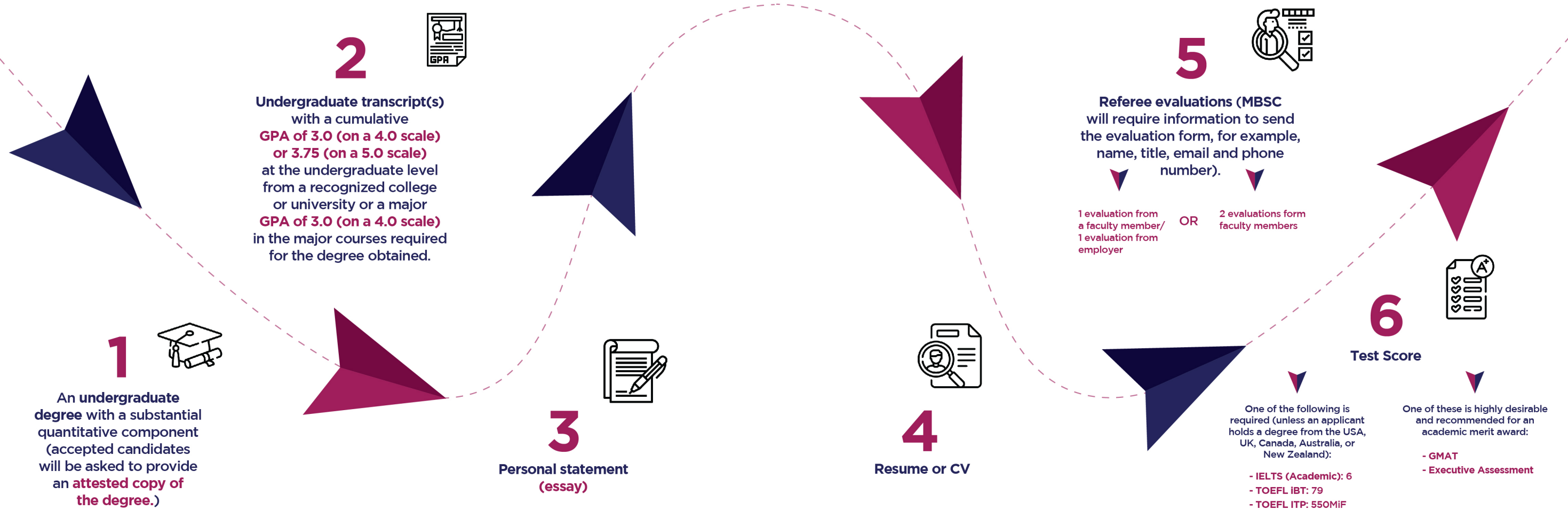
The MBSC MiF program takes advantage of two strategic locations within the Kingdom: King Abdullah Economic City, (KAEC) and Riyadh, the capital city. The aim is to ensure students gain exposure to the hub of financial, business and government activities, while also experiencing the regional business environment during their time in KAEC.

They will also immerse themselves in campus activities as well as opportunities to network locally and with outstanding students enrolled in the Executive MBA and Master in Management programs at MBSC.



Application

REQUIREMENTS



Selection

AND ADMISSION

The Admissions Committee is responsible for selecting, admitting and enrolling each cohort of its graduate degree programs with a view to ensure that cohort selection is an integrated approach to secure a coordinated, collaborative and diverse population of students enrolled into the college.

Instruct the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to send your official scores directly to “**Prince Mohammed Bin Salman College**”

- ▶ **TOFEL code: C098**
- ▶ **GMAT code: MDG-8S**

Admissions

AND SCHOLARSHIP CYCLE



*Rolling Admissions means that we continue accepting and reviewing applications until the program is filled to capacity.

▶ **October Admissions Open**



"With the Master in Finance at MBS College, we are creating a window to the world of finance for young and ambitious Saudis. In alignment to Vision 2030, we offer a rigorous program designed to equip our graduates with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills to successfully lead their organizations forward in the 21st century; to create value for all stakeholders, in a sustainable and responsible manner."

Dr. George Daskalakis

MiF Academic Program Director and Associate Professor of Finance, MBSC
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