When you’re studying business, you want to be where the action is.

Sydney Graduate School of Management (SGSM), the Postgraduate Business School of the University of Western Sydney, is located in the centre of Parramatta, one of Sydney’s fastest growing business districts, as more businesses – from large multinationals to small and medium enterprises – choose to base their operations here.

SGSM engages with these businesses to provide you with opportunities to gain the practical experience you need to take on executive finance roles with confidence.

Our location in the heart of the Greater Western Sydney region is close to affordable housing in surrounding suburbs, or you can live on-campus at the UWS Village at Parramatta Campus. As the region’s transport hub, Parramatta is well-serviced by buses and trains, which also connect to the Sydney CBD.

Parramatta is a thriving multicultural community, with a major shopping centre and international dining options, ensuring your free time is as enjoyable as your time at uni.

With students coming from diverse cultural backgrounds, both local and international and a range of industries, you’ll benefit from fresh perspectives and insights into business and finance in Australia and internationally.

INTRODUCING THE MASTER OF APPLIED FINANCE

Become a leader in the fast-paced world of financial services with the SGSM Master of Applied Finance.

Over two years, this qualification will equip you with the technical knowledge you need to succeed in an increasingly sophisticated global financial environment, and provide opportunities for the practical application of these techniques.

By completing the SGSM Master of Applied Finance program, you will be ready to take on an executive role in the dynamic areas of finance, banking, funds management, property investment and corporate treasury.

With all units developed by professionals actively involved in the financial sector, the SGSM Master of Applied Finance features specialist knowledge units in areas such as derivatives, financial modelling, financial institution management, credit and lending decisions, and funds management and portfolio selection.

These units provide the comprehensive understanding of the financial environment, methodologies and instruments you need to be a key player in the banking and finance sector.

When you study at SGSM, you can be confident you’re receiving a top-quality business education – the School is currently in the process of obtaining accreditation from the international Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).
CFA INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The SGSM Master of Applied Finance has been accepted into the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute University Recognition Program. This status is granted to institutions whose degree program(s) incorporate at least 70% of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK), which provide students with a solid grounding in the CBOK and positions them well to obtain the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation, which has become the most respected and recognized investment credential in the world.

Entry into the CFA Institute University Recognition Program signals to potential students, employers, and the marketplace that the SGSM Master of Applied Finance curriculum is closely tied to professional practice and is well-suited to preparing students to sit for the CFA examinations. Through participation in this program, SGSM is eligible to receive a limited number of student scholarships for the CFA Program each year.

SUCCESS STORY

Aspiring to a career in the finance sector, Alex Gao came to Australia from China to complete a Master of Accounting, before undertaking the Master of Applied Finance at UWS.

Having recently completed a four-month internship at State Street, Alex is now hopeful of landing a permanent position with the global financial services institution. Working in the operations divisions of the company, Alex felt his Master prepared him well for the dynamic world of corporate finance. The interactive style of teaching at UWS also gave him the edge when it came to preparing for the workplace, Alex says.

‘We were encouraged by our lecturers to participate, not to just sit there and listen – we could ask, we could discuss, and challenge what the teachers say. We benefited a lot from that because we learned actively and they encouraged us to think.’

Alex now hopes to take advantage of the opportunities that a role with the International bank could bring, including rotations to other parts of the business.

WHAT YOU’LL STUDY

To be awarded the Master of Applied Finance, students must successfully complete 160 credit points, including four general foundation units, nine specialist knowledge units, one elective and a 20 credit point business internship or capstone project unit.

While an undergraduate degree in any field is a prerequisite, you don’t need to have studied finance to undertake this program, as our foundation units provide you with the necessary grounding in basic accounting and economic principles.
GENERAL FOUNDATION UNITS

The Contemporary Business Environment
This unit provides foundational knowledge that is needed to appreciate the role of the major functional areas of a business and the complexities involved in managing these in an uncertain and complex global setting. Emphasis is placed on the influence of the economic, socio-cultural, political and technological environments on a business and the need for businesses to adopt a global perspective in formulating and implementing strategic interventions for enhancing competitiveness.

Financial Reports for Decision Making
This unit focuses on developing the ability to use accounting information, as extracted from financial reports, to assist with managerial decision making. Students will gain financial literacy through developing an understanding of the information contained in financial reports and applying this information to practical decisions. This unit emphasises the function of both financial and management accounting in measuring, processing and communicating information useful for decision making.

Applied Business Statistics
This unit introduces the basic statistical concepts and techniques for descriptive and inferential data analysis. It will aid and improve business decision-making, especially when faced with uncertain outcomes.

Economics (PG)
This unit presents a broad overview of economics to provide students with the tools to succeed in business, finance, government and other organisations. Students will reflect critically on microeconomics, macroeconomics, ethical, social and environmental responsibility and the state of the global economy. Students will be given the tools to understand how cycles and crises occur, how government policy can be used to respond to them and the uneven development of different countries and cultural groups in the global economy.

SPECIALIST KNOWLEDGE UNITS

Corporate Finance (PG)
Financial Institutions and Markets
International Finance
Derivatives
Financial Modelling
Security Analysis and Portfolio Theory

Financial Institution Management
Credit and Lending Decisions
Funds Management and Portfolio Selection

ELECTIVE
10 credit points from PG Business units
CAPSTONE UNITS

Business Project
This unit provides students with the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills gained in previous sessions to solve a real-world business problem. This would be an action-learning project with students working on a research topic that will enable them to use the proficiencies and expertise attained in the specialist units.

Internship
The Internship is designed for students who want to gain industry experience and further their studies through a business internship. This Internship unit is based on a project style unit which requires students to undertake a research project in their chosen field while attending an industry based internship. These highly sought after internships will be filled on a competitive basis.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Master of Applied Finance
Students will complete 160 credit points; however students who have an undergraduate degree and some business experience may be eligible for recognition of prior learning. Eighty credit points is the maximum credit available. Interested students need to discuss their particular situation with the Sydney Graduate School of Management (SGSM) staff members.

Academic entry requirements: Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree or higher in any discipline.

Duration: Two years
Intakes: January, April, June, September
Campus: Parramatta City campus
Fees: See UWS web site for details (uws.edu.au)

HOW TO APPLY

Local Students:
All Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens and permanent residents must apply through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC). Apply online at www.uac.edu.au

International Students:
International students apply directly to the University of Western Sydney. For full details and application forms, please visit www.uws.edu.au/international/admissions

Further information for International Students
For more information about studying at UWS, including course information, English language requirements, intakes, tuition fees, assessment methods, accommodation options, financial obligations, and living in Australia, please visit www.uws.edu.au/international or contact internationalstudy@uws.edu.au

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