Regarding Master's Degree in Finance

Posted by nebuchadnezzar54831 - 2013/04/16 01:22

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Re:Regarding Master's Degree in Finance

Posted by VickyPhillips - 2013/04/16 11:59

Hi Nebbu,

The Get Educated guide lists 10 accredited online finance masters AND 16 accredited online finance MBA programs.

Search Online Masters Programs >
http://www.geteducated.com/profiles/search/online-masters&SS=Search%20by%20Level%20%3E%20Online%20Masters

Then use the FILTERS on the LEFT to do SUBJECT BUSINESS.
Then use the FILTERS ACCREDITATION = AACSB.

The 2 with * below -- Bentley and Indiana University -- are also AACSB accredited >>>

If you wanted a MBA with a Finance MAJOR the search =
http://www.geteducated.com/profiles/search/online-MBA&SS=Search%20by%20Level%20%3E%20Online%20MBA

Use the FILTERS to select FINANCE MAJOR and your get 14 choices --
of these 14 the following 6 are AACSB accredited:

University of Colorado Colorado Springs (CO)
Graduate School of Business Administration
Master of Business Administration / Finance
http://www.geteducated.com/profiles/show/online-degrees/university-of-colorado-colorado-springs/graduate-school-of-business-administration/162/5954/master-of-business-administration---finance

Northeastern University (MA)
D Amore-McKim School of Business - Graduate
Master of Business Administration / Finance
http://www.geteducated.com/profiles/show/online-degrees/northeastern-university/d-amoremckim-school-of-business-graduate/149/4102/master-of-business-administration---finance

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (WI)
College of Business and Economics - Graduate
Master of Business Administration / Finance

http://www.geteducated.com/profiles/show/online-degrees/university-of-wisconsin-whitewater/college-of-business-and-economics-graduate/125/6224/master-of-business-administration---finance

University of Massachusetts-Lowell (MA)
Graduate School of Business
Master of Business Administration / Finance

University of Tennessee-Martin (TN)
College of Business & Public Affairs-Graduate
Master of Business Administration for Banking Professionals

Texas Southern University (TX)
Jesse H. Jones School of Business-Graduate
Executive Master of Business Administration / Energy Finance

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Online Finance Masters =

Walsh College
Walsh College (MI)
School of Accountancy & Business Administration - Graduate
Dual Master of Business Administration / Master of Science in Finance
Est. Cost: $39,082

Walsh College
Walsh College (MI)
School of Accountancy & Business Administration - Graduate
Master of Science in Finance
Est. Cost: $21,522

Kansas State University
Kansas State University (KS)
College of Human Ecology - Graduate
Master of Science in Personal Financial Planning
Est. Cost: $19,530

Kansas State University offers three online programs in personal financial planning: a master’s degree (42 credit hours), a certificate program (18 credit hours), and a Ph.D. program (summer face-to-face sessions and dissertation required). K-State’s personal financial planning programs are CFP Board-Registered, qualifying graduates to sit for the CFP® Certification Examination. Personal fina...

DeVry University-Online (IL)
Keller Graduate School of Management
Master of Accounting & Financial Management
Est. Cost: $33,825

**Bentley College (MA)
McCallum Graduate Business School
Master of Science in Financial Planning
Est. Cost: $35,280
http://www.geteducated.com/profiles/show/online-degrees/bentley-college/mccallum-graduate-business-

school/135/575/master-of-science-in-financial-planning

**Indiana University (IN)
Kelley School of Business - Graduate
Master of Science in Finance
Est. Cost: $34,350
http://www.geteducated.com/profiles/show/online-degrees/indiana-university/kelley-school-of-business---graduate/144/2611/master-of-science-in-finance

Montana State University (MT)
College of Education, Health & Human Development-Graduate
Masters of Science in Health & Human Development / Family Financial Planning
Est. Cost: $19,530

Webster University (MO)
School of Business & Technology-Graduate
Master of Science in Finance
Est. Cost: $24,300

University of Maryland-University College (MD)
Graduate School of Management and Technology
Master of Science in Accounting & Financial Management
Est. Cost: $24,192

University of Maryland-University College (MD)
Graduate School of Management and Technology
Master of Science in Financial Management & Information Systems
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Good Luck!
Vicky

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Re:Regarding Master's Degree in Finance
Posted by nebuchadnezzar54831 - 2013/04/16 14:43

Thanks for the help, Vicky!

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Re:Regarding Master's Degree in Finance
Posted by vicky - 2013/04/16 17:29

You are welcome.
Do any of these finance master's interest you?
Do you know of others we could add?

Let us know.
Vicky

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Re:Regarding Online Master's Degree in Finance

Posted by VickyPhillips - 2013/04/19 11:16

Hi Neb,

Thanks for the tips on the other two online finance degrees.

I looked at them both:

Penn State Worldcampus

Online Finance Masters
http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/degrees-and-certificates/finance-masters/overview

30 credits at $1.025 per credit

This well-respected online graduate degree program is AACSB-accredited, designed to help to prepare you for various professional certifications, such as the Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) certification.

As a student in the program, you can learn about:

financial modeling, including capital budgeting, basic statistics, and forecasting
financial accounting and the principles underlying financial accounting and use of accounting information for decision making
advanced topics involving strategic financial decisions, including capital structure and cost of capital, valuation, and corporate control
multinational financial management for companies subject to foreign exchange risk exposure and different tax regulations in foreign countries
financial derivative securities covering options, forwards, futures, and OTC derivatives

Careers most commonly associated with a finance degree plan are:

asset/wealth or private equity manager
investment banking or commercial lending officer
financial model builder
financial analyst
mutual fund managers, portfolio manager
financial planner
financial risk manager
corporate finance officer

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Creighton University Online (Nebraska)
Online Master's in Security Analysis and Portfolio Management (MSAPM)

http://online.creighton.edu/programs/online-master-of-security-analysis-and-portfolio-management.asp

Investing is one of the more complex, competitive and rewarding areas in finance. Creighton's M.S. in Security Analysis & Portfolio Management (MSAPM) delivers advanced knowledge about investment assessment, security analysis and portfolio management,

Creighton's MSAPM program is designed for the three levels of the Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) exam1 and is taught by faculty members with the CFA® designation. Though the MSAPM is built around the CFA® curriculum, there is no requirement that students pursue this designation concurrently or ever. The MSAPM is a practitioner-oriented online master's degree program in finance that provides the knowledge required for investment professionals.

The program is refined each year in order to keep up with the fast-moving world of finance and investment. You will study such topics as:

International trade and alternative investments
Financial accounting procedures and their implications
Methods of securities risk and return analysis
Ethics and professional standards

Career Possibilities:

Examples of job titles in this area include:

Private Client Wealth Manager
Hedge Fund Manager
Investment Banker

Investment Operations Analyst
Hedge Fund Analyst
Portfolio Manager
Equity Analyst
Chief Investment Officer
Equity Strategist
Fixed Income Strategist

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AS to reputation -- both are solid. You will find Penn a better choice for any East Coast gig and networking. Creighten has a reputation more limited to the Midwest / Chicago network area. Alumni networking is important in the consulting world is why I me mention this aspect of choosing an online degree.

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Posted by nebuchadnezzar54831 - 2013/04/23 07:57

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Thank you for the help.

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Re:Regarding Online Master's Degree in Finance

Posted by VickyPhillips - 2013/04/24 11:03

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Hi Neb,

Creighton does not publish the cost of their online masters in finance so I can't tell you that. There appears to be no data on that on their one site and we don't profile this degree on our site so we have no solid cost data on them.

You know that you do NOT need a master's in finance to take the CFA Exam.
SEE CFA site: https://www.cfainstitute.org/pages/index.aspx

You only need to meet these requirements:

Have a bachelor's (or equivalent) degree

- or be in the final year of your bachelor's degree program at the time of registration*
- or have four years of professional work experience (does not have to be investment related)
- or have a combination of professional work and college experience that totals at least four years.

Part-time positions do not qualify, and the four-year total must be accrued prior to enrollment.

AND Understand the professional conduct requirements (you will be asked to sign the Professional Conduct

HOWEVER since you don't work in finance now you will need some educational prep. for that CFA exam.

You could take the prep courses directly from the CFA OR take a master's degree that integrates exam prep as do the 2 online finance masters you are looking at now.

Also, given your career goals, which are blue chip and related to big business you'd WANT a masters

from an AACSB program to compete.

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Posted by VickyPhillips - 2013/04/25 12:57

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PS>

Just read a helpful article on becoming a CFA which may help you decide on its use vs thr CPA and accounting for your future career moves.

try the pros and cons of a CFA at Investopedia:
http://www.investopedia.com/articles/professionaleducation/07/cfa-charter.asp

Vicky

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