

MSAF Program Overview: Meet Your Faculty

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Class of 2024, Welcome to Pepperdine Graziadio Business School

Faculty to Meet Today

- Professor Joseph Cheng
- Professor Jordan Drake
- Professor Jozefina Kalaj
- Professor David Accomazzo



What does the MSAF Investment Track curriculum look like?

- Core Courses: 33 units
- Career Seminar: 0 units
- Elective Courses: 8 units
- Internship Practicum: 0 units
- Total Units: 41 units



Required Non-Finance Courses

- ACCT 632 Financial Statement Analysis (2)
- ACCT 652 Accounting Information and Control Systems (4)
- BSCI 650 Personal and Leadership Development Workshop (1)
- DESC 656 Quantitative Analysis for Business Operations (4)
- ECNM 658 Economics for Investment Decision (4)



Required Finance Courses

- FINC 614 Corporate Finance* (4)
- FINC 638 Financial Modeling (2)
- FINC 650 Derivatives and Risk Management (4)
- FINC 667 Global Capital Markets and Institutions (4)
- FINC 669 Investments and Portfolio Management (4)



Electives

8 Units

- DESC 621 Valuation of Real Options (2)
- FINC 630 Private Capital Markets (2)
- FINC 641 Fixed Income Securities (4)
- FINC 643 Real Estate Investments and Finance I (3)
- FINC 671 Ethical Perspectives in Financial Analysis and Valuation (2)
- FINC 672 Introduction to Financial Econometrics (2)
- FINC 668 Valuation and Corporate Combinations (4)
- FINC 698 Contemporary Issues in Finance (1-3)



Optional Fourth Trimester

- PGBS 695 Internship (0-8)
 Students will be required to complete a full-time internship.
- PGBS 696 Field Project (0-2)
 Students will need to identify a field project topic to be approved by a sponsoring faculty and the chair of the MSAF program committee.
- PGBS 697 Applied Research (2)
 Students will need to identify a research topic to be approved by a sponsoring faculty and the chair of the MSAF program committee.
- PGBS 691 Study Abroad (0-16)



MSAF Curriculum: First Trimester

Session A			Session B		
PGBS 560	Career Seminar	0	PGBS 560	Career Seminar (Cont.)	
BSCI 650	Personal and Leadership Development Workshop	1			
ACCT 652	Accounting Information & Control System	4	ACCT 652	Accounting Information & Control System (Cont.)	
ECNM 658	Economics for Investment Decision	4	ECNM 658	Economics for Investment Decision (Cont.)	
FINC 614	Corporate Finance	4	FINC 614	Corporate Finance (Cont.)	

For students who passed CFA exam

• Students who have passed Level 1 of the CFA exam are eligible to waive the ECNM 658 course. In lieu of ECNM 658, students will complete four additional units of elective coursework.



MSAF Program at Pepperdine is Affiliated with CFA Institute

- Our curriculum is in alignment with requirement by CFA Institute
- Students with strong academic performance can apply for CFA exam scholarship in Spring 2023.





Welcome From Professor Jordan Drake

Welcome From Professor Jozefina Kalaj

Welcome From

Professor David Accomazzo

Bryant Stibel Internship Program



https://bschool.pepperdine.edu/mba-programs/full-time-mba/bryant-stibel-internship/

Applications in November 2023



Wrap Up

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Road to Excellence

- 1. Attend each class session and be prepared to contribute to the discussion
- 2. Respect each other, even someone who might not treat you well.
- 3. Conduct yourself with the highest level of honesty, integrity, and professionalism
- 4. Do not hesitate to contact your professor when you need help.
- 5. Live a healthy lifestyle!



Together, we shall have a successful year



Closing **Prayer of Blessings for Students**

