

Master of Applied Finance and Economics

Are you interested in modern applied finance and economics? Are you keen to master advanced techniques in both fields and apply them in practice? Would you like to finish a master's degree in one year?

The Master of Applied Finance and Economics (MAFE) is a one-year programme that combines traditional postgraduate training in finance and economics with intensive, hands-on applications of tools and techniques relevant to the business, financial, banking, and public sectors.

Although a strong academic record is necessary to enrol in the MAFE, an extensive background in economics and finance is not essential.

The new degree emphasises a practical approach to examining issues and problems encountered in the world of economics and finance. As such, it provides students with the specialist knowledge and the necessary analytical skills to work in a variety of fields.

Programme Structure and Courses

Seventy-five percent of the MAFE (nine courses) consists of postgraduate coursework in economics and finance, split evenly between the two disciplines. Subject to approval by the Programme Coordinator, students can choose from courses such as:

- Asset Pricing
- Corporate Finance
- Econometrics
- Financial Modelling
- International Financial Markets
- Applied Microeconomics (eg, health and behavioural economics)
- Risk Management
- Options and Derivatives
- Monetary Economics
- Welfare Economics
- Experimental Economics

The remaining 25 percent consists of a capstone course that provides intensive training in four project-based modules:

- Cost-benefit analysis
- Forecasting in economics and finance
- Corporate finance decision-making
- Portfolio management



The School of Business and Economics is part of a vibrant campus environment with students and staff from around the globe.

What careers can the MAFE lead to?

The MAFE is designed to produce graduates who are both 'work-ready' in the short run, and have the intellectual foundation to succeed in the long run. Graduates will be qualified to pursue careers in both private and public sectors.

For example, in commercial and investment banks, corporate treasuries, government ministries and central banks, consultancies and think-tanks, and international organisations. In addition, the MAFE provides an excellent foundation for students wishing to pursue further academic training in the US or the UK.

About the University



The University of Canterbury is the only university in New Zealand in 2013 to receive "Five star ranking university status" from QS Worldwide University Ranking, and is rated in the top 225 of universities in the world. The School of Business and Economics is ranked within the world top 100 for Accounting and Finance and top 150 for Economics and Econometrics (2013 QS World University Rankings).

Christchurch is home to 360,000 people, and is located on the east coast of the stunning South Island of New Zealand. The city is close to pristine beaches, the scenic hills of Banks Peninsula and the majestic mountains of the Southern Alps.

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Economics and Finance Faculty

The Department of Economics and Finance at the University of Canterbury has a long and distinguished history as an active community of teachers, researchers and learners.

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