MS in Financial Risk Management

Real world approach to risk management theory.

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Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in our graduate business programs at the University of Connecticut School of Business. Ranked among the best in the world, UConn's graduate programs offer you a progressive, comprehensive business education to enable you and other future business leaders to anticipate and effectively manage the many challenges encountered in today's rapidly-changing world economy.

Guided by a commitment for global recognition as a provider of exceptional managerial education and business leadership, UConn's graduate programs are carefully designed and developed with active involvement from our alumni and advisors in the business community. Our goal is to ensure that our graduates are fully prepared and competitively positioned for successful careers.

As you research and evaluate your options for advanced study, I encourage you to attend one of our infosessions, or to stop by one of our program offices for a personal visit. After you experience the School of Business and learn more about all we have to offer, I'm confident you'll agree that UConn can provide you with a challenging, highly-differentiated, and affordably-priced business education that will provide the foundation for an exceptional future.

Sincerely,

John A. Elliott, Ph.D.
Dean & Auran J. Fox Chair in Business

Academic Excellence

A STEM-designated program, located right outside of NYC, in the hedge-fund capital Fairfield County, Connecticut, the MSFRM is designed for business professionals who want to enhance their careers by fully understanding how to identify and manage various types of business risk.

Mission

To provide an outstanding program in the design, development, and execution of risk management stra-tegies and systems. By collaborating with the financial services industry in Connecticut, the program provides a forum for interaction of academics and practitioners to focus on the practice of creating economic value by managing exposure to risk.

Theory and Practice

The program provides a unique blend of theory and practice. The theoretical component is analytical and quantitative. The practice component is introduced by our Board of Advisors, who originally created or program, shape our curriculum and teach in our program. The practice component culminates in a capstone project, called an Experiential Learning Requirement which can be fulfilled by completing an internship or consulting project UConn MSFRM will provide from varied, top finance agencies.

Professionals in the Classroom

Faculty teaching is augmented by experienced professionals bring their knowledge and real life experiences of the importance of risk management to the classroom. These individuals deliver special modules, conduct seminars, and moderate discussion forums, as well as take an active role in the development and execution of the Masters project. Professionals in the classroom have included:

- **Vaidya Nathan**, CEO of Quantum Phinance Consulting
- **Tilak Lal**, Chief Risk Officer, Managing Director, K2 Advisors
- **Ed Hayes**, Group Head of Quant Risk with Noble Group
- **Frank Minerva**, Managing Director, UBS Wealth Management
- **Vladimir Ladyzhets**, held a position of Senior Research Fellow with the Institute of Mathematics of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- **Eric Halpern**, Vice President, Global Hedging Programs, White Mountains Financial Services
- **John Preli**, Director, Regulatory Management & Data Governance – The Weather Company – IBM Analytic

This unique element of the program, which taps into the insights and per-spectives of those practicing risk management, contributes greatly to the real world approach that gives UConn's risk management program great value and benefit in the work-place and in career advancement.

Industry Connections

While the academic coursework of the MSFRM Program will provide you with the core education and skills required to be successful in the risk management profession, there is also a wealth of opportunity that exists outside the classroom to further enhance your educational experience.

Events & Networking

The MSFRM Program holds a number of events throughout the year to promote networking and real-world learning outside the classroom, such as the annual Risk Management Conference, which brings together nearly 200 risk management and regulation professionals. Students also benefit from the program's close associations with ASCEND and the Business Council of Fairfield County.

GARP Affiliation

UConn's MSFRM Program is affiliated with the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) and has an official University GARP Chapter (only one of 25 schools worldwide) as well as contact with Stamford, Connecticut's GARP Professional Chapter. This association ensures MSFRM graduates will be prepared to take the GARP Financial Risk Management (FRM®) Exam.

Stamford, Connecticut

Classes are located at UConn's modern urban campus within Stamford's central business district. Stamford is a suburb of NYC and incredibly close to Manhattan, the financial capital of the world. Stamford is located in Fairfield County, CT, home to many of the largest hedge funds in the world. The Washington Boulevard campus has plenty of secure parking but is also served by the Connecticut Transit Line and is only short walk from the Metro-North rail line. UConn Stamford is also home to the School's Connecticut Information Technology Institute (CITI), as well as the innovative Stamford Learning Accelerator - a unique business solutions center that provides students, alongside faculty and corporate executives, the opportunity to integrate and build on their academic knowledge and solve real-world business challenges.

A Tradition of Excellence

Founded in 1941, the UConn School of Business has evolved into one of the most comprehensive business schools in the nation. Continuously accredited by AACSB International since 1958, the UConn business school also ranks among the top 5% of business schools worldwide and is considered one of the best in the Northeast. Although not strictly theoretical in nature, due to the MSFRMs practical components, after only 6 years MSFRM Program was recently ranked 24th out of all Financial Engineering programs according to TFE Times, highlighting our program's quantitative aptitude.

Quick Facts

Program Length
Avg. 15-19 months. Domestic: 33 credits + 3 credit waiver (Part-time or Full-time). Non-U.S.: 36 credits (Full-time only). In addition, all students have the option of adding a 9-credit concentration in Quantitative Methods in Risk Management.

STEM Designation
MSFRM is designated as a STEM program. Students may be eligible for a 17-month extension of their Optional Practical Training (OPT) for a total of 29 months.

Class Profile
Admission is highly selective. Most successful applicants have at least 2 years of professional work experience, an undergraduate degree from a 4-year program (with at least a 3.0 GPA) at a regionally accredited institution, and strong performance on the GMAT or GRE. The middle 80% test score range of our students is 580-660. Candidates must have completed a college-level calculus course prior to entering the program. International students must receive a 6.5/79 or higher for IELTS/TOEFL respectively, unless they qualify for an English language waiver.

Application

Online Application
grad.business.uconn.edu/apply

Application Materials:
- GMAT (preferred) or GRE
  - GMAT Code: CV2-C0-71
  - GRE Code: 3915
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Essays
- Interview
- Transcripts
- $75 Application Fee
- Financial Declaration (Non-U.S.)
- TOEFL Code: 3915

Deadlines
Rolling Admissions

| Domestic: | July 1 |
| Non-U.S.: | May 31 |

Fees
$1,266 per credit
For current course fees, please see msfrm.business.uconn.edu.