

Master of Applied Finance and Economics (MAFE)

Fast-track your career

Key facts about the programme

- 1 Prepares students for high-level, professional roles in finance, banking and the public sector
- 2 Internships available
- 3 Mid-year and part-time enrolment options
- 4 Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exam pathway
- 5 Access to UC Business School Trading Room



The Master of Applied Economics and Finance (MAFE) is a taught master's qualification that offers a pathway into high-level professional positions in finance and economics.

About the MAFE

The programme consists of two to three semesters of coursework followed by a capstone course. It focuses on applied skills and knowledge with the goal of making graduates employment-ready.

Advanced coursework — choose nine courses, split evenly between finance and economics. Examples include:

- Derivative Securities
- Financial Modeling
- Asset Pricing
- Advanced Macro
- Public Economics
- Economic Analysis of "Big Data"

Capstone course consists of four project-based modules. Examples include:

- Portfolio management
- Financial decision-making
- Cost-benefit analysis
- Forecasting

New in 2021, the MAFE also has a dedicated club which caters to both domestic and international students, providing support and networking opportunities.

What are the entry requirements?

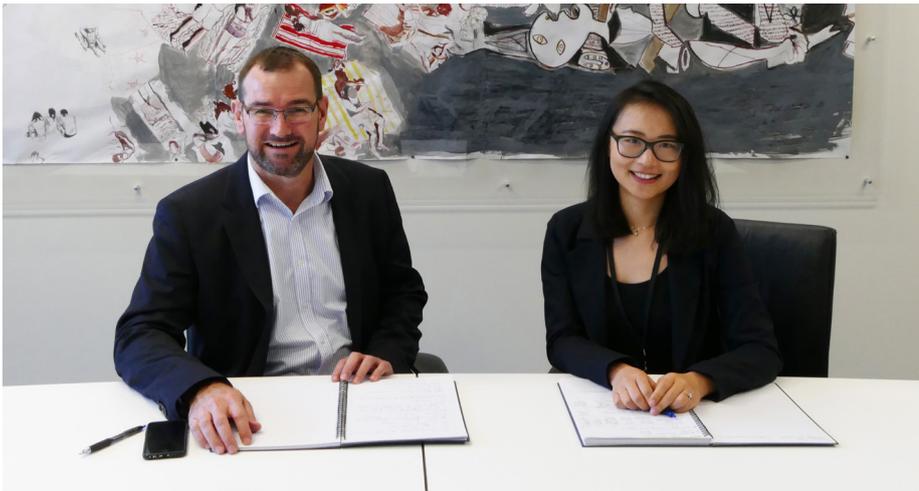
- Applicants must have a completed undergraduate degree from a recognised tertiary institution.
- A degree with a University of Canterbury (UC) equivalent B average
- Completed university courses in business finance or financial management; intermediate-level microeconomic theory; mathematics with calculus; and statistics.

Accommodation can be made if you are missing one of the above. Contact the MAFE Director for more information: mafecoordinator@canterbury.ac.nz

Special entry conditions

The MAFE is designed to accommodate a variety of backgrounds. If you have questions about whether your background qualifies, email the MAFE Director.

Preparatory course: Students with a limited background in finance, economics, and/or statistics will normally take FIEC 601: Quantitative Finance and Economics, offered in January.



Employer Profile

Graduate analyst positions in investment banking are highly sought after. We employ graduates who not only have the technical skills and knowledge to succeed in the financial sector, but also act with integrity and professionalism.

Chris Milne (left), Managing Director at Murray & Co, and MAFE graduate Beini Guo (right)

Formerly an Analyst at Murray & Co., now Associate Director at PwC

What careers can this lead to?

Graduates are work-ready with practical skills to succeed in roles within the public and private sector. MAFE graduates will be qualified to pursue careers in:

- Commercial and investment banks
- International consultancy firms such as PwC, EY, and KPMG
- Equity trading
- Corporate treasuries
- Government ministries and central banks
- Nonprofit organisations.

Average starting salary

Salaries generally start around \$55,000–\$65,000 and rapidly rise thereafter.

Enrolment information

How to apply

Apply online through myUC:
<https://myuc.canterbury.ac.nz>

Students should register their interest in the programme by contacting the MAFE Director at mafecoordinator@canterbury.ac.nz

Further information

MAFE Programme Overview

www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/qualifications-and-courses/masters-degrees/master-of-applied-finance-and-economics/



Student Profile

'I found the MAFE to be a unique and rewarding experience. The project course really helped me to understand why particular practices are followed. I acquired a range of different skills that employers look for such as leadership and time management. As a result I had a number of interviews and eventually got accepted into a graduate programme for the Bank of New Zealand.'

Kenny La

Senior Associate Corporate Finance

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Start dates

January for FIEC 601 (if required)
 February
 July

Months to complete

MAFE (Jan/Feb entry) 12–13 months
 MAFE (July entry) 18 months
 MAFE + CFA Track 18–19 months
 To see which option is best for you, contact MAFE Director, mafecoordinator@canterbury.ac.nz

Scholarship

For general scholarships, see: www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/

For scholarships to take the CFA exam, see: www.canterbury.ac.nz/business/what-can-i-study/finance/cfa-program/

Why study at UC?

- Ranked in top 200 for Accounting & Finance and top 250 for Economics & Econometrics
- Member of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute University Recognition Program
- Professional Risk Managers' International Association (PRMIA) University Partner

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