Graduate Programs
Concentrations in finance are offered through the Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Quantitative Financial Economics and Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

The Master of Science in Quantitative Financial Economics (MSQFE) Degree
(See "Business Administration (http://catalog.okstate.edu/spears-business/business-administration/#graduateprogramstext)."

The Master of Science in Quantitative Financial Economics Degree. The discipline of quantitative finance continues to evolve, spurred by business and financial institution demand for quantitative skills where more emphasis is on quantitative methods from regulatory authorities. Oklahoma State University offers a Master of Science Degree in Quantitative Financial Economics (MSQFE) to meet this demand. The objective of the MSQFE is to produce graduates with quantitative skill sets necessary to support advanced financial and economic decision-making that includes rigorous financial-modeling, mathematical, and statistical skills.

The MSQFE is a Spears School of Business degree program that draws on the combined expertise of five OSU departments—Finance, Economics, Mathematics, Statistics and Agricultural Economics. The program is designed to produce graduates with the skills necessary to participate in critical decision making processes at all levels of the organization. The program focuses on the analytical methods necessary for effective participation in the fields of financial management, investment management, risk management and financial engineering. The program provides students the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills to projects that utilize quantitative financial tools and techniques. The MSQFE program seeks to develop student competencies in risk evaluation methods, empirical estimation techniques, valuation theory and techniques, mathematical solution methods, capital budgeting, demand analysis, and risk management.

The MSQFE is a 33 credit-hour program. The core 24 hours consists of classes required of all students in the program. Students may elect to complete a master’s thesis. This option would reduce the number of elective hours from nine to three.

The admission requirements include an earned undergraduate degree from a college or university of recognized standards. In addition to the Oklahoma State University Graduate College’s standard requirements, the program’s Curriculum Committee will consider the applicant’s letters of recommendation, GMAT or GRE score, previous academic performance and financial/statistical modeling experience. The background necessary to complete the program with only 33 hours of coursework includes ten hours of calculus, differential equations, statistical methods, intermediate microeconomics and principles of finance.

Additional information about the program is available on the Internet at http://watson.okstate.edu/msqfe/.

The Doctor of Philosophy Degree
A PhD in business administration with concentration in finance prepares the student for careers in academia, business or government.