Concentration in Investment Management

Drew's STEM-designated Master of Science in Finance program with a concentration in Investment Management is a rigorous, 30-credit immersion into investments. This concentration emphasizes expertise in financial statement analysis, investment ethics, and advanced portfolio management techniques. It is anticipated that many of the students in the Investment Management concentration may begin their pursuit of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation during their studies at Drew. Last year, Drew's Master of Science in Finance Program fielded competitive teams for the CME Group University Trading Challenge and the Chicago Quantitative Alliance (CQA) Investment Challenge. Graduates are prepared for careers in a variety of organizations, such as retail and institutional investment management, trading, and other investment-related services.

Program highlights include courses emphasizing practical skills such as the use of Bloomberg terminals (all students become Bloomberg Market Concepts certified), financial modeling in Excel, and programming in R and Python; co-curricular programs, including guest lectures and trips to NYC to visit financial firms, regulators and nonprofits centered on financial ethics and literacy; early jump on industry certifications like the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Financial Risk Manager (FRM) programs; and opportunities for capstone projects and financial internships in real-world settings.

Application Deadlines
Start term: fall
Deadline: rolling admissions

Admission Requirements
• Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
• Completed application
• Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions
• Personal statement
• Résumé/CV
• GMAT or GRE scores
• $40 application fee

Prerequisites
Applicants must have completed undergraduate coursework in:
• Calculus
• Statistics
• Microeconomics
• Macroeconomics

International applicants should visit drew.edu/grad.int to review additional criteria.

I chose Drew University because it has a unique financial resource that no other state has—Wall Street. One of the best parts of my study was being able to go on field trips with professors to major companies in the financial center of New York. My professors also frequently organized salons and invited financial tycoons to come to campus to communicate with students. This was the best part of my experience at Drew.”

Zhixia (Ryan) He G’20
Account Manager (Elite Management Trainee), Shanghai Pudong Development Bank
A key feature of Drew’s program is an internship which allows students to build experience and work with a talented group of industry mentors. Mentors work with students in diverse areas such as municipal bond research, derivatives trading, and private equity and each student has the opportunity to expand their network with NYC-based financial institutions during their time at Drew. A team-based portfolio management assignment occurs during the capstone which allows students to present asset allocation recommendations to a panel of industry practitioners and financial experts.

Recent Internships
- Finlay Parker Holdings
- Fairfield Advisors
- Recursion Co.
- DriveWealth
- State of NJ Treasury
- Municipal Credit & Compliance Adv.

Recent Full-Time Placements
- Pagaya Investments
- E.Sun Financial
- Morningstar
- L’Oréal USA
- Toorak Capital Partners
- Shanghai Pudong Dev. Bank

The best part of my experience at Drew was most definitely the relationships I fostered and maintained with seasoned professionals (the professors). I felt as though I amassed knowledge beyond my years through the classwork and daily discussions with the professors.”

Jack Crowley C20
Capital Markets Analyst, Pagaya Investments

A strong focus on experiential learning is a hallmark of the program, from application-based classroom exercises to on-site immersions on Wall Street and across the finance sector.