

Application to Combined Program: BSBA ECN/MSF

Opportunity: Students with an Economics concentration (Bachelor of Science in Business Administration) who are entering their senior year of study may be eligible to apply to the Combined BSBA ECN/MSF program (the 4+1 Program). Students accepted into the 4+1 Program are eligible to take up to six-credit hours from three specified courses in the Master of Science in Finance and Investment Management program (MSF). The MSF courses will be substituted for 400-level concentration electives in the BSBA ECN program. Note that courses in the ECN concentration require a minimum grade of ‘C-’ but the grading scale for MSF courses has no ‘C-’ or ‘D.’

Benefits: Typically, students applying to the 4+1 program will have the intention of subsequently applying to the MSF program, to begin within five terms of their completion of the BSBA ECN. Note that “term” differs from “semester” in that an MSF term refers to the seven-week period over which MSF courses are offered; thus, there are six sequential terms during an MSF year. For 4+1 students who enter the MSF program, credit will be offered for MSF hours completed during the Bachelor’s program. Thus, a 4+1 student who successfully completes six-credit hours during their senior year will require 24 additional credit hours of MSF coursework to complete the MSF degree.

Note that students accepted into the 4+1 program are not required to apply to the MSF program. For these students, the benefits of having participated in the 4+1 program include the opportunity to be exposed to different concentration electives as well as the opportunity to assess whether the MSF program represents the student’s desired program of education.

Eligible MSF Courses:

- FIN 532: Economics for Finance Professionals (3 credit hours; no restrictions as to course replaced)
- FIN 533: Derivatives and Risk Management (3 credit hours; replaces ECN/FIN 433)
- FIN 540: Portfolio Management & Wealth Planning (3 credit hours; replaces FIN 440)

Requirements:

- Students applying to the 4+1 Program must have an overall UNCW GPA of 3.2,
- A separate application is required for the MSF program; acceptance is not guaranteed to 4+1 students,
- A grade of ‘B’ is required in MSF courses in order to ensure that they will be accepted toward the MSF degree.

Please complete application and email it to horans@uncw.edu.

Name: _____

Student ID: _____

UNCW Email: _____

Expected Gradation Date: _____

UNCW GPA: _____

Application Date: _____

Expected Academic & Professional Plans (50 words or less):