



Koç University
Graduate School of Business
Master of Science in Finance (MScFin) Program

2023-2024 Fact Sheet

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2023/2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR TERM		
DATES		
Term Dates	FALL 2023 MScFin program follows a slightly different academic calendar. You may get in touch with Graduate School of Business to get the schedule of classes.	SPRING 2024 MScFin program follows a slightly different academic calendar. You may get in touch with Graduate School of Business to get the schedule of classes.
Public Holidays (No classes)	29 October 2023 The Republic Day	January 1st, 2024 New Year's Eve April 9-12, 2024 National Holidays April 23rd, 2024 National Sovereignty and Children's Day May 1st, 2024 Labor Day May 19th, 2024 Youth and Sports Day

Language

The language of instruction at Koç University and Graduate School of Business is English. No other language is required to study at the University.

Courses

Classes are held on two evenings in weekdays (Monday and Wednesday) from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm throughout the year. Classes are held at the Koç University İstinye Campus.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Term	Course Code- Course Name	Course Credit	Notes
SPRING 2024	MFIN 854 Risk Management	3 credits	Starts: March 30, 2024 Ends: April 27, 2024
SPRING 2024	MFIN 853 Mergers and Acquisitions	3 credits	Starts: May 11, 2024 Ends: June 1, 2024
SUMMER 2024	MFIN 825 Derivative Securities	3 credits	Starts: June 24, 2024 Ends: July 22, 2024

Course Descriptions

MFIN 854 Risk Management (3 credits)

This course offers a unique analysis of the risks faced by investors and savers interacting through financial institutions and financial markets, as well as strategies that can be adopted for controlling and better managing these risks. Since our focus is on return and risk and the sources of that return and risk in global financial markets and institutions, this course relates ways in which a modern financial manager, saver, and investor can expand return with a managed level of risk to achieve the most favorable return-risk outcome within the portfolio theory. We will examine the risks faced by a modern financial institutions and managers and the various strategies for managing these risks. Risk measurement and management both on the balance sheet and off the balance sheet of financial institutions especially considering interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk, and credit risk will be the focus of the first half of the course.

In the second part of the course, we will cover the portfolio theory and practice; consist of the relationship between risk and return, capital allocation and building the optimal risky portfolios. Then we will touch on the analysis of the determinants of value of securities including the broad-based aspects of fundamental analysis-macroeconomic and industry analysis as well the firm-specific analysis to the price of a firm's stock will be given.

Mergers & Acquisitions (elective course-3 credits)

Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) are an essential part of business life and strategic planning. After a point, "leap frogging growth" in most, if not all, companies, corporations, and partnerships, in the industrial consumer, and service sectors are based in business combinations, divestitures and purchase of some sort. Thus, as a future business leader, learning and eventually mastering this very important aspect of business is essential for a fruitful career.

MFIN 825 Derivative Securities (3 Credits)

Managing and trading risk both for real sector corporates and financial institutions. Dynamics of derivatives securities and how they respond to changing market variables. Use of derivatives for financing purposes. Futures, forwards, options, swaps, and other complex structured products (warrants & certificates).

Communications Within Classroom

During the classes, exchange students may ask to be added to cohort's WhatsApp group to facilitate communication within the classroom and not to fall behind.

Exams and Grading

Exams are usually held at the end of the course. There may be midterm exams and quizzes as well. Most exams are written, several courses include group and/or individual projects too. Course evaluations can be based on a student's participation in class, course work, tests, examinations and other evaluations, according to rules defined by the course instructor in the course syllabus available on blackboard.

Koç University Graduate School of Business Grading System

<u>Grade</u>		<u>Numeric Value</u>
A+	Superior+	4.00
A	Superior	4.00
A-	Superior-	3.70
B+	Above Average+	3.30
B	Above Average	3.00
B-	Above Average-	2.70
C+	Average+	2.30
C	Average	2.00
C-	Average-	1.70
D+	Deficient+	1.30
D	Deficient	1.00
F	Failing	0.00