



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

2024-2025 Fact Sheet

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2024/2025 ACADEMIC CALENDAR TERM DATES		
Term Dates	FALL 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.	SPRING 2025 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)	<p>October 29th, 2024</p> <p>The Republic Day</p>	<p>January 1st, 2025 New Year's Eve</p> <p>March 29th-April 1st, 2025 National Holidays</p> <p>April 23rd, 2025 National Sovereignty and Children's Day</p> <p>May 1st, 2025 Labor Day</p> <p>May 19th, 2025 Youth and Sports Day</p> <p>June 5th-9th, 2025 National Holidays</p>

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 on 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 OPEN TO EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Term	Course Code- Course Name	Course Credit	Dates
SPRING 2025	MFIN 854 Risk Management	3 credits	Starts: April 19th Ends: May 12th, 2025
SPRING 2025	MFIN 853 Mergers and Acquisitions	3 credits	Starts: March 8th Ends: April 9th, 2025
SUMMER 2025	MFIN 825 Derivative Securities	3 credits	Starts: May 31st Ends: July 5th, 2025

***This Schedule (dates and instructors) is subject to change. Koç University GSB reserves the right to make changes at any time.**

Course Descriptions

MFIN 854 Risk Management

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 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 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.

MFIN 853 Mergers & Acquisitions

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

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, coursework, tests, examinations and other evaluations, according to rules defined by the course Instructor in the course syllabus at the beginning of the academic period.

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