



Utrecht University

School of Economics

Utrecht University Welcomed into CFA Institute University Recognition Program

Students of MSc programs in Banking and Finance and Financial Management taking steps to career success through preparation for the CFA Program

Utrecht University has become the latest university to be welcomed into the CFA Institute University Recognition Program. The Master of Science programs in Banking and Finance and Financial Management have been acknowledged as incorporating at least 70 percent of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK) and placing emphasis on the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice within the program. These programs position students well to obtain the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation, which has become the most respected and recognized investment credential in the world.

Entry into the CFA Institute University Recognition Program signals to potential students, employers, and the marketplace that Utrecht University School of Economics (U.S.E.) curriculum is closely tied to professional practice and is well-suited to preparing students to sit for the CFA examinations. Through participation in this program, U.S.E. is eligible to receive a limited number of student scholarships for the CFA Program each year.

“Students in these programs study the Candidate Body of Knowledge, which includes the core knowledge, skills, and abilities identified by practitioners worldwide as essential for successful practice,” said Neil Govier, CFA, Head of University Relations at CFA Institute. “By mastering the fundamentals of the CFA Program as well as the Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct, these future investment professionals gain a strong foundation that helps prepare them well to join the growing CFA Institute community dedicated to promoting the highest standards of ethics, education, and professional excellence for the ultimate benefit of society.”

The masters in ‘Banking and Finance’ and in ‘Financial Management’ are 1-year full time programs and part of the Master degree in International Economics and Business. The programs combine the theoretical rigor of financial economics with empirical, real-world aspects of finance and accounting.

“The mission of U.S.E. is to address economic issues from a real-world-perspective,” said Stefano Lugo, Assistant Professor of Finance at U.S.E. and member of the CFA Society of the Netherlands. “We aim at educating a class of finance and business practitioners able to effectively combine theory and practice. We consider of paramount importance for our alumni to be aware of their role in society and to practice according to the highest ethical standards. As our values and mission are strongly aligned with those of the CFA Institute, we are very happy that our master programs in Banking and Finance and Financial Management have been recognized by the Institute.”



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About CFA Institute

CFA Institute is the global association of investment professionals that sets the standard for professional excellence and administers the industry gold standard CFA charter. The organization is a champion for ethical behavior in investment markets and a respected source of knowledge in the global financial community. The end goal: to create an environment where investors' interests come first, markets function at their best, and economies grow. CFA Institute has more than 133,000 members in 145 countries and territories, including 125,000 CFA charterholders. For more information, visit www.cfainstitute.org.

About the CFA Program

The CFA Program sets a standard for developing the skills, standards, competence, and integrity of financial analysts, portfolio managers, investment advisers, and other investment professionals worldwide. It is widely considered the investment profession's most rigorous credentialing program. Administered in English, the CFA curriculum and examinations are identical worldwide. Fewer than one in five candidates who begin the program successfully complete it and go on to earn the coveted CFA charter, the "gold standard" for investment professionals.