



**Fordham University Gabelli School of Business**  
**International Collaborative-MSF**  
**Information Packet**  
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**Course Offerings**

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## Introduction

Fordham University's Gabelli School of Business (GSB) offers a dual-degree opportunity that allows National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU) to earn a Master of Science in Finance (MSF) degree from Fordham. All current students and recent alumni of the program, who have successfully completed an approved MBA degree in Finance or Economics, are eligible to apply for the program.

Students of MSF will acquire the ability to implement corporate goals through financial strategies that use the opportunities available in today's global financial markets. They will also have the unique advantage of receiving a Master's degree from a well-known American University, joining the alumni networks of Fordham University and Fordham's partner universities.

## Fordham University Gabelli School of Business

Fordham University is located in the State of New York, USA. Fordham has three campuses: the Lincoln Center Campus in midtown Manhattan in New York City, the Rose Hill campus in the Bronx in New York City, and the Westchester campus in Westchester. Fordham University Gabelli School of Business is located at the Lincoln Center campus in New York City, blocks away from Central Park, Columbus Circle, and Time Square.

Fordham University GSB was ranked 21<sup>st</sup> in the ranking of Best Business Schools in MBA Finance Specialty and 14<sup>th</sup> in International Business by U.S. News and World Report. GSB ranked Tier 1 in North America MBA by CEO Magazine.

The website for Fordham GSB is: [http://www.fordham.edu/info/20447/gabelli\\_school\\_of\\_business](http://www.fordham.edu/info/20447/gabelli_school_of_business)

## International Collaborative-MSF Program Structure

The MS in Finance degree requires students to complete 12 courses. The proposed collaborative program offers an innovative curriculum to alumni to current students and alumni of approved Master's program in Finance and Economics and has three components:

- (1) The curriculum allows students who have studied for the master degrees at an international partner college or university to transfer up to 12 credits from the MBA/EMBA/Masters towards the Fordham MSF degree. Course outlines and academic content of classes taken at the partner college will be used to determine the transfer courses.
- (2) Students who have completed an internship or completed a thesis can waive the internship requirement for the MSF program.
- (3) Students must complete six additional MSF courses offered by Fordham. The six courses, all offered in June and July 2024 in New York are outlined below.

***Please note course information is subject to final confirmation.***

The following MSF Courses will be offered in New York from **June 10, 2024 - July 26, 2024**:

GFGB 6010 Financial Markets and Responsibility  
GFGB 7002 Contemporary Issues in Global Finance  
GFGB 6006 Corporate Financial Application  
GFGB 6007 Investment Applications  
GFGB 7046 Fintech-An Introduction  
GFGB 8018 Fund Strategies and Performance

### **Tuition, fees, and expenses**

The net tuition charges for the 2024 Collaborative MSF program is \$25,603. Tuition is payable when students enroll for Fordham courses. The reduced tuition available to Collaborative MSF students is financed by Fordham University.

Please also note that in addition to the tuition, Fordham University also charges several student service fees. The following fees are effective for year 2024:

\$92 General Fee, \$212 Technology Access Fee, \$45 International Student Fee + the Health Insurance Fee. Each student is responsible for all University fees.

Living expenses in New York are also additional to the tuitions and fees. The Office of International Services requires that students budget at least \$4,000 for living expenses for their stay in New York in order to receive a student visa. These amounts may be subject to change from year to year.

### **VISA matters**

Collaborative MSF students will be considered to be international students at Fordham University and have to apply for a student VISA to enter and study in the US. Fordham University's International Students Office will work with the students to prepare the documentation required for applying for a student VISA at the US consulate. Typically, the documents involved are: Affidavit of Support showing sufficient funds to cover tuition and fees and living expenses prepared by the student, Passport, an I-20 issued by Fordham University's International Students Office.

Please note that students will not be able to enroll at Fordham on a visitor's VISA. It is important to apply for a Student VISA for their studies.

### **Application Deadline**

**March 15, 2024**

Students must fill out an application by creating a Fordham account via our admissions website.

<https://gradadmissions.fordham.edu/apply/?sr=7f9ef46b-d7c1-4d80-a212-bc0ec3e02b5b>

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **1) Who is eligible for this program?**

All students of National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU) who are attending or have recently successfully completed an approved MBA degree are eligible to apply for the dual-degree program. Admission to the program requires students to have earned an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0, i.e. an average grade of B or higher, in the courses that are eligible to be transferred to the MSF program. In addition, students have to demonstrate English language proficiency. Applicants who cannot demonstrate proficiency in English will be subject to a personal interview, could be asked to take an English language course before joining and/or be administered a language test to be organized by Fordham.

### **2) How and when do we apply?**

See page ten (10) for detailed application instructions.

### **3) How do we pay the tuition, and to whom?**

Students are expected to make sure that tuition is paid to Fordham for all Fordham courses. For the courses they take in New York, tuition is due before departing to the US. The bank account information for wire transfers will be provided upon admittance.

### **4) When will the program start?**

Courses in the program will be offered in June and July and is expected to start on June 10, 2024. Students are advised to plan to travel to New York a couple of days prior to the start of classes.

### **5) When will the courses in New York take place?**

The courses in NY will take place in June and July 2024, with a closing on July 26, 2024. The courses will follow an intensive one-course-per-week agenda. Some company visits and social events will be integrated into the course schedule.

### **6) What is the daily schedule for the courses to be offered in New York?**

Classes will run from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm every day (Monday to Thursday), and final exams on Friday, mainly in the form of lectures and occasional speeches by invited speakers. Most of the social events and company visits will be over the weekend (Friday afternoon-Sunday).

### **7) How will students be evaluated for each course, by exams or term paper?**

Most of the courses will conclude with a final exam, while some may require a written paper or project depending on professors' preferences.

**8) Do students need to write a thesis and pass a thesis defense in order to get the MSF degree?**

No, the thesis/internship requirement is waived based on work done at NYCU. You will however have to completed projects as part of the course requirements.

**9) If a student fails a course, does he/she have a second chance to make up for the failure? Will it have any effect on his/her obtaining the degree?**

If a student fails one course, there is a possible option to make up the credits. The student may retake the course when it is offered again. The decision to offer this option is at the discretion of the Fordham faculty. The student is required to pay tuition for the additional credits. In the event that the student has only failed one class, the student will be permitted to join the closing ceremony in New York but will not receive a diploma until all courses have been successfully completed. Similarly, if a student has not completed all the NYCU requirements for a Masters degree then the student may participate in the ceremony in New York but will not receive a diploma until all courses have been successfully completed.

**10) What is the GPA requirement for obtaining the MSF degree?**

Students have to achieve an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or above over the 10 MSF courses to get the degree. Students who do not meet this criteria may take additional courses till they meet this requirement. All additional courses are subject to additional tuition at Fordham University's regular tuition rate per credit. Students also should be aware that they are responsible for course scheduling and any travel.

**11) Is there any requirement on the grade of the four courses to be transferred to the MSF degree?**

A minimum average grade of B is required for the four transfer courses.

**12) Does the tuition fee include textbooks and other course materials, e.g. cases?**

The tuition fee does **NOT** include the cost of textbooks and any other course materials including cases. Students must buy or rent textbooks and/or cases by themselves. Textbook expenses typically do not exceed USD 200 per course on average.

**13) Where do we study outside the class hours?**

There are several study areas at Fordham including two libraries. Students can study on campus until midnight. Additionally, there are many suitable places to study in New York, such as central park, one of New York's many public libraries, or coffee shops.

**14) Where do we eat in NYC?**

The campus cafeteria is open to all students. There are several restaurants around the campus

which offer food at reasonable prices. New York City offers some of the best and most eclectic dining in the world in every price range, and all easily accessible from Fordham.

**15)Is there Internet access on campus?**

Yes, internet access is provided to all students. Wi-Fi is available anywhere on campus.

**16)What kind of visa do we apply for? Are we allowed to work with the visa in NY?**

Fordham will issue an I-20 for each student. The I-20 is used to obtain an F1 visa. The F1 visa permits the student to arrive in the US up to one month before the beginning of the program and to depart up to two months after the program ends. Travel within the US is permitted.

The F1 visa does not allow the student to work while in the US.

**17)I already have a B1/B2 visa. Can I use it for the study at New York?**

NO, it's against law to study in US using a business visa. You have to apply for an F1.

**18)Can students' spouses apply for a visa at the same time when the student applies for F1 visa?**

Yes. Fordham will issue an I-20 form to students' spouses to facilitate their visa application process. The spouse of a student will apply for a F2 visa.

**19)Are there any chances for us to integrate with the Fordham students?**

Fordham will arrange for some cultural activities as well as interactions between local Fordham students, MSF students from Peking University in China, and other Fordham partner universities.

**20)Are students required to buy any insurance to study in NY?**

Although it is not obligatory that students buy any insurance; we highly recommend it. The Office of International Services at Fordham will help students buy the insurance when they are there, if there is any need.

## HOUSING IN NEW YORK

### **On campus housing**

Fordham University will offer limited **shared** on-campus housing. You will be contacted to check whether you wish to apply for on-campus housing. Please note that on-campus housing is limited. Housing is on a shared basis, with two students to a bedroom in a multi-bedroom apartment.

Please note that Fordham University rules do not permit requests on specific roommates in your apartment.

On-campus housing is subsidized by Fordham. It is also very convenient for students to attend classes.

We strongly advise you to consider this option since it is the safest and most secure way to ensure that you will have a place to stay while in New York.

The dormitory fee for their 7-week stay is \$1,960.



## Application Procedure

### Application Deadlines

- **March 15, 2024**

<https://gradadmissions.fordham.edu/apply/?sr=7f9ef46b-d7c1-4d80-a212-bc0ec3e02b5b>

If you have difficulties in meeting the deadlines, please email us at [wynns@fordham.edu](mailto:wynns@fordham.edu) for assistance.

### Application Requirements

- NYCU graduate students/recent graduates
- Grades that meet the minimum requirement of grade B for each of the transfer courses.
- High English proficiency

### Application Checklist

- Graduate/Masters transcripts
- Undergraduate transcripts
- Motivational Essay
- Evidence of English Proficiency
- Evidence of Internship/Thesis (if any)
- Resume
- Photograph
- Copy of Passport ID pages
- On-line application

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## Application Instructions

### A. Starting the process

Go to website: <https://gradadmissions.fordham.edu/apply/?sr=7f9ef46b-d7c1-4d80-a212-bc0ec3e02b5b>

1. Click on "[Create an account](#)" to start a new application.
  - ◆ **Note:** You will need to create a user name and a new password.
2. As you start registering your personal information, please check your email.  
Fordham University will send you a temporary PIN number via email. You will need this temporary PIN number to complete registering for a Fordham account.

### B. Instructions for each section of the application

1. Section - Instructions: Read only.
2. Section - Academic Interest/Program of Study  
For 'Term': Choose "2024 Fall" (**this may be the only option available**)
  - For 'Please indicate the partner school': Choose "NYCU "
  - For 'Plan of Study': Choose "Full-time"
  - For other related questions: Please answer them
  - Previous College/University Experience: **Please fill in the details**
3. Section - Information about Programs: Read only.
4. Section - Personal: **Please fill in the details**
5. Section - College/Universities (Transcripts):
  - **Please fill out information for both your undergraduate and graduate studies.**
  - **Please upload a copy of your transcripts for each school/university.**
6. Section - Employment History: **Please fill in the details**
7. Section - Test Scores: *Optional*
  - If you would like to show evidence of your proficiency in the English language

## Application Instructions - continued

- through a TOEFL/IELTS score report, please submit information here.
  - You can also email us a scanned copy of your TOEFL/IELTS report.
8. Section – Essays: **Please upload your essay in "pdf" format**
  9. Section - CV/Resume: **Please upload your CV/resume in “pdf” format**
  10. Section - Letters of recommendation: **Not required.**
  11. Section - Signature: **Please sign your name.**
  12. Section - Review / Submit your application: **Please \*\*SUBMIT\*\* your application.**

**\*DO NOT PAY APPLICATION FEE\***  
**Application fee is waived for the Collaborative-MSF students**



## Motivational Essay

Name: .....

Please describe the reasons that you are applying for the program. Please limit your essay to 500 words or less.

Applications will be evaluated based on your reasons for applying for the program and your understanding of:

1. Finance education
2. The need to understand cultural differences in business
3. The potential impact of finance education on your career

[illegible]

Date: .....

Signature:.....