



## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### MASTER IN ECONOMICS AND FINANCE (MEF)



Master in Economics and Finance (MEF) is a two-year program taught in English for students with a completed Bachelor's degree. The program aims to give students a thorough understanding of theoretical and applied economics and finance. We put an emphasis on developing strong analytical skills, which allow our graduates to solve complex economic problems in various areas. The courses are taught by the faculty of the Institute of Economic Studies (IES) and by external professionals from the financial industry. The curriculum taught at IES is recognized by the Chartered Financial Analysts Institute (CFA) University Affiliation Program as compatible with the CFA candidate body of knowledge. Our graduates typically assume challenging positions in business, financial sector, consulting, academia, public administration or international organizations worldwide.

Duration	2 years
Language	English
Tuition	7,000 EUR/ year
Web	<a href="https://fsv.cuni.cz/en/mef">https://fsv.cuni.cz/en/mef</a>
E-mail	<a href="mailto:admissions@fsv.cuni.cz">admissions@fsv.cuni.cz</a>

#### Compulsory Courses

Compulsory courses introduce students to advanced topics in macroeconomics, microeconomics and econometrics. Their role is to provide a solid background for further studies of specialized elective courses.

#### Elective Courses

Elective courses cover a wide range of areas in economics and finance, allowing students to specialize in the field of their interest. The topics include applied economics and economic policy (e.g. monetary economics, international macroeconomics, antitrust economics, public finance and fiscal policy, health economics, environmental economics, development economics), banking and finance (e.g. banking, corporate finance, financial markets, company valuation, financial market instruments, asset pricing), and advanced empirical methods (e.g. macroeconometrics, applied microeconometrics, financial econometrics, and data science). We also offer courses in complementary areas such as ethics and economics, law and regulation.

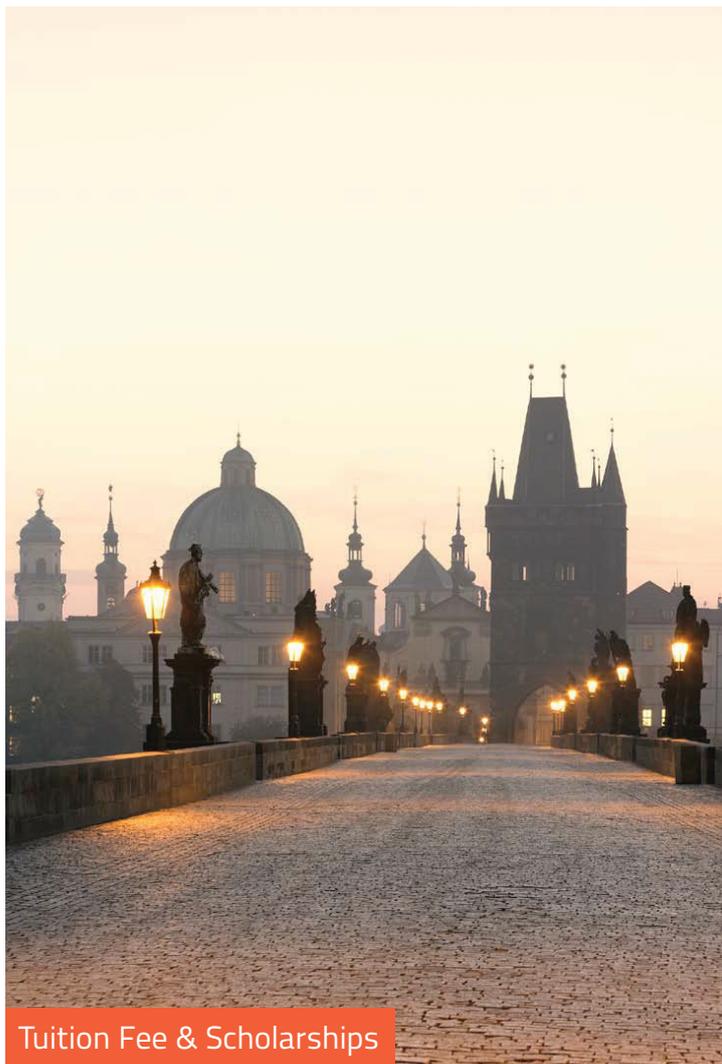
#### Optional Courses

The students are given an option to take a few off-field elective courses. They can be taken at any department of Charles University or at any partner university and also include the Czech language classes offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences.



## Graduation Requirements

Besides completing the required compulsory, elective, and optional courses, students must also defend their Master's Thesis and successfully pass a general discussion. Every student chooses a supervisor who will guide him/her through the thesis writing process. Two compulsory Master's Thesis seminars are offered to help students with academic writing skills.



## Tuition Fee & Scholarships

The tuition fee for the MEF program is 7,000 EUR/year. It is payable in two installments at the beginning of each term and covers the cost of instruction, examinations, as well as access to libraries and computer labs. It does not cover the cost of textbooks and other teaching materials, nor living expenses such as accommodation, meals, etc., but the university provides assistance for students interested in affordable accommodation in student dormitories. Students can apply for a number of scholarships and qualify for a reduction of the tuition fee, which is awarded based on an applicant's merit for the first year of studies and on academic results in following years.



## Admission Criteria

There is no formal entrance test. We evaluate the complete application package provided by the applicant. We welcome highly motivated applicants with a consistently strong past academic track record. Applicants must be able to demonstrate sufficient quantitative analytical skills and competence in English. This is best proven by dedicated standardized tests, e.g. GMAT or GRE for mathematics and quantitative skills, and TOEFL, IELTS, or similar for English. We do not require standardized tests from students who can demonstrate their competence in these two areas in other ways, e.g. Bachelor program studied in English and/or high grades from quantitative courses at the Bachelor level. For detailed information see the Admission Requirements Factsheet.

## Application Prerequisites

Since the program exposes students to advanced topics in economics and finance, applicants are required to have sufficient background in mathematics and quantitative methods. The applicants should have studied at least two terms of Bachelor's-level mathematics, statistics, or econometrics. Prior knowledge of Bachelor's-level economics or finance is an advantage but it is not required. In addition, applicants should have a good command of English corresponding at least to a B2 level under the CEFR system and should be capable of reading a Master's-level textbook without difficulties. We especially welcome applicants with Bachelor's degrees in economics, finance, business studies, mathematics, physics, or engineering.

