



MINNESOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

COLLEGE OF
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The Maverick Student Investment Fund (MSIF)

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES



FINA 493: FAQ

What is the Mav Fund?

The Mav Fund is a three credit class (FINA 493) in which students invest real money using the same resources and frameworks as professional investors.

Where does the money come from?

Minnesota State University's Foundation allows this course to make recommendations for investment.

How is the money invested?

The fund follows a "top-down" approach that is common that is common amongst asset managers.

Why should you take the class?

- Sets you apart from other students during job search
- Course deliverables can be shared with potential employers
- Caters to multiple learning styles since it includes lectures and experiential activities
- Develops communication and writing skills
- Develops skills – economic news literacy, emotional and financial discipline, etc. – that stick with you beyond the classroom and are applicable in your personal investing journey



The Maverick Student Investment Fund (MSIF) gives you hands on, real-world experience in the field of finance. You will be part of the MSIF Management Team in charge of investing over \$860,000 for the University Foundation. The MSIF Management Team will be responsible for making investment recommendations both to the Foundation Investment Committee, and to the Minnesota State Mankato Foundation Board as a whole.

Students will:

- Learn how to research specific sectors of the stock market such as information technology, financial services, consumer staples, and more.
- Learn to evaluate stocks using tools and frameworks used in the asset management industry.
- Learn to evaluate economic indicators (i.e. GDP, CPI) that are regularly discussed by media
- Have the opportunity to apply classroom concepts to the real-world.

The MSIF is a Finance elective course for every track. You must meet the prerequisites of Business Finance (FINA 362) and Investments (FINA 460) courses prior to registering for the Maverick Fund (FINA 493).

To learn more, please visit cob.mnsu.edu/mavfund or contact:



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When should I take the class?

Preferably before you start looking for a job or internship. This will allow you to talk about the experience with potential employers.

When is it offered?

Every Fall and Spring semester.

What are the prerequisites?

FORMAL:

- FINA 362: Business Finance
- FINA 460: Investments

INFORMAL: Academic research suggests students with the following characteristics are well-suited for the class

- Willingness to work and learn new material
- Above-average professionalism
- Awareness and understanding of the responsibility associated with managing real money



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