About the program

The Master of Leadership and Management with a specialization in Financial Integrity (MLM-FI) is the premier graduate-level program in anti-money laundering, combating the financing of terrorism, and targeted sanctions avoidance law, policy, and practice. Anti-money laundering (AML), combating the financing of terrorism (CFT), and sanctions requirements are global in nature. They include the design and effective implementation of measures to prevent criminals from using banks and other financial institutions to launder criminal proceeds, finance terrorism, or avoid sanctions; ways of identifying and prosecuting criminals that evade those preventive measures; and the seizure of criminal proceeds, funds to finance terrorism, and assets that evade targeted sanctions, both at home and abroad. To be truly effective, professionals must be knowledgeable about the law and policy of each of these measures. The MLM-FI degree program is carefully designed to accomplish exactly that goal.

As both national and international AML, CFT, and sanctions efforts have increased significantly over the past decade, so has the demand for top professionals, including compliance officers at banks and other financial institutions, their supervisors and regulators, fraud investigators, and other law enforcement professionals. In particular, Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has resulted in the proliferation of new sanctions and an increased effort to identify corrupt government officials and seize their assets, all resulting in greater demand for AML, CFT, and sanctions professionals. The principal AML, CFT, and sanctions professional organization—the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists or ACAMS—has seen its numbers double in size over the past decade to over 100,000 today.
Do you have a T-bird mindset?

• Passionate about leadership and management.
• Intrigued by innovation and entrepreneurship.
• Driven to solve complex challenges.
• Committed to sustainable practices.
• Curious about cultures and languages.
• Motivated by travel and exploring the world.

Program format

The Master of Leadership and Management with a specialization in Financial Integrity features a unique curriculum (30 credit hours) and provides students with a deep understanding of the design and effective implementation of measures to prevent criminals from using banks and other financial institutions to launder criminal proceeds, finance terrorism, or avoid sanctions; ways of identifying and prosecuting criminals that evade those preventive measures; and the seizure of criminal proceeds, funds to finance terrorism, and assets that evade targeted sanctions, both at home and abroad.

The program is taught over a series of two-day weekends over a 12-month period at the ASU Barrett and O’Connor Washington Center in Washington, D.C.

Curriculum

• Introduction to Financial Integrity
• Financial Institutions, Supervision, and Risk Management
• Preventative Measures
• Preventative Measures Compliance Programs
• New Technologies and AML/CFT Risks
• Investigations, Prosecutions, and Asset Recovery
• International Cooperation: Legal Framework and Investigations and Prosecutions
• International Cooperation: Extradition and Multi-Jurisdictional Asset Recovery
• Communicating and Negotiating Across Cultures
• Strategy in a Competitive World

Application deadlines

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Recommended application processing time is 6 weeks.

Application deadline is December 15 for a January start.

Requirements

• Undergraduate degree from an accredited university.
• Competitive TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo scores (if you did not graduate from an English-speaking university in a native English-speaking country).
• International experience (optional)
• Submission of the online application, including:
  • Resumé documenting professional and academic history.
  • Official transcripts from all previously attended undergraduate and graduate institutions.

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