ALM in Finance

HARVARD Extension School

**Average Age**
- 30% < 30
- 42% 31 - 40
- 28% 41+

**Degree Candidates**
- 341

**Age Breakdown**
- Female: 34%
- Male: 66%

**Benefits of Being a Degree Candidate**
- Personal academic advising & pre-degree advising
- Career resources and individual career counseling through Harvard’s Office of Career Services
- Paid research opportunities alongside Harvard faculty
- Earn a graduate certificate while earning the degree

**While Earning the Degree**
- 19% Live in MA
- 67% Live Outside of MA
- 14% Live Outside of U.S.

**Reasons for Pursuing Degree**
- 12% Personal Enrichment
- 17% Career Change
- 29% Deepen Expertise
- 42% Career Advancement

**Years of Students Full-Time Work Experience**
- 4 years & under: 21%
- 5-10 years: 35%
- 11-20 years: 32%
- Over 20 years: 12%

**Finance Graduate Certificates**
- Business Economics
- Corporate Finance
- Data Analytics
- Principles of Finance
- Real Estate Investment

**Avg # of Courses Taken Per Semester**
- 49% 1 Course
- 34% 2 Courses
- 11% 3 Courses
- 6% 4 Courses
- 4% 5 Courses

**Graduation Rate**
- 91%

**Average Time to Graduation**
- 3 Years

**Of Students Have Professional Experience in the Field**
- 48%

**Of Recent Grads Would Recommend the Program**
- 96%

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### Where Some of Our Graduates Work

- **Google**
- **Societe Generale**
- **State Street**
- **Fidelity Investments**
- **Deloitte**
- **Bank of America**
- **GE**
- **Kraft Heinz**
- **Deutsche Bank**
- **CVS Health**

### Select Job Titles Held by Our Graduates

- **Financial Analyst**
- **Hedge Fund Accountant**
- **Creative Director**
- **Credit Analyst**
- **Corporate Strategy Manager**
- **Vice President, Mergers & Acquisitions**
- **Bank Loan Specialist**
- **Compliance Analyst**
- **Quantitative Research Analyst**

### Graduates Have Gone on to Continue Their Studies At...

- Georgetown University (economics)
- Columbia University (international affairs)
- George Mason (JD)
- University of Oxford (MBA)
- MIT (MBA)
- Northeastern University (project management)

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### Alumni Spotlight

**Meet ALM in Finance Graduate, Carolina Borges De Oliveira.**

**Job title prior to HES:**

- Robert Bosch (automotive industry)

**Current job title:**

- Strategic Business Planning - Global Coordinator at Robert Bosch (automotive industry)

**How has earning a degree from HES helped you professionally?**

- Earning the degree was extremely helpful for a career change into the finance area. I was interested in transitioning into finance from procurement at my company but based on my experience I wasn’t very competitive in finance. Earning the master’s degree was the leg up I needed. During the interview process my boss was impressed by my Harvard degree, which gave me the necessary skills to change careers.

**Most helpful resource at HES:**

- I was positively surprised by how many helpful resources are available at HES. I would highlight the career services, they provide useful support on how to best use your degree in the job market. In addition, the webinars are a way of helping students from other countries and regions, which was my case. Finally, the meetings with your academic advisor are a great opportunity to discuss your performance as well as future plans within the university.

**Advice for prospective or current degree candidates:**

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Percentage of Students Employed Full-Time While Earning the Degree
87%
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- 3 courses: 11%
- 4 courses: 6%

Average Time to Graduation (in years)

3

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- Creative director
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