

How Smith Finance Prepares Students for Industry with Experiential Learning Projects (ELPs)

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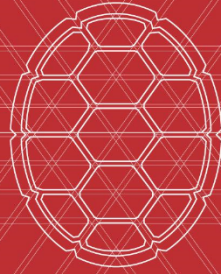


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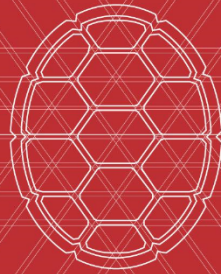




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Introduction of Climate Finance Concept

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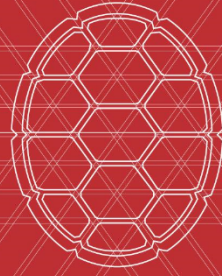
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Climate Finance Curriculum Concept

- Building on strong and unique partnership with climate scientists from UMd's Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Department over the last 2 years
- Guiding principle is to develop linkages between climate science, finance and risk for our MS finance students
- As climate change policy and analysis becomes more engrained in corporate planning and investment exercises, the demand for skilled analysts that have a strong understanding of the basics of climate science and associated models as well as how to use those models to improve financial and risk models will set of graduates apart from other programs

Climate Finance Curriculum Strategy

- To test the concept and demand for this integrated approach to climate finance we plan on offering a two-course sequence, Survey of Climate Finance: Concepts, Models and Methods where we would leverage faculty from AOSC and Smith Finance.
- Since these would be electives in our MFin program, it would be straightforward to add them into the curriculum starting with the Fall 2023.
- As we monitor the interest in these courses, over time we could expand this into a separate Climate Finance track in our Mfin program.
- Long-term, should demand and interest in this program continue we could develop a standalone MS Climate Finance academic degree program.
- In addition, we are working with our Executive Education team to build out an on-demand set of short modules on climate finance for delivery to industry practitioners later this year



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