

# OSIF ALUMNI CONVERSATIONS

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## Who is your financial investor idol?

When I was in OSIF it was definitely Warren Buffet, but I have come to realize that there are some principles that I can use from Warren Buffet's biography the Intelligent Investor and there are lessons that I can learn from Chris. Over the last two years, I have learned so much about how to look at investments so it could be a confluence of ideas from what I have learned from reading books and what I've also learned from mentors like Chris Magaña.

## How did this course help prepare you for your current role?

When I took OSIF from Michael Dolton there are two things he taught us to really prepare us for the future. One is really using a statistical software, which is the engine if you know all the economic principles and theories, that's good - but what the job market really demands is for you to take those economic principles and crunch those numbers and extrapolate numbers from them. All you have to use is history, like take everything that's happened prior to 2020 and run some level of analysis on it but how do you extrapolate the future? You need software systems like r-programming for that. Secondly, he taught us introduced the framework of how to value companies in the class. That framework was quite necessary and today everything I look at is using that framework. "Hey how do we get the biggest bang for our \$1 spent?" How much should that \$1 be valued in the next 10 years? That framework was not just r-programming but many other things too.

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## How relatable is this course to your everyday work?

If you are in corporate finances like I am and if you have taken investment finance when you transfer from investment finance to corporate finance you carry a specific set of skills but I think it will only be helpful for about 50% of the job. In corporate finance 50% deals, you look at deals being done between two companies and look how profitable or not profitable a joint venture would be, that's when you can leverage the investment skills that you learned in your classes. Then there is a second aspect of investment finance, reading, being constantly proactive about what is happening in today's world, and doing macro-economic analysis. Thinking about how that is going to impact our stocks and our portfolios, although I don't do that in my day job but outside of work I do. In the OSIF course you learn the communication skills you need when you put something together you have to learn to defend it.

## What's the biggest takeaway you got from this course?

No matter how much money you manage in a class, what you really learn makes a big difference. Having \$500,000 or \$1 million dollars you still need to have some money because you need to have a benchmark to see how you're doing, you need that tracking mechanism. For this class I feel like you really have to enjoy the process of learning and have a curious mindset not only for this class but for life. If you're inquisitive then this course is for you.

