

POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

Accounting and Finance Programme Structure 2025/26



Compulsory

Optional

	MSc Accounting and Finance	MSc Banking, Regulation, and Finance Stability	MSc Accounting, Finance and Management	MSc Finance and Investment	MSc Financial Technology
Units	Fundamentals of Finance	Asset Pricing	Introducing Strategic Management	Asset Pricing	Quantitative Methods, Big Data and Machine Learning
	Contemporary Issues in Accounting	Microeconomics of Banking	Financial Management	Fundamentals of Corporate Finance	AI, Blockchain Technology and Applications
	Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods in Accounting and Finance	Quantitative Methods for Finance	International Financial Reporting	Quantitative Methods for Finance	Finance
	Students are required to select one unit from Accounting, one unit from Finance, and one additional unit from either.	Principles of Financial Intermediation	One from Accounting: Strategic Management Accounting; Advanced Financial Reporting; Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation: Corporate Governance and Accountability.	Three from: Financial Reporting and Analysis; Derivatives; Financial Modelling; Investment Management; Advanced Corporate Finance; Banking; Credit Risk; Behavioural Finance; Financial Technology; Green and Sustainable Finance.	Algorithmic Trading
	Accounting options: Accountability and Accounting for Sustainability Accounting and Capital Markets Management Accounting	Banking Regulation and Financial Stability One from: Business and Economic Forecasting; Programme Evaluation; Bank Management and Risk Management; Financial Technology; Green and Sustainable Finance.			One from Finance: Financial Markets and Investments; International Corporate Finance; Entrepreneurial Finance.
	Finance options: Advanced Corporate Finance Behavioural Finance Derivatives Financial Technology Green and Sustainable Finance		One from Management: Project Management; Digital Business; Organisational Behaviour.		
Dissertation	The dissertation is a significant component of the MSc Accounting and Finance programme. Under the mentorship of a faculty member, students will identify and analyse a research question within the field of accounting and/or finance. This process is an opportunity for students to investigate an original problem, collect and process relevant financial data, conduct a thorough analysis, and form well-founded conclusions. The multi-faceted assessment includes coursework on research methods, a dissertation proposal that outlines their research trajectory, and the final dissertation project.	The final part of the MSc is a project-based dissertation; you will research a current theme or topic relevant to banking. You will be able to tailor your investigation to a setting that reflects your personal interests and future career aspirations, while being advised by a member of academic staff with a research interest in your chosen topic.	The dissertation constitutes a pivotal element of the MSc Accounting, Finance and Management programme. Under the mentorship of a faculty member, students embark on an extended independent study, systematically identifying and investigating a specific research question over an extended period. This in-depth exploration aims to provide students with the opportunity to engage in extensive reading and apply research skills to a chosen area of study, selected from a range of projects within the fields of accounting, finance, and management. The assessment encompasses various components, including coursework on research methods, a dissertation proposal outlining the research trajectory, and the final dissertation project.	The dissertation is a significant component of the MSc Finance and Investment programme. Under the mentorship of a faculty member, students will identify and analyse a research question in corporate finance or asset pricing. This process is an opportunity for students to investigate an original problem, collect and process relevant financial data, conduct a thorough analysis, and form well-founded conclusions. The multi-faceted assessment includes coursework on research methods, a dissertation proposal outlining the research trajectory, and a final dissertation project.	The Dissertation involves a piece of original research on a topic of your choosing, on an aspect of financial technology of relevance to the financial services sector. The dissertation also provides a unique opportunity to work on an applied project with an industry partner. Delivered as an all-year unit, you can draw on all the material covered in the taught components, particularly the comprehensive research methods training in teaching block 2, extending your subject matter knowledge in a more specialised area.

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Who?	For students with a strong upper second-class honours degree (or equivalent overseas qualification) in accounting and/or finance.	<p>For students with an upper second-class honours degree (or equivalent overseas qualification) in either finance or economics.</p> <p>Students with a degree in finance are required to demonstrate a good understanding of economics and mathematics.</p>	For students with a upper second-class honours degree (or equivalent overseas qualification) that demonstrates mathematical ability.	For students with an upper second-class honours degree (or equivalent overseas qualification) in finance, accounting, economics, business, mathematics or another quantitative subject, such as engineering, physics or computing.	For students with an upper second-class honours degree (or equivalent overseas qualification) in finance, accounting, economics, business, mathematics or another quantitative subject, such as engineering, physics or computing.
Why?	For students who want to pursue an academic or professional career in accounting or finance such as critical practitioner, consultancy or a researcher.	For graduates of economics or finance who aspire to a career in banking. It will also appeal to recent graduates who are already working in financial services and wish to specialise in banking and financial regulation.	For students who want to put greater emphasis on accounting, finance and management topics in their graduate studies for a wider range of careers.	For students who desire careers in investment management, financial research, trading, consulting and corporate finance, and for further academic study in finance.	For students who wish to develop careers in any aspect of the financial services sector with a focus on financial technology. This could be in 'fintechs' themselves, or in more traditional investment management, corporate finance or banking firms.