

# MSc International Banking and Finance

The MSc (Master of Science) in International Banking and Finance is designed to provide an advanced body of knowledge to professionals who want to develop their careers in the financial services sector.

It is suitable for those working in other industries who need to manage financial risk for their company or their clients – i.e. risks related to commodity and other prices, capital, currency, interest rates, liquidity etc.

It also appeals to people who need to gain an understanding of how the financial services sector functions in order to better serve their clients and boost their own knowledge.

## Key Benefits:

- 'Real World'-oriented learning with a practical emphasis
- Up-to-date content and 'hot topics' keep your studies relevant
- Networking opportunities
- Specialised knowledge of finance and banking – which distinguishes you from graduates with a broader, more general qualification
- How to apply quantitative skills
- Learn tools and techniques to enhance your career progression

## Overview

The philosophy of this modern programme is 'real world'. It is designed to enable you to apply theoretical concepts and solutions to practical financial issues like risk management and derivatives - facilitated through the use of I.T., market data, case studies and varied assessment methods. In this way it aims to provide you with a banking and finance 'toolkit' of transferable skills suitable for a variety of careers.

## Structure and Assessment

- This programme comprises eight compulsory modules and a research-based dissertation.
- You will be assessed via a wide range of methods in order to develop your abilities and skills.

- You will earn 15 credits for each module successfully completed and an additional 60 credits on completion of your dissertation (of approximately 20,000 words).
- The dissertation can be directly applied to a work-based issue.
- You will graduate with the MSc in International Banking and Finance when you gain a total of 180 credits. Alternatively, if you exit the programme with just 60 or 120 credits you will be awarded the Postgraduate Certificate or the Postgraduate Diploma in International Banking and Finance respectively.

## Entry Requirements

At least one of the following:

- University degree, or
- Professional qualification plus appropriate work experience, or
- 5+ years managerial experience in lieu of formal qualifications.

### AND for candidates whose first language is not English:

- An IELTS score of 6 or TOEFL score of 560 (or equivalent evidence of English language capability)

## Who should apply?

- Recent graduates who seek to expand their knowledge of finance and develop their quantitative skills to enter a career at an advanced level.
- Professionals in the finance and related sectors who want to update their skills, gain a new and modern degree and potentially use it for enhancing their career.
- Graduates and professionals with a quantitative background from other sectors seeking to expand their skills and learn how these skills can be applied in the field of banking and finance.
- Graduates who seek research training in banking and finance in order to proceed to the research degrees of MPhil or PhD