



Isle of Man International Business School

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NEW! BA(Hons) Banking and Finance Programme Factsheet

Overview

Banking and financial services is a highly competitive and rapidly changing sector in every modern economy. In recent years, forces such as globalisation, technological change, international integration, the crisis and new regulation have fundamentally transformed the sector; banks have responded to growing competitive pressure by diversifying into new activities. Insurance companies and pension funds have also grown rapidly and non-bank institutions such as supermarkets and telecommunications firms now compete directly in financial services markets.

A degree in Banking and Finance offers you the opportunity to study the theory and practice of financial services and financial markets in depth and with academic rigor, and to analyse the broader role of the financial sector in the national and global economies.

Who should apply?

- ◆ Recent school leavers with an interest in banking and finance who seek to enter a career at an advanced level.
- ◆ Professionals working in this area who would like to build up their academic and professional skills to progress further in their career.
- ◆ Professionals who are required to update or improve their skills and knowledge.
- ◆ Professionals of other industries who aim at entering the financial industry.

Mode of study

Tuition will normally be offered on a full-time, modular basis over three academic years (six semesters).

Part-time study of a certain level or the whole programme (two modules per semester) is possible upon agreement with the Programme Leader.

The purchase of individual modules to fill specific gaps is also possible.

Entry requirements

- ◆ GCSE Mathematics at grade C or above
- ◆ GCSE English Language at grade C or above
- ◆ 240+ UCAS points (at least 160 at A-level)
- ◆ AS-levels, IB & Advanced GNVQs (Distinction) will also be taken into account
- ◆ If you hold credits for an HND, academic degrees or professional qualifications you may be given exemptions from individual modules, or enter at the beginning of Level 2 or Level 3
- ◆ People of all ages with work experience are invited to apply – even without formal qualifications
- ◆ An IELTS score of 6 or TOEFL score of 560 (or equivalent evidence of English language capability) for candidates whose first language is not English

Learning and Teaching

- ◆ Most modules are taught in 2-hour sessions comprising lectures, seminars, or tutorials. You are expected to complement these sessions with further provided reading and tutorial practice.
- ◆ You will be taught by our full-time academic staff and some highly qualified industrial experts.
- ◆ Guest speakers within and outside lectures complement your learning experience.
- ◆ A personal tutor meets you regularly to guide you through the studies.

Quality Assurance and Curriculum Development

This programme has been validated by Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU), our academic partner. The degree will be awarded by the IBS and LJMU. The IBS is subject to quality audits and supervision by the UK Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) as any UK university.

The programme is continuously updated to reflect new developments and changing regulation on the Isle of Man, in the UK and internationally.



Professional Qualifications

Alongside studying for your academic degree, the programme also prepares you for relevant professional qualifications offered by bodies including the CFA Institute, CISI, CII and others (please ask for details).

However, an undergraduate degree is much more than just a qualification. It has a higher standard than professional Certificates and Diplomas and offers you a much broader set of skills that can be applied across business functions. It is recognised internationally, valid for an unlimited period of time and can qualify for entry to a Masters programme. Studying for a university degree enhances your critical thinking skills, ethical awareness and personal development – all attributes that are heavily sought after in the modern finance sector.

Enquiries and Applications

Please contact us if you have further questions. Application forms are available from our website, or from:

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Programme Structure and Assessment

This programme comprises of one-semester modules worth 12 credits and two-semester modules worth 24 credits each, taught via lectures or seminars and supported through tutorials and individual study.

You will be assessed by individual or group written assignments, presentations, examinations and a dissertation.

Level 1

In level 1, you build a strong foundation for your further studies: Study skills (that are also business skills), analytical skills and data interpretation skills along with introductions to the theory and practical application of Economics, Banking and Finance and Business Studies.

Semester 1

- ◆ Study skills for business (continued in semester 2)
- ◆ Microeconomics
- ◆ Commercial Law
- ◆ Financial Accounting
- ◆ Organisational Behaviour

Semester 2

- ◆ Macroeconomics
- ◆ Data Interpretation
- ◆ Introduction to Enterprise
- ◆ Introduction to Banking and Finance

Level 2

At level 2 you start distinguishing yourself from the crowd. You apply and increase your skills and deepen your knowledge vastly in the following two-semester courses:

- ◆ Quantitative Methods
- ◆ Comparative Banking and Financial Systems
- ◆ Corporate Finance
- ◆ Economics for Banking and Finance

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- ◆ Research Methods (Semester 1)
- ◆ Financial Regulation (Semester 2)

Level 3

adds specialist knowledge in key areas of banking and finance to your degree that makes you an expert in this field. The dissertation is the big project that you will hopefully be proud of. It will be on a topic of your choice and can be a project related to your work if you are in employment.

- ◆ Dissertation
- ◆ Commercial and Investment Banking
- ◆ Strategic Management
- ◆ Risk Management and Derivatives

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- ◆ Portfolio Analysis and Management (Semester 1)
 - ◆ Insurance Theory and Practice (Semester 2)
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