

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

Name, title and level of final qualification(s)	MSc Management and Sustainable Finance (Level 7)
Name and title of any exit qualification(s)	PG Diploma (passing 120 credits) PG Cert (passing 60 credits)
Awarding Body	University of London
Teaching Institution(s)	Birkbeck, University of London
Home school/other teaching departments	Birkbeck Business School
Location of delivery	Central London
Language of delivery and assessment	English
Mode of study, length of study and normal start month	Full-time (1 year) Part-time (2 years) October
Professional, statutory or regulatory body	Part of Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute <u>University Affiliation Programme</u> with limited number of CFA scholarships available.
<u>QAA subject benchmark group(s)</u> <u>Higher Education Credit Framework for England</u>	N/A
Birkbeck Course Code	TMSMASUF_C
HECoS Code	100832 100089
Start date of programme	Autumn 2013
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Valid for academic entry year	2026-27
Programme Director	Emmanouil Mamatzakis
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Admissions requirements

Usually a second-class honours degree in a subject related to management, finance or business related studies. We also welcome students from other social sciences, i.e. history, sociology, law, political science, linguistics, media studies, psychology.

We also welcome professional or other qualifications obtained by written examinations approved by the College. Relevant experience, supporting statements and references may be taken into consideration, especially in the case of non-standard applications.

We welcome applicants without traditional entry qualifications as we base decisions on our own assessment of qualifications, knowledge and previous work experience. We may waive formal entry requirements based on judgement of academic potential.

International entry requirements

If English is not your first language or you have not previously studied in English, our usual requirement is the equivalent of an International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic Test) score of 6.5, with not less than 6.0 in each of the sub-tests.

If you don't meet the minimum IELTS requirement, we offer pre-sessional English courses, foundation programmes and language support services to help you improve your English language skills and get your place at Birkbeck.

Course aims

MSc Management and Sustainable Finance is an inspiring programme that will provide students with up-to-date topics in management and empirical finance. If students are interested in a career in investment, financial institutions, or any other financial management related jobs, then this programme equips students with the required knowledge and skills. The syllabus of this programme is specifically designed to equip quantitative analysis skills, to advance applied financial management abilities, to critically analyse financial proposals and empirical applications of corporate finance. In addition, the programme introduces students to sustainable investing and the integration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into financial analysis and decision-making.

Course structure

Students take eight 15-credit compulsory modules plus a 12,000-word dissertation on any area of management and finance.

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credit	Comp Core/ Option	Likely teaching term(s)
Full-time - 1 Year					
7	BUMN072H7	Sustainable Investment	15	Compulsory	T1
7	BUMN186H7	Principles of Accounting	15	Compulsory	T1
7	BUMN071H7	Quantitative Methods for Finance and Business	15	Compulsory	T1
7	MOMN011H7	Research Methods in Management (Postgraduate)	15	Compulsory	T2
7	BUMN074H7	Multinational Financial Management	15	Compulsory	T2

7	MOMN082H7	Strategic Management (Postgraduate)	15	Compulsory	T2
7	BUMN073H7	Advanced Portfolio Management	15	Compulsory	T3
7	BUMN044H7	Valuation Analysis and Risk Management	15	Compulsory	T3
7	BUMN184Z7	PG Dissertation Preparation	0	Compulsory	
7	BUMN061D7	MSc Dissertation	60	Core	
Part-time – 2 years					
Year 1					
L7	BUMN072H7	Sustainable Investment	15	Compulsory	T1
L7	BUMN186H7	Principles of Accounting	15	Compulsory	T1
L7	MOMN082H7	Strategic Management (Postgraduate)	15	Compulsory	T2
L7	BUMN073H7	Advanced Portfolio Management	15	Compulsory	T3
L7	BUMN044H7	Valuation Analysis and Risk Management	15	Compulsory	T3
Year 2					
L7	BUMN071H7	Quantitative Methods for Finance and Business	15	Compulsory	T1
L7	MOMN011H7	Research Methods in Management (Postgraduate)	15	Compulsory	T2
L7	BUMN074H7	Multinational Financial Management	15	Compulsory	T2
7	BUMN184Z7	PG Dissertation Preparation	0	Compulsory	
L7	BUMN061D7	MSc Dissertation	60	Core	

Core: *Module must be taken and passed by student*

Compulsory: *Module must be taken but can be considered for compensated credit (see CAS regulations paragraph 24)*

Option: *Student can choose to take this module*

How you will learn

A 3-hour lecture each week aims to introduce students to the particular topic as well as to encourage them to get the required knowledge of the specific finance/investment area.

Consistent with the higher education at postgraduate level, lectures introduce and highlight the material but are not aimed to cover all the aspects related to the topic. Students are expected to read and prepare for lectures and to discuss whatever is necessary in the class.

The second part of the lecture is a seminar designated to solve questions or discuss cases or empirical studies related to the area of interest. Students are asked to prepare for these materials so they can engage with lecturer.

How we will assess you

The course will use a variety of assessment methods. Assessment is used to enhance your learning rather than simply to test it. For most of the modules associated with this course, your assessment will be through the following types of assessment.

Short written exercises, essays which will develop in length and expected complexity as you progress through your studies, quizzes and multiple-choice questionnaires, practical assessments (of your work in a lab/studio), case studies, problems to solve.

Learning outcomes (what you can expect to achieve)

Knowledge and understanding:

Upon completion, student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a knowledge of management and finance specialisation.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the major aspects related to financial management, financial reporting, small business finance, financial modelling, and international finance.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the applied financial management tools used by firms and financial markets participants.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of sustainable investing principles, including the role of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors in investment decisions and corporate financial practices.

Intellectual, practical, and transferable skills:

Students will gain the following skills upon completing this programme:

1. The required the skills to critically analyse contemporary issues of management and finance.
2. The required skills to analyse financial data using the specialized financial modelling techniques will be developed.
3. The skills to apply environmental, social and governance (ESG) integration techniques and assess sustainable investment strategies using data-driven analysis and case-based evaluation

Careers and further study

You will find MSc Management and Finance graduates in the following kinds of roles:

Financial and management professionals in all businesses, including the financial industry.

Birkbeck's MSc Management and Finance graduates will complete with a set of valuable attributes, for example:

- The ability to work as part of a managerial team
- High-level oral and written communication skills in English
- Research skills in management and finance
- Skills in evaluating and assessing managerial and financial information
- The ability to present yourself and argue in terms of management and finance knowledge.

Birkbeck offers a range of careers support to its students. You can find out more on [the careers pages of our website](#).

Academic regulations and course management

Birkbeck's academic regulations are contained in its Common Award Scheme Regulations and Policies published by year of application on the Birkbeck website.

You will have access to a course handbook on Moodle and this will outline how your course is managed, including who to contact if you have any questions about your module or course.

Support for your study

Your learning at Birkbeck is supported by your teaching team and other resources and people in the College there to help you with your study. Birkbeck uses a virtual learning environment called Moodle and each course has a dedicated Moodle page and there are further Moodle sites for each of your modules. This will include your course handbook.

Birkbeck will introduce you to the Library and IT support, how to access materials online, including using Moodle, and provide you with an orientation which includes an online Moodle module to guide you through all of the support available. You will also be allocated a personal tutor and provided with information about learning support offered within your School and by the College.

Please check our website for more information about student support services. This covers the whole of your time as a student with us including learning support and support for your wellbeing.

Quality and standards at Birkbeck

Birkbeck's courses are subject to our quality assurance procedures. This means that new courses must follow our design principles and meet the requirements of our academic regulations. Each new course or module is subject to a course approval process where the proposal is scrutinised by subject specialists, quality professionals and external representatives to ensure that it will offer an excellent student experience and meet the expectation of regulatory and other professional bodies.

You will be invited to participate in an online survey for each module you take. We take these surveys seriously and they are considered by the course team to develop both modules and the overall courses. Please take the time to complete any surveys you are sent as a student.

We conduct an annual process of reviewing our portfolio of courses which analyses student achievement, equality data and includes an action plan for each department to identify ongoing enhancements to our education, including changes made as a result of student feedback.

Our periodic review process is a regular check (usually every four years) on the courses by department with a specialist team including students.

Each course will have an external examiner associated with it who produces an annual report and any recommendations. Students can read the most recent external examiner reports on the course Moodle pages. Our courses are all subject to Birkbeck Baseline Standards for our Moodle module information. This supports the accessibility of our education including expectations of what information is provided online for students.

The information in this programme specification has been approved by the College's Academic Board and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information it contains.

Programme specifications are reviewed periodically. If any changes are made to courses, including core and/or compulsory modules, the relevant department is required to provide a revised programme specification. Students will be notified of any changes via Moodle.

Further information about specifications and an archive of programme specifications for the College's courses is available online.

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