

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London				
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College				
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc Accounting and Finance				
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSACFIN_C				
5	UCAS code	N/A				
6	Home Department	Management				
7	Exit Award(s)	PG Cert (passing 60 credit hours) PG Diploma (passing 120 credit hours)				
8	Duration of Study (number of years)	1 year full time; 2 years part time				
9	Mode of Study	FT	x	PT	x	DL
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	7				
11	Other teaching depts or institution	N/A				
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details	Part of Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute University Affiliation Programme with limited number of CFA scholarships available.				
13	QAA Benchmark Group	N/A				

14	Programme Rationale & Aims
	This programme aims to equip students with the required knowledge and skills in accounting and finance. In addition, students will be able to improve their skills in using the required techniques to solve problems related to accounting and finance.

15	Entry Criteria
	<p>Usually a second-class honours degree in a subject related to finance, accounting or business studies. We also welcome students from any quantitative background.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>International entry requirements:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

16	Learning Outcomes
	<p>Provides a thorough understanding of the key areas of accounting and finance for non-accounting graduates.</p> <p>On completion, students will be able to understand, apply and critically assess a wide range of accounting and financial theories.</p> <p>Students will learn and apply the relevant techniques in each subject area.</p> <p>Strong emphasis will be placed on analysis and interpretation using case study and live company analysis.</p>

17	Learning, teaching and assessment methods
	<p>A 3-hour session 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The second part of the session is typically a seminar designed 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.</p> <p>For assessment short tests, written examinations, coursework, and group work: minimum pass mark of 50%.</p>

18	Programme Description
	Students take eight compulsory modules plus a 12,000-word dissertation on any area of accounting or finance.

19	Programme Structure			
Full-Time programme – 1 year				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	BUMN041H7	Applied Financial Management	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN040H7	Contemporary issues in Financial Reporting for Complex Entities	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN042H7	Management Accounting and Decision Making	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN074H7	Multinational Financial Management	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN039H7	Principles of Financial Reporting	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN072H7	Principles of Investment Management	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN071H7	Quantitative Methods for Finance	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN174H7	Research Methods in Accounting and Finance	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN061D7	MSc Dissertation	60	Core

Year of entry: 2022/23



Part-Time programme – 2 years				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	BUMN041H7	Applied Financial Management	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN040H7	Contemporary issues in Financial Reporting for Complex Entities	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN042H7	Management Accounting and Decision Making	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN039H7	Principles of Financial Reporting	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN072H7	Principles of Investment Management	15	Compulsory
Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	MOMN011H7	Research Methods in Management (Postgraduate)	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN074H7	Multinational Financial Management	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN071H7	Quantitative Methods for Finance	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN184Z7	PG Dissertation Preparation	0	Compulsory
7	BUMN061D7	MSc Dissertation	60	Core

Status*

CORE – Module must be taken and passed by student; COMPULSORY – Module must be taken, mark can be reviewed at sub-exam board; OPTIONAL – Student can choose to take this module

²⁰	Programme Director	Professor Emmanuel Mamatzakis
²¹	Start Date (<i>term/year</i>)	Autumn 2011/12
²²	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 2011
²³	Date approved by Academic Board	Summer 2011
²⁴	Date(s) updated/amended	August 2022 (for 2022/23)