Programme Handbook

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MSc Finance and Wealth Management

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Welcome

Welcome to the MSc Finance and Wealth Management course offered by the School of Business at Bloomsbury Institute, in partnership with Birkbeck, University of London.

This Programme Handbook provides key information about the course that you are following. For all other non-course specific information, please refer to your Student Handbook (the Appendix of this handbook provides the Index of your Student Handbook).

We wish you all the very best with your studies.

Dr Joan O'Mahony **Principal**	**Dr Mubashir Qurashi** **Course Leader**

Note: this Programme Handbook is available in electronic form from Canvas, your virtual learning environment.

1. Key Information

Course:	MSc Finance and Wealth Management	**Qualification(s)**	Postgraduate Diploma in Finance and Wealth Management
Duration:	One Year (full-time)	**Campus:**	Bloomsbury
Start Dates:	October 2025, February 2026, June 2026	**Awarding Body:**	Birkbeck, University of London

2. Overview

The MSc Finance and Wealth Management course is delivered by the Bloomsbury Institute School of Accounting and Finance and leads to awards conferred by Birkbeck, University of London. Students who complete the courses will graduate from Birkbeck, University of London, alongside students who studied on the University's campus.

Most classes take place at Birkbeck College (Bloomsbury campus), with occasional classes being held in our Bedford Square building. Students are provided with access to Bloomsbury Online Library and Birkbeck, University of London library resources.

Our MSc Finance and Wealth Management is a professionally focused postgraduate programme designed to equip graduates with the advanced knowledge, analytical capability and transferable skills required in today's global financial environment. With a strong applied and vocational emphasis, the programme combines rigorous and critical analysis of corporate finance, business strategy, wealth management, investment analysis and risk management. Students develop the expertise needed to undertake professional roles across a wide range of organisational contexts, from financial institutions and advisory firms to multinational corporations.

Teaching and learning are grounded in the dynamic intersection between financial theory and real-world practice. The curriculum emphasises the synthesis of quantitative and qualitative analysis in addressing complex financial issues, including the use of econometric modelling and data-driven decision-making to manage "big data". Delivered by academically qualified staff with industry experience, the programme prepares students to contribute meaningfully to broader business decision-making within an increasingly complex and data-intensive financial landscape.

The programme also embeds sustainability and global responsibility within its curriculum, recognising the critical role finance professionals play in responding to the climate crisis and advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Open to graduates from quantitative disciplines seeking to transition into finance, the MSc offers excellent career prospects in wealth management, banking, financial services, investment analysis and corporate finance. Graduates emerge as confident, analytically skilled professionals prepared for leadership in the international financial arena.
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3. Academic Regulations

The Bloomsbury Institute delivers your programme and leads to an award from Birkbeck, University of London. This means that the Academic Regulations which apply to you throughout your studies are those of Birkbeck, University of London.

These regulations set out the rules for assessment, progression, reassessment, and the classification of awards, and ensure that standards are applied fairly and consistently. While this handbook summarises key programme information, the formal regulations of the awarding partner take precedence in all cases. Students are responsible for familiarising themselves with the regulations that apply to their course and for complying with them throughout their studies.

The Regulations are available at:

https://www.bbk.ac.uk/documents/common-award-scheme-regulations-25-26.pdf

4. Programme Specification

A summary of the main features of the programme is contained in the 'Programme Specification MSc Finance and Wealth Management'.

The Programme Specification includes information on the following:

- Admissions Requirements
- The educational aims of the Programme
- Distinctive Features
- Course Structure
- The subject-specific knowledge and skills (i.e. the learning outcomes) that a student will demonstrate achievement of through formal assessment
- The transferable skills that a student will have developed (with an indication of those skills that a student will demonstrate achievement of through formal assessment)
- The teaching, learning and assessment methods and strategies
- Professional body requirements
- Academic Regulations and course management
- Support for students and their learning
- Career and progression opportunities
- Methods for evaluating and enhancing the quality and standards of teaching and learning
- Indicators of quality and standards

The Programme Specification is published within the Programme area of Canvas, your virtual learning environment.

4.1 Educational aims of the programme

The main aims of the programme are to:

1. Provide a high-quality education that is intellectually rigorous and up to date, as well as relevant to the needs of future finance and wealth management professionals in the financial sector or within the finance functional area in any other large non-financial corporations.

2. Provide a theoretical framework and practical skills that finance and wealth management professionals working in financial institutions, financial markets, and financial corporations need in order to cope with an increasingly complex and global financial environment.

3. Develop students' technical, quantitative, and analytical skills in the context of finance and wealth management, which when synthesised, meet the quantitative and qualitative requirements of the industry and postgraduate research criteria.

4. Provide an intellectually stimulating and satisfying experience of learning and teaching in finance that promotes in students a spirit of innovation and enterprise equipping them with lifelong learning skills.

5. Support students in their journey of becoming self-directed and critical learners, researchers and effective leaders who possess skills for independent research, enquiry, analysis, synthesis, critical evaluation, devising and sustaining arguments, decision-making in complex and unpredictable contexts, and problem-solving which are requirements in the financial sector.

6. Deepen students' graduate level understanding of theoretical and practical knowledge in finance and wealth management by providing conceptual and analytical paradigms, and by applying them to stimulated and real-life problem-solving.

7. Further develop critical problem-solving skills and general/transferable skills, to prepare students for employment and lifetime career opportunities within the areas of finance and wealth management.

8. Provide a valuable foundation for those considering continuing their academic studies in applied finance leading to a PhD.

4.2 Learning outcomes

At the end of the Programme, you will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding:

1. Demonstrate comprehensive and critical understanding of and ability to apply within global dimensions key aspects of accounting, finance and related areas in the design of financial strategy.

2. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the core theoretical contributions to accounting, finance and related areas and how these may be applied to enhance management and professional practice.

3. Identify and investigate connections between the legal, economic and social environments as they bear on the accounting, finance and related subjects' operations.

4. Demonstrate understanding and in-depth knowledge of the research process.

5. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the process which underpins corporate strategy and planning.

6. Demonstrate command of relevant investment analysis, corporate finance and risk management techniques and methodologies applicable to problem solving, evaluation and strategy formulation in global financial services.

7. Demonstrate understanding of the development of the regulatory framework of financial reporting and discuss the principles of good corporate governance for listed companies and the need for internal controls.

Subject:

8. Demonstrate skills of analysis and synthesis and apply them to issues and decisions associated with accounting, finance, and related areas.

9. Create a range of valid alternative responses to situations and problems and evaluate and discriminate between them in a critical way.

10. Identify and utilise appropriate research strategies, methods and sources of data and information in order to formulate, design, manage and execute a substantial research project, and present and communicate the research findings in an appropriate form.

11. Critically review and apply relevant current theories and practices in the context of the accounting, finance, and related subject area.

12. Engage and negotiate effectively in professional dialogue and communicate complex ideas clearly and succinctly.

5. Modules and Course Structure

The course is delivered over three academic terms. Modules in Terms 1 and 2 are compulsory and provide the core knowledge and skills underpinning the programme. Term 3 is dedicated to the Final Project, enabling students to apply their learning through independent research and in-depth analysis of a management-related issue.

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credit	Core/ Option	Likely teaching term(s) (1-Aut, 2-Spring 3-Summer)		
MSc Accounting and Finance					***Start point***		
Full-time – 1 year					**Oct**	**Feb**	**Jun**
7	BUS7B77	Strategic Wealth Management and Financial Planning	30	Core	1	2	1
7	BUS7B76	Investment Analysis and Financial Econometrics	30	Core	1	2	1
7	BUS7B75	Corporate Finance and Performance Management	30	Core	2	1	2
7	BUS7B74 BUS7B73	Option - either International Finance and Risk Management Or Monetary Policy and Financial Markets	30	Option	2	1	2
7	BUS7B78	Dissertation (or research project)	60	Core	3	3	3
Note there are three intakes, starting Oct, Feb and June.							

6. Module descriptions

6.1 Level 7

Strategic Wealth Management and Financial Planning

This module provides the tools to help you confidently manage your own wealth and others'. Whether you're interested in becoming a financial advisor or want to take control of your own finances, this module covers the theoretical and practical aspects of portfolio management, from formulating an investment policy statement to portfolio construction.

You will explore the ins and outs of portfolio management, from developing an investment policy statement to constructing a portfolio that meets your clients' needs. We'll examine the regulatory environment, uncover key financial regulatory regimes and the wealth management process, and teach you how to assess clients' needs and manage relationships.

Wealth management products and services, client risk profiles, tax management, and financial planning are also covered in this module. You'll gain a comprehensive understanding of expected utility, dividend policy, growth, and share valuation, building a strong foundation in portfolio theory and capital market assumptions.

Investment Analysis and Financial Econometrics

This module is designed to develop students' understanding of investment theory and practice. Covering the investment environment, portfolio and capital market theories, the module aims to enable students to understand and apply modern econometric techniques, emphasising financial econometrics and focusing on statistical models, financial econometrics and understanding data.

On successful completion of this module, students will demonstrate a good understanding of the investment environment; have a deep insight into the techniques used in investment analysis and valuation, and how they can be applied in real-world situations; and be able to interpret and make investment decisions based upon an informed and critical approach. Students will also be conversant with the empirical analysis of financial data, ARCH and GARCH models, and will be able to use statistical software for econometric analysis.

Corporate Finance and Performance Management

Leadership, management, project management, investment, financing, and dividend policy decisions are all skills which a finance manager requires. This module covers these areas and also helps to develop a deeper understanding of firms' financial management, long-term investment, and working capital management, which will help you to understand financial decision-making in enterprises.

This module covers different types of leadership and management styles and their impact on performance and relationships in organisations. You will also consider the concepts and phases of project management, project management techniques, and project management and leadership.

Finally, this module will guide you in applying corporate financial theory, project management techniques, and leadership and management styles to real-life scenarios encountered by entrepreneurs and decision-makers in the corporate world.

Upon the successful completion of this module, you will be able to explain capital budgeting techniques, sources of short- and long-term finance, and dividend policies that assist public companies in achieving shareholder wealth maximisation objectives. You will also understand the impact of leadership and management styles on firm performance and the project management techniques required to lead and manage projects successfully.

International Finance and Risk Management

Finance managers require skills in leadership and management, project management, investment, financing, and dividend policy to make informed decisions. This module provides students with the background knowledge needed to understand firms' financial management, long-term investment, and working capital management, thereby helping them understand financial decision-making in enterprises.

This module will enable students to appreciate types of leadership and management styles and their impact on the performance and relationships in organisations. They will also learn the concepts and phases of project management, project management techniques, and project management and leadership. Students will also be guided through applying corporate financial theory, project management techniques, and leadership and management styles to real-life scenarios encountered by entrepreneurs and decision-makers in the corporate world.

On the successful completion of this module, students should be able to demonstrate a good understanding of capital budgeting techniques, sources of short and long-term finance and dividend policy that assist public companies in achieving shareholder wealth maximisation objectives. They should also understand the impact of leadership and management styles on firm performance and the project management techniques to lead and manage projects successfully.

Monetary Policy and Financial Markets

You'll take a closer look at money, monetary policy, and financial markets in the globalised world in this module, offering insight into the techniques used to set monetary policy and how they can be applied in real-world situations. Sound knowledge of these essential areas is crucial for finance professionals who have to grapple with the effects of central bank monetary policy and occasional financial crises.
Successful completion of this module will enable you to confidently evaluate the impact of monetary policy on businesses, households and other economic agents. You will also develop a deeper analysis

of the money-creation process, general equilibrium theory, inflation, portfolio theory, monetary policy objectives and instruments, interest rates, central bank independence, and related topics. In addition, the content in this module should complement the other modules in the programme to ensure students have the necessary knowledge, understanding and application to work as competent practitioners in the financial industry.

Dissertation

Your MSc dissertation is an independent piece of research. You will be graded on your ability to identify a topic relevant to the programme, design and execute research and present it as a dissertation. The core integrative element of the MSc Finance and Wealth Management programme, your dissertation, is the final stage of the master's degree. It provides an opportunity to demonstrate that you have gained the necessary knowledge, understanding, conceptual awareness and skills required to organise and conduct academic research.

7. Module Leaders

The Module Leader for each module is as follows:

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Module Leader
7	BUS7B77	Strategic Wealth Management and Financial Planning	
7	BUS7B76	Investment Analysis and Financial Econometrics	
7	BUS7B75	Corporate Finance and Performance Management	
7	BUS7B74	International Finance and Risk Management	
7	BUS7B73	Monetary Policy and Financial Markets	
7	BUS7B78	Dissertation (or research project)	

8. Academic staff

Accounting and Finance staff are located on the 2nd Floor of 7 Bedford Square. Their contact details are:

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