

FINANCE

(MSc)

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Normally a 2.1 Honours degree or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in Finance, Mathematics, Economics, or other relevant quantitative subject. Science and Engineering disciplines will be considered where there is a significant mathematical component.

INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

For information on international qualification equivalents, please see: go.qub.ac.uk/YourCountry

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students wishing to apply to Queen's University Belfast (and for whom English is not their first language), must be able to demonstrate their proficiency in English in order to benefit fully from their course of study or research. Non-EEA nationals must also satisfy UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) immigration requirements for English language for visa purposes.

Evidence of an IELTS* score of 6.5, with not less than 5.5 in any component, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University is required.

*Taken within the last 2 years. For more information on English language requirements for EEA and non-EEA nationals see: go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs

If you need to improve your English language skills before your study, our partner INTO Queen's University Belfast offers a range of English language courses: www.intohigher.com/qub

FEES AND FUNDING

Northern Ireland (NI): £6,900
England, Scotland or Wales (GB): £6,900
Other (Non-UK/EU): £6,900
International: £19,900

For fees and funding information please see:

Fees: qub.ac.uk/TuitionFees

Funding: go.qub.ac.uk/qubpgfunding

DURATION

1 year full-time

TEACHING TIMES

Morning/Afternoon

OVERVIEW

Why is this subject for you?

- You have an interest in financial markets, institutions and financial decision-making.
- You want a career in the financial services sector or in academia.
- You want to be taught and supervised by leading academics.

You will explore how company managers and investors make financial decisions, how they manage their risk and how financial markets function. Your background may not necessarily be in finance, so this is a great opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge and practical understanding of financial markets and financial decision-making.

CONTENT

Semester 1 (CATS)

- **Asset Pricing (15)** *Assess the various theories on individuals' investment decision making, assess risk, critically evaluate asset pricing models and become familiar with the trading-room environment and the Bloomberg database.*
- **Corporate Finance (15)** *Analyse how corporations can increase shareholder value and evaluate evidence regarding whether corporate decision-making is consistent with academic theories.*
- **Market Microstructure (15)** *Understand the structure, dynamics and trading mechanisms of global financial markets, as well as appreciate the role of key institutions involved in these markets.*
- **Research Methods in Finance (15)** *Explore theoretical and practical experience of statistical and econometric techniques.*

Semester 2 (CATS)

- **Derivatives (15)** *Covers widely used derivative products stressing pricing and uses for financial engineering and risk management for example interest rate derivatives or volatility.*
- **International Finance (15)** *Understand how international financial conditions influence the investment decision process and assess theoretical and analytical tools which explain and forecast the exchange rate dynamics.*
- **Time-Series Financial Econometrics (15)** *Examine econometric methods and techniques used in the analysis of time series finance information and apply the empirical techniques using economic and financial data.*
- **Money and Banking (15)** *Understand monetary and banking institutions from why they exist to government interventions, analysing bubbles and financial crises.*



“The MSc Finance programme is academically demanding and intellectually challenging. It places strong emphasis on both theory and practical application. The lecturers are not only the best in their field but constantly inspiring. I gained in-depth knowledge on asset pricing, corporate finance, econometrics, and Bloomberg workstation. I also made some life-long friends and I highly recommend this programme to anyone considering a career in finance and investment.”

Tong Chen,
MSc Finance

Semester 3

- Dissertation (60 CAT points) or
- Applied Research Project (60 CAT points)

Modules are subject to change.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is by a variety of methods, including individual coursework, group work, presentations, simulations, case studies, class tests, examinations and dissertation or applied research project.

CAREERS

Successful students will have the necessary skills to launch careers in finance, including investment banking, commercial banking, investment management, or other financial intermediaries. For recent examples of where our alumni have secured employment, please see the School website.

WHY QUEEN'S?

Trading Room

Certain classes are held in the Trading Room. Students have access to Bloomberg software, a market leader in financial news, data and analytics, which is used by many financial institutions.

Software

Students will use and have access to software such as Stata, Excel, Matlab, RStudio, Oxyor and databases such as Thomson One Banker, DataStream, S&P Global Market Intelligence and Bloomberg.

Accreditation

The programme has been accepted into the CFA Institute University Recognition Program showing that the programme aligns with the Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK) – the core knowledge, skills, and abilities that are generally accepted and applied by investment professionals throughout the world.

Guest Speakers

Students have the opportunity to hear from industry professionals who regularly deliver guest lectures. Students have the opportunity to network afterwards.

Student Managed Fund (SMF)

Students are invited to join the Student Managed Fund where they will have a unique opportunity to manage a real money investment portfolio of £30,000. Queen's Management School is one of only a handful of universities in the UK and Ireland to offer this experience which is a game changer when it comes to graduate employability.

Queen's Management School is committed to the continuous improvement and enhancement of all of its degree programmes. New modules may be developed and included to replace or enhance those which are mentioned here.

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