

MSc in Banking & Finance

A Masters programme for future leaders



Financial institutions are multi-faceted and complex businesses and the challenge of leading such organisations effectively is significant. Senior executives are required to deliver the best outcomes for their stakeholders in a competitive environment against a background of increasing regulation, economic uncertainty and technological disruption.

Our MSc in Banking & Finance has been designed in collaboration with the industry. It focuses on providing the insight and understanding required by successful leaders in today's fast-moving financial services arena.

The programme enriches your appreciation of the structure and interdependencies of the global financial services sector and of the critical concepts of leadership, strategy and risk that are essential for any senior role. Our MSc in Banking & Finance enables you to focus your studies on specific markets or functions that are relevant to your banking and finance career ambitions via optional modules and a dissertation.

We deliver the programme entirely online and in distinct stages, giving you flexibility in terms of where and how you study whilst also providing a variety of opportunities for peer interaction and team-building within your student cohort. And because we have small class sizes you'll benefit from closer interaction with your peers and a high level of support from your lecturers.

If you are currently in a senior position or have ambitions to achieve one, our Masters can support you to develop the advanced skills and knowledge you need to succeed.

Facts at a glance

Next start date	September 2017
Closing date	August 2017
Mode of study	Online distance learning
Duration	3 years
Term length	15 weeks
Total study	200 hours per 20 credit module (excluding dissertation)

Benefits for your organisation

Supporting the professional development of staff through structured, relevant and challenging qualifications such as our Masters programme has a wide range of benefits for employers.

Investing in education:

- drives performance excellence and organisational growth
- enhances confidence in staff competence by reassuring customers, industry regulators and investors
- enables organisations to recruit and retain the best talent
- encourages employees to develop innovative solutions and ways of working
- develops a more strategic approach for the students with an eye on career progression
- provides a staff development programme geared specifically to the banking and financial services sector
- allows work-based learning projects for internal strategic challenges to be embedded in their studies



Programme structure

The MSc in Banking & Finance is delivered in three distinct stages, allowing you to complete the programme over a timeframe that fits with your other professional and personal commitments.

Should you wish to pause your studies at any point, successful completion of stages one and two provides you with a recognised postgraduate qualification, pending completion of the full Masters programme.

STAGE ONE: Postgraduate Certificate in Banking & Finance

Financial Markets, Institutions and Instruments

This introduces you to the competitive landscape facing today's ever-changing financial services sector and supporting you in developing a critical analysis of market structures and the industry's strategies on a global basis. It provides an all-important foundation to the remainder of the programme.

Bank Risk Management and Regulation

Reflecting on the interwoven relationship between risk and regulation which is so critical to the management and control of banking institutions; this module enables you to understand the work of regulators, contrasting regulatory and compliance structures, and the concept of risk, its management and mitigation.

Corporate Finance

The increasingly competitive world of financial markets requires industry leaders to have a critical understanding and knowledge of modern corporate finance at an advanced level, ensuring the efficient management of firms in order to achieve effective objectives, namely shareholder wealth maximisation.

STAGE TWO: Postgraduate Diploma in Banking & Finance

Economics

This provides you with the economic knowledge and analytical skills necessary to contribute to the strategic thinking and planning of a business unit, considering the microeconomics of a business in the context of its immediate industry and region, and the macroeconomics of the wider environment.

Leadership in Financial Services

Gain a detailed understanding of the issues and challenges faced by those leading and managing people within the financial services sector alongside the potential solutions needed to address them.

Option modules:

Commercial and Corporate Banking

Highly practical in orientation, this module will support you in developing your abilities to consider micro, small and medium-sized enterprise (MSME) customers, as well as corporate clients, 'in the round'. It looks at MSMEs' financial needs beyond lending products, together with financing and relationship management issues for the large business market from a global banking perspective.

Investment Management

This is a specialised finance module that provides the theories to support modern investment and risk management techniques, as well as their application in practice. Areas covered include pricing and trading of financial assets, using concepts of valuation and return, and fundamental and technical analysis.

STAGE THREE: MSc in Banking & Finance

Research Methods and Dissertation

The final module will equip you with the tools to plan and undertake a business research project, giving you the opportunity to put your learning into practice through designing and undertaking an extended and independent study of 10,000 words.

Lecturers

The Masters is supported by a programme team comprising a mix of highly experienced, senior industry practitioners and academics from the world of banking and finance.

Find out more about our faculty at libf.ac.uk/meettheteam

“It is a differentiating factor which puts me in front of other internal candidates when speaking with HR or managers [and] has accelerated my progress in the bank.”

Robert Hudson Tucker,
Account Manager Support,
Handelsbanken UK

“The course is a real encouragement and confidence builder; by helping me to build a stronger CV, this course has enabled me to get a higher level position.”

Laila Lotun,
Senior Credit Executive,
The Mauritius Commercial Bank Ltd



Your online learning experience

The Masters is delivered via online distance learning with a range of resources available to you including:

- Online and printed learning materials
- Comprehensive week-by-week study guides
- Video and audio downloads
- Online discussions, real-time webinars and 1-2-1 tutorials with your module lecturers
- Access to KnowledgeBank, our e-library

Support and guidance

The Head of Postgraduate Programmes will be your main point of contact offering advice, guidance and tailored support on all non-academic matters such as navigating your studies, dealing with changing circumstances and taking a break from the programme.

Career management

Whether you are a seasoned financial services professional or are relatively new to the sector, our Careers and Employability team can help you manage your career with developmental webinars and workshops, coaching you through all aspects of your career.

To find out more about how we can support you throughout your postgraduate studies, please contact us at careers@edu.libf.ac.uk

Fees and funding

The full Masters programme costs £8,950. You can choose to study the programme and, therefore, pay your fees either in stages or in full.

Student loans are available for up to £10,000 and we have a number of entry scholarships available, including a £1,500 scholarship for graduates of our degree programmes. And we can also help you to present a solid business case to support you in seeking sponsorship from your employer.

Visit libf.ac.uk/masters to find out more.

Entry requirements

- Normally a 2.1 Honours degree (or equivalent) from a recognised institution; OR
- The London Institute of Banking & Finance Chartered Associateship (through the 'qualification' route);

AND

- Demonstration of relevant professional experience. Applicants should either be currently working in, or have experience of working in, the financial services sector.

If English is not your first language, you need to demonstrate your competence through achieving an IELTS score of 7.0 or above with no element below 6.5 (or equivalent).

If you do not meet the entry criteria but feel that you have the relevant knowledge and experience to undertake a Masters, please get in touch to discuss your application further.

Find out more and apply

Visit libf.ac.uk/masters to find out more and to apply. If you wish to discuss whether this course is right for you, contact our Head of Postgraduate Programmes, Karen Taylor, on **+44 (0)20 7337 6290** or email masters@libf.ac.uk

“*The support provided was outstanding and remained pivotal to the successful outcome for a number of people.*”

Steve Wilson,
Director, Commercial Banking,
Future Williams & Glyn Team, RBS



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