



## **Programme Specification**

Banking and Finance {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs]

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## Section 1: Key Programme Details

### Part A: Programme Information

**Programme title:** Banking and Finance {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs]

**Highest award:** BA (Hons) Banking and Finance

**Interim award:** BA Banking and Finance

**Interim award:** DipHE Banking and Finance

**Interim award:** CertHE Banking and Finance

**Awarding institution:** UWE Bristol

**Affiliated institutions:** Not applicable

**Teaching institutions:** UWE Bristol

**Study abroad:** No

**Year abroad:** Yes

**Sandwich year:** Yes

**Credit recognition:** No

**Department responsible for the programme:** FBL Dept of Accounting Economics & Finance, Faculty of Business & Law

**Contributing departments:** Not applicable

**Professional, statutory or regulatory bodies:** Not applicable

**Apprenticeship:** Not applicable

**Mode of delivery:** Sandwich

**Entry requirements:** For the current entry requirements see the UWE public website

**For implementation from:** 01 September 2018

**Programme code:** N30G-SEP-SW-FR-N30C

## Section 2: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

### Part A: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

**Overview:** The BA (Honours) Banking and Finance is aimed at students who wish to work in finance. The programme is an ideal launch pad for a career in retail and corporate banking, insurance, wealth management, investment analysis, financial planning and analysis, accountancy, and advisory roles in national and international financial institutions.

**Educational Aims:** The programme is designed so students can acquire specialist knowledge, technical skills and intellectual attributes that are necessary and expected of a contemporary banking and finance professional. The programme offers an excellent opportunity to acquire in-depth subject-specific knowledge, and to develop analytical and critical thinking skills to solve a range of problems creatively. For those interested in pursuing further study in this area, the programme also helps to foster strong quantitative and qualitative research skills to support postgraduate study.

The philosophy of the programme is underpinned by a commitment to developing students as independent autonomous learners who are: informed about the intricacies of financial services provision and the interdependence between the financial system and the real economy; critical, technically competent, and analytically minded; confident but at the same time aware of the limitations of their analysis; problem-solvers, good communicators and team players; co-producers of knowledge and self-reliant researchers; and, most importantly, aware of the sophistication of globally interconnected national financial systems and the role ethics and regulation play in ensuring their stability and sustainability.

By their final year, students will be equipped by their first two years of study (which may be further enhanced by the opportunity to complete a work placement) to undertake both integrative and specialist subjects, and to complete an independent

research-based piece of work of their choosing within the field of Banking and Finance. Further, students will be able to apply their newly acquired knowledge to new and unfamiliar contexts and to conduct independent research in the area of banking and finance using alternative research methodologies.

### **Programme Learning Outcomes:**

#### **Knowledge and Understanding**

- A1. Economic concepts, theory and modelling
- A2. Financial Intermediation and the structure of the financial sector in a developed economy
- A3. The role of the financial sector in promoting growth and investment in a developed economy
- A4. Quantitative and qualitative research methods and computing techniques
- A5. Sources and context of banking and finance data and evidence
- A6. Application of theory to analyse topical events in banking and the economy
- A7. Ethics, sustainability, global citizenship and the management of change
- A8. Specialised areas of banking and finance
- A9. The relevance of the disciplines of law, economics, accounting, business and management to professional life.

#### **Intellectual Skills**

- B1. Gather and critically evaluate evidence and information from a range of sources
- B2. Identify and analyse banking and finance problems
- B3. Draw conclusions, develop judgements, create and evaluate alternative solutions and make decisions on their application
- B4. Apply these skills in a range of complex and unpredictable contexts

#### **Subject/Professional Practice Skills**

- C1. Carry out banking and finance related research within the disciplines of economics and accounting and finance
- C2. Provide written reports and analysis on a range of topics
- C3. Contribute effectively to group discussions, presentations and /or debates
- C4. Select and use subject specific tools and techniques

### **Transferable Skills and other attributes**

- D1. Work effectively alone
- D2. Work effectively in groups
- D3. Present, discuss and defend ideas concepts and views through formal and informal written and spoken languages
- D4. Extract, process and present numerical information for a given purpose
- D5. Manage own time and workload
- D6. Take responsibility for own learning
- D7. Reflect on own performance and respond positively to feedback

## **Part B: Programme Structure**

### **Year 1**

#### **Year 1 Compulsory Modules**

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credit</b>
UJUUL9-30-0	Becoming a Professional 2019-20	30
UMEDKL-30-0	Economics and Accounting for the Real World 2019-20	30
UJUUL7-30-0	Introduction to Law in a Social, Business and Global Context 2019-20	30
UMCDKK-30-0	Introduction to Organisation, Enterprise and Management 2019-20	30

**Year 2****Year 2 Compulsory Modules**

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credit</b>
UMED8H-30-1	Financial Institutions and Markets 2020-21	30
UMADRU-15-1	Introduction to Finance 2020-21	15
UMEDKN-15-1	Introductory Microeconomics 2020-21	15
UMED8G-30-1	Macroeconomics 2020-21	30
UMED8J-15-1	Statistics and Data Management 2020-21	15
UMAD4V-15-1	Understanding Business and Financial Information (Accounting, Economics and Finance) 2020-21	15

**Year 3****Year 3 Compulsory Modules**

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credit</b>
UMEDKP-15-2	Governance and Ethics in Banking 2021-22	15
UMED8M-15-2	Introductory Econometrics 2021-22	15
UMADKQ-15-2	Investment Banking 2021-22	15
UMAD5J-15-2	Management and Cost Accounting 2021-22	15
UMED8T-30-2	Principles and Practice of Banking 2021-22	30

**Year 3 Optional Modules**

Additional options, as appropriate and available, may be offered through the annual Online Module Choices process each year.

Students must take two options from the list below:

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credit</b>
UMAD5N-15-2	Credit Management: Theory and Practice 2021-22	15
UMED8N-15-2	Economic Research Methods 2021-22	15
UMED8Q-15-2	Economics of Money and Banking 2021-22	15
UMEDSY-15-2	Economics of Race, Inequality and Justice 2021-22	15
UMADQK-15-3	Financial Technology 2021-22	15
UMED8P-15-2	International Trade and Multinational Business 2021-22	15
UMAD5M-15-2	Market Analysis for Private Investors 2021- 22	15
UMEDP5-15-2	The Wellbeing of People and Society 2021- 22	15

**Year 4**

Students on the sandwich route (SW) must choose and pass one of the following options both of which aim to enable students to contextualise their academic learning in an applied business and/or cultural context:

**Work Placement:** a significant period of paid employment or self-employment normally in the field relevant to the specialism of the degree.

During this time students must complete the 15 credit Level 3 module, Placement Learning UMCDN5-15-3. This module assesses the student's personal development, from the experience of placement and their ability to identify issues relevant to their Placement's organisational context and to then frame, scale and position a critical work-based enquiry relevant to the specialism of the degree.

**Study Year Abroad,** which consists of two semesters of study at a partner institution abroad.

During this time students must complete the 15 credit Level 3 module, Learning and Development on Study Year Abroad (UMCD9Y-15-3). This module assesses the student's personal development from the experience of SYA and their ability to evidence cross-cultural awareness and analysis of the country in which they have been studying. In addition, whilst at the partner institution students must have studied and attempted assessments in modules totalling 60 ECTS, of which 50-55 ECTS should be in modules related to their programme of study at UWE with a further 5-10 ECTS in the language of the host country. If the advent of failing any modules students must be able to demonstrate engagement i.e. that they have attended classes and sat the exams.

To be eligible for either Placement or SYA students would normally be expected to have passed a minimum of 330 credits.

**Year 4 Compulsory Placement or Study Year Abroad Modules**

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credit</b>
UMCD9Y-15-3	Learning and Development on Study Year Abroad 2022-23	15
UMCDN5-15-3	Placement Learning 2022-23	15

**Year 5****Year 5 Compulsory Modules**



<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credit</b>
UMEDFT-30-3	Contemporary Issues in Banking and Finance 2023-24	30
UMED8Y-30-3	Project 2023-24	30

### **Year 5 Optional Modules**

Students who have completed a Placement or SYA (and passed the relevant modules) are required to select three options up to a maximum credit value of 45 credits.

Additional options, as appropriate and available, may be offered through the annual Online Module Choices process each year.

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credit</b>
UMED99-15-3	Behavioural Economics 2023-24	15
UMAD5W-15-3	Credit Risk Analysis and Management 2023-24	15
UMCDKD-15-3	Cross Cultural Learning and Development 2023-24	15
UMED96-15-3	Econometrics 2023-24	15
UMED8V-15-3	Economics of International Financial Markets 2023-24	15
UMEDJA-15-3	Feminist and Gender Economics 2023-24	15
UJUUKY-15-3	Financial Crime 2023-24	15
UMADQK-15-3	Financial Technology 2023-24	15
UMADHS-15-3	Further Tax Theory and Practice 2023-24	15
UMAD5T-15-3	International Financial Management 2023-24	15
UMAD5X-15-3	Investment Management 2023-24	15

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UMADKB-15-3	Islamic Banking and Finance 2023-24	15
UMAD5R-15-3	Personal Financial Planning 2023-24	15
UMCDKM-15-3	Work Integrated Learning 2023-24	15

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### **Part C: Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR) Synopsis**

The programme prepares students for successful careers in the finance industry. Cutting-edge teaching from our research-active experts and practical training modules using the industry standard financial trading room ensure that the students are up-to-date and well-connected with industry. Engagement with a real world applied context is key to success and underpinned with social responsibility and ethical standards which are embedded in core studies. Graduates are able to demonstrate excellent technical competence, apply their knowledge to new and unfamiliar contexts and conduct independent research in resolving challenging business and financial problems.

### **Part D: External Reference Points and Benchmarks**

QAA subject benchmark statements

Banking and Finance

The learning outcomes of the programme map against both the QAA subject benchmark statement for General Business and Management and the following University and Faculty strategies and policies:

University strategies and policies:

University's 2020 Strategy.

UWE Charter.

Faculty strategies and policies:

Blended Learning Framework.

Curriculum Principles.

Employability Strategy.

Faculty of Business and Law LTA Strategy.

Staff research projects:

Where ever possible staff are encouraged to utilize their research – and that of colleagues – to inform their teaching, both in terms of content and pedagogic approach.

Employer interaction and feedback:

Employers and alumni are regularly consulted to ensure the currency and relevance of the programme.

The course is underpinned by cutting edge research which is incorporated into the teaching. External speakers, including industry employers, are regularly involved in guest lectures and are consulted on programme development to maintain currency and relevance. Students provide mid-term and end of module feedback which is incorporated into module actions and development. Students also provide feedback via Student-Staff Forums and Programme Management Committees. The feedback of External Examiners is also taken into account and is key to ensuring a competitive and appropriate offering in the broader academic context. All modules within the programme are required to produce action focused annual reports to constantly review and enhance teaching and learning quality within the programme.

### **Part E: Regulations**

Approved to University Regulations and Procedures