



Programme Specification

Banking and Finance {Top-Up} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][1yr]

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Section 1: Key Programme Details

Part A: Programme Information

Programme title: Banking and Finance {Top-Up} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][1yr]

Highest award: BSc (Hons) Banking and Finance

Awarding institution: UWE Bristol

Affiliated institutions: Not applicable

Teaching institutions: UWE Bristol

Study abroad: No

Year abroad: No

Sandwich year: No

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: Full-time

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

For implementation from: 01 September 2022

Programme code: N30Q13-SEP-FT-FR-N30J

Section 2: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Part A: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Overview: The BSc (Honours) Banking and Finance is aimed at students who wish to work in finance. 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.

Educational Aims: In their final year, students will 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.

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.

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.

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 Module Choices

Students must take 30 credits within the Project Modules group.

The Project (UMED8Y-30-3) module is a barred combination with both the Business Project In Theory (UMCDVE-15-3) and the Business Project (UMCDVF-15-3) modules.

The Business Project in Theory (UMCDVE-15-3) module is a co-requisite to the Business Project (UMCDVF-15-3) module.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UMCDVF-15-3	Business Project 2022-23	15
UMCDVE-15-3	Business Project in Theory 2022-23	15
UMED8Y-30-3	Project 2022-23	30

Year 1 Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UMCDQ3-15-3	Academic and Professional Development 2022-23	15

UMEDVG-30-3	Top Up Contemporary Issues in Banking and Finance 2022-23	30
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Year 1 Optional Modules

Students choose three modules from the following:

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UMED8V-15-3	Economics of International Financial Markets 2022-23	15
UMADQK-15-3	Financial Technology 2022-23	15
UMSD7W-15-3	International Business in Emerging Markets 2022-23	15
UMAD5T-15-3	International Financial Management 2022-23	15
UMAD5X-15-3	Investment Management 2022-23	15
UMADKB-15-3	Islamic Banking and Finance 2022-23	15

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 UK Quality Code for HE

Framework for higher education qualifications (FHEQ)

Subject benchmark statements

Qualification characteristics for Foundation degrees and Master's degrees

AACSB Accreditation Standards

Strategy 2020

University policies

UWE Charter

Faculty strategies and policies:

Blended Learning Framework

Curriculum Principles

Employability Strategy

Faculty of Business and Law LTA Strategy

Staff research projects

Where 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 programme is in line with the QAA subject benchmark for Economics.

Part E: Regulations

Approved to University Regulations and Procedures.