



## **Programme Specification**

### **Finance and Investment [Sep][FT][BAV][1yr]**

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## Section 1: Key Programme Details

### Part A: Programme Information

**Programme title:** Finance and Investment [Sep][FT][BAV][1yr]

**Highest award:** MSc Finance and Investment

**Interim award:** PGCert Finance and Investment

**Interim award:** PGDip Finance and Investment

**Awarding institution:** UWE Bristol

**Teaching institutions:** UWE Bristol

**Study abroad:** No

**Year abroad:** No

**Sandwich year:** No

**Credit recognition:** No

**School responsible for the programme:** CBL Bristol Business School, College of Business and Law

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

**Modes of delivery:** Full-time

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

**For implementation from:** 01 September 2021

**Programme code:** N39C12

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

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

**Overview:** The programme aims to both build upon the existing educational background of students in finance and to extend upon and deepen their finance skills and knowledge whilst providing a conversion programme to those students with a quantitative or business but non-finance background. This is achieved through a highly integrated programme which focuses on the themes of global financial markets and corporate finance in an applied and structured manner, and which enables the study of more advanced topics through the choice of programme options.

**Features of the programme:** The programme is accredited and aligned with the syllabus of Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) for FRM exam and Chartered Financial Analysts Institute (CFA) which signifies that the programme prepares students well for professional qualifications in the finance industry.

**Educational Aims:** Finance is both a vocational discipline and a subject of academic study. The programme seeks to reflect this by:

Providing an intensive, academically demanding and applied programme that both critically evaluates and synthesises current academic concepts, theories and research to address key issues in finance

Engendering in students an objective appreciation of current practice in the fields of financial markets and corporate finance, and equipping them with specialist analytical skills and knowledge in finance to take advantage of opportunities and minimise threats within the complex real world environment

Enabling students to develop purposefully and refine their own comprehensive 'toolbox' of finance techniques and encouraging them to practice the application of such tools to real world financial data

Facilitating students in the development of the deeper subject specific knowledge and skills essential to differentiate and evaluate strategic financial options in an applied setting

Developing students' problem-solving and decision-making skills and judgement in the context of the key investment decisions in financial markets and the key strategic decisions in corporate finance

Setting in place an approach to life-long learning and the acquisition of skills which will enable them to apply a structured and reflective approach to both their personal development and their contribution to society.

### **Programme Learning Outcomes:**

On successful completion of this programme graduates will achieve the following learning outcomes.

### **Programme Learning Outcomes**

- PO1. Demonstrate critical knowledge of financial theories, financial models, and key tools of finance.
- PO2. Demonstrate applied understanding and application skills of modelling techniques, quantitative methods and risk management
- PO3. Ability to conduct research into finance issues either individually or as part of a team through research design, data collection, analysis, synthesis and reporting
- PO4. Develop informed arguments and propose evidence-based solutions, innovate where appropriate, in challenging contexts
- PO5. Ability to express complex ideas and solutions to problems effectively in a manner appropriate to the needs of diverse audiences
- PO6. Ability to work productively in diverse groups considering problems from different perspectives
- PO7. Demonstrate a critical understanding of the attributes and skills necessary for the financial profession and being equipped to plan and pursue their professional goals.
- PO8. Understand ethical, environmental, social and sustainable dimensions and choices in finance, the professional code of conduct within their discipline, and demonstrate sensitivity to the complexities of diverse organisational contexts.

**Assessment strategy:** A variety of assessment strategies will be used: summative and formative feedback will be provided.

In particular, there will be exams, case studies, multiple-choice questions, formative portfolios, written reports and assignments, presentations and groupworks.

The programme prepares students for the FRM and CFA qualifications.

In particular:

Research ethics training will be undertaken on the Quantitative Research Methods for Finance module and is also an identified learning outcome of the Finance Project.

All dissertation topics will be carefully scrutinised by the Faculty with regard to the university's ethics guidelines.

**Student support:**

## Part B: Programme Structure

### Year 1

Interim Awards:

PG Certificate Finance: 60 credits

PG Diploma Finance: 120 credits

Target Award:

MSc Finance 180 credits

### Year 1 Compulsory Modules

The student must take 165 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UMADUQ-15-M	Corporate Finance and Ethics 2024-25	15
UMACRJ-15-M	Equity, Bonds and Derivatives 2024-25	15
UMACTA-30-M	Finance and Economics Principles 2024-25	30
UMADXE-45-M	Finance and Investment Project 2024-25	45

UMACRK-15-M	Financial Risk Management 2024-25	15
UMACLK-15-M	Financial Statement Analysis 2024-25	15
UMACRN-15-M	Portfolio Management 2024-25	15
UMADXF-15-M	Quantitative Methods for Finance 2024-25	15

### Year 1 Optional Modules

The student must take a minimum of 15 credits from the modules in Optional Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UMACRM-15-M	Financial Institutions and Banking 2024-25	15
UMADEQ-15-M	Financial Investments in Practice 2024-25	15

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

The programme aims to prepare finance professionals with a practical, comprehensive and academically rigorous grounding in finance to cope with the demands of the changing world of finance. Aligning with the UWE Bristol 2030 Strategy, the programme aims to integrate theory and practice, developing students both academically and professionally. As well as learning about current practice in the fields of financial markets and corporate finance students will be equipped with specialist skills, knowledge and a toolbox of finance techniques they will be able to apply in their workplace when they graduate.

The programme is aligned with the highest standards in the investment industry and with the syllabus of GARP and CFA professional bodies.

### Part D: External Reference Points and Benchmarks

QAA UK Quality Code for HE

Framework for higher education qualifications (FHEQ)

Subject benchmark statements (Please note that there is currently no QAA subject benchmark for Finance at the postgraduate level, and therefore the programme is benchmarked to similar programmes which exist within other UK institutions)

Qualification characteristics for Foundation degrees and Master's degrees

Strategy 2020

University policies

Staff research projects

Any relevant PSRB requirements

Any occupational standards

The programme and the module contents are continuously evaluated to reflect current developments in finance, feedback from the Chartered Financial Analysts (CFA) Institute which the programme is affiliated to and feedback from Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP), feedback from employers and students.

## **Part E: Regulations**