



1. Programme title(s) and code(s)

MSc Accounting and Finance
Postgraduate Diploma Accounting and Finance *
Postgraduate Certificate Accounting and Finance *

*Approved as exit awards only

B) HECOS codes

HECOS CODE	%
100105	50%
100107	50%

2. Awarding body or institution:

University of Leicester

3. a) Mode of study

Full time or part time

b) Type of study

Blended

4. Registration periods:

Full time: The normal period of registration is 12 months, the maximum period of registration is 24 months.

Part time: The normal period of registration is 24 months, the maximum period of registration is 36 months.

5. Typical entry requirements:

Candidates should normally have at least one of the following:

- a good second-class (or above) Undergraduate honours degree from a recognised HEI
- a postgraduate diploma from a recognised HEI
- a relevant graduate level professional qualification.

Where English is not the applicant's first language, applicants must satisfy the University of Leicester, School of Business English language requirements which can be found here <https://le.ac.uk/study/research-degrees/entry-reqs/eng-lang-reqs/ielts-65>.

6. Accreditation of Prior Learning:

None

7. Programme aims:

The Accounting and Finance degree programme is a specialist career entry programme, which aims to:

- Provide students with a thorough grasp of the main theories, tools, methods and techniques of accounting and finance within an international context. This includes the development of an understanding of the advantages, limitations and typical applications of each major method or technique in practice.
- Analyse and evaluate problems and issues in accounting and finance, including contexts in which organizations operate
- Promote an appreciation of the role of information within a knowledge-based economy. This will include an identification of approaches to data generation, data manipulation, data assessment, analysis and dissemination.
- Expose students to the current debates in the accounting and financial professional and academic literatures.
- Enable course members to integrate and apply the knowledge, approaches and methods they have learned to a variety of accounting and financial decisions and their own management and work experiences.
- Enable students to develop a range of transferable and interpersonal skills, which will allow them to identify problems, evaluate and analyse situations and typical business scenarios, consider alternative solutions, make choices through critically appraising evidence and hence to implement solutions
- Equip students with the necessary skills to undertake independent research work in either accounting or finance, which is supporting through the completion of a dissertation

8. Reference points used to inform the programme specification:

- QAA Benchmarking Statement
- Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ)
- UK Quality Code for Higher Education
- University Learning Strategy
- University Assessment Strategy
- University of Leicester Periodic Developmental Review Report
- External Examiners' reports (annual)
- United Nations Education for Sustainable Development Goals
- Student Destinations Data
- QAA characteristics statement: master's degree
- CFA Investment Foundations programme

9. Programme Outcomes:

	Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
<i>(a) Discipline specific knowledge and competencies</i>			
Knowledge			
PGCert	Discuss key theories and models used across a range of finance and accounting subjects.	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. First semester modules: MN7022 MN7387 MN7391 EC7097
PGDip	In addition to the above, possess a deeper knowledge of the key theories and models, as well as demonstrating some evaluation of their usefulness in business decision-making scenarios.	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. In addition to the above: second semester modules MN7262 EC7061 EC7075 MN7037
MSc	In addition to the above, students should be able to critically evaluate key theories and models, including their usefulness in both practical (and organisational) settings and in a research context. Integrate and synthesise knowledge across subjects	In addition to the above: the dissertation and independent research	In addition to the above: dissertation and third term modules: MN7035 MN7244 EC7110
Concepts			
PGCert	Explain key principles and concepts of accounting and finance and their inter-relationship.	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. First semester modules: MN7022 MN7387 MN7391 EC7097

	Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
PGDip	Demonstrate an analysis of principles and core concepts, models and theories of finance and accounting	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. In addition to the above: second semester modules: MN7262 EC7061 EC7075 MN7037
MSc	In addition to the above, students should be able to critically analyse the development of finance and accounting theories, concepts and models and explain and critique the methodologies used in finance and accounting research.	In addition to the above: the dissertation and independent research	In addition to the above: dissertation and third term modules: MN7035 MN7244 EC7110
Techniques			
PGCert	Describe and apply core theories, models and concepts; evaluate the usefulness of theories and models in business scenarios.	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. First semester modules: MN7022 MN7387 MN7391 EC7097
PGDip	Describe and apply of core theories, models and concepts; evaluate the usefulness of theories and models in business scenarios.	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. In addition to the above: second semester modules: MN7262 EC7061 EC7075 MN7037
MSc	In addition to the above, students should be able to undertake qualitative, numerical and statistical evaluation as a means to develop an analysis of a finance or accounting problem.	In addition to the above: the dissertation and independent research	In addition to the above, the dissertation and third term modules: MN7035 MN7244 EC7110

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Critical analysis			
PGCert	Describe core financial and accounting concepts and techniques. Reflect critically on the disciplines of accounting and finance and upon the context bound nature of the generation and application of its concepts and techniques.	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. First semester modules: MN7022 MN7387 MN7391 EC7097
PGDip	Describe core financial and accounting concepts and techniques. Reflect critically on the disciplines of accounting and finance and upon the context bound nature of the generation and application of its concepts and techniques.	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. In addition to the above: second semester modules: MN7262 EC7061 EC7075 MN7037
MSc	Describe core financial and accounting concepts and techniques. Reflect critically on the disciplines of accounting and finance and upon the context bound nature of the generation and application of its concepts and techniques.	In addition to the above: the dissertation and independent research	In addition to the above, the dissertation and third term modules: MN7035 MN7244 EC7110
Presentation			
PGCert	Distinguish between relevant and non-relevant materials; Communicate results of independent research and problem solution in both oral and written form.	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. First semester modules: MN7022 MN7387 MN7391 EC7097
PGDip	Distinguish between relevant and non-relevant materials; Communicate results of independent research and problem solution in both oral and written form.	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. In addition to the above: second semester modules: MN7262 EC7061 EC7075 MN7037

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Appraisal of evidence			
PGCert	Ability to analyse and assess a variety of complex accounting and financial issues. Locate, organise and assess data from a range of different primary and literature sources Analyse a range of accounting and finance concepts and understand and criticise arguments.	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Essays assignments, examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. First semester modules: MN7022 MN7387 MN7391 MN7097
PGDip	Ability to analyse and assess a variety of complex accounting and financial issues. Locate, organise and assess data from a range of different primary and literature sources Analyse a range of accounting and finance concepts and understand and criticise arguments..	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Essays assignments, examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. . In addition to the above: second semester modules: MN7262 EC7061 EC7075 MN7037
MSc	In addition, demonstrate the ability to sustain an independent level of inquiry at an advanced level	In addition to the above: the dissertation and independent research	In addition to the above, the dissertation and third term modules: MN7035 MN7244 EC7110
(b) Transferable skills			
Research skills			
PGCert	Demonstrate intellectual independence, through identifying and evaluating relevant evidence for essay assignments, as well as developing time management skills; Demonstrate an ability to write structured and coherent written work	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Essays assignments, examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. First semester modules: MN7022 MN7387 MN7391 EC7097

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MSc	In addition to the above, students will plan an independent research project based on focused research questions.	In addition to the above: the dissertation and independent research	In addition to the above, the dissertation and third term modules: MN7035 MN7244 EC7110
Communication skills			
PGCert	Communicate effectively through both written and oral channels to a variety of audiences.	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. First semester modules: MN7022 MN7387 MN7391 EC7097
PGDip	Communicate effectively through both written and oral channels to a variety of audiences.	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. In addition to the above: second semester modules: MN7262 EC7061 EC7075 MN7037
MSc	In addition, students will produce a dissertation that is coherently structured and written	In addition to the above, the dissertation	In addition to the above: research proposal and dissertation and third term modules: MN7035 MN7244 EC7110

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Data presentation			
PGCert	Presentation of financial data and the results of analysis in both oral and written form.	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. First semester modules: MN7022 MN7387 MN7391 EC7097
PGDip	Presentation of financial data and the results of analysis in both oral and written form.	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. In addition to the above: second semester modules: MN7262 EC7061 EC7075 MN7037
MSc	Presentation of financial data and the results of analysis in both oral and written form.	In addition to the above, the dissertation	In addition to the above: research proposal and dissertation and third term modules: MN7035 MN7244 EC7110
Information technology			
PGCert	Construct and present quantitative data, including accounts, effectively using IT resources where appropriate. Use specialist packages for statistical analysis.	Lectures, seminars, problem classes, computer classes.	Projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. First semester modules: MN7022 MN7387 MN7391 EC7097
PGDip	Construct and present quantitative data, including accounts, effectively using IT resources where appropriate. Use specialist packages for statistical analysis.	Lectures, seminars, problem classes, computer classes.	Projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. In addition to the above: second semester modules: MN7262 EC7061 EC7075

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MSc	In addition use data analysis software and statistical databases that are relevant to the dissertation	In addition to the above, the dissertation	In addition to the above: research proposal and dissertation and third term modules: MN7244 EC7110
Problem solving			
PGCert	Demonstrate problem formulation and solution.	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. First semester modules: MN7022 MN7387 MN7391 EC7097
PGDip	Demonstrate problem formulation and solution.	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. In addition to the above: second semester modules: MN7262 EC7061 EC7075 MN7037 Third term modules: MN7035 MN7244
MSc	Demonstrate problem formulation and solution.	In addition to the above: the dissertation (and supervision process) and independent research	In addition to the above: research proposal and dissertation: EC7110
Working relationships			
PGCert	Demonstrate ability to work with others and contribute to group discussions.	Independent and group coursework.	Group projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. First semester modules: MN7022 MN7387 MN7391 EC7097

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PGCert	Demonstrate ability to work with others and contribute to group discussions.	Independent and group coursework.	Group projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. In addition to the above: second semester modules: MN7262 EC7061 EC7075 MN7037
MSc	Demonstrate ability to work with others and contribute to group discussions.	Independent and group coursework.	Group projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. In addition to the above: third term modules: MN7035 MN7244
Managing learning			
PGCert	Plan and construct responses to exercises and essay assignments. Self-directed study to ensure completion of essay assignment tasks and to manage the programme workload	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. First semester modules: MN7022 MN7387 MN7391 EC7097
PGDip	Plan and construct responses to exercises and essay assignments. Self-directed study to ensure completion of essay assignment tasks and to manage the programme workload	Lectures, seminar-facilitated group discussion, directed reading, self-directed private study and seminar exercises	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. In addition to the above: second semester modules: MN7262 EC7061 EC7075 MN7037 Third term modules: MN7035 MN7244
MSc	In addition: identify and complete an independent research project – this also includes the necessary time management to conduct independent research	In addition to the above: the dissertation (and supervision process) and independent research	Successful completion of the dissertation: EC7110

	Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
Career management			
PGCert	Assess potential career pathways and employers.	Teaching methods provide the relevant knowledge and context to encourage self-reflection on personal development. Personal Tutor system, and self-reflection on essay assignment feedback	Essay assignment feedback and personal development planning First semester modules: MN7022 MN7387 MN7391 EC7097
PGDip	Assess potential career pathways and employers.	Teaching methods provide the relevant knowledge and context to encourage self-reflection on personal development. Personal Tutor system, and self-reflection on essay assignment feedback	Essay assignment feedback and personal development planning In addition to the above: second semester modules: MN7262 EC7061 EC7075 MN7037 Third term modules: MN7035 MN7244
MSc	Assess potential career pathways and employers.	In addition: The dissertation supervision process	Dissertation: EC7110

10. Special features:

This programme is delivered through a blended learning mode of delivery which can be accessed either on campus or online. All taught content and autonomous independent learning activities can be accessed through on-line learning platforms, whilst seminar discussions and dialogic activity will be delivered either on-line through interactive synchronous learning opportunities or in person on campus. Students are able to switch between on-campus learning or on-line learning on a semester-by-semester basis.

The first term has two zero credit bearing modules which will be taught in the first part of the first term. The first of these modules, "Foundations of Mathematics for Finance", will introduce students to the fundamental notions and results of mathematics and statistics that are needed during the programme. The second of these modules is "Professional Skills in Finance". Central to this module is the CFA Investment Foundations program and the corresponding certificate, whose content will be studied in this module. The students will gain an overall appreciation of the finance industry and the language to discuss and understand it along with the possibility to take the professional qualification enhancing their employment prospects. After completing these aspects students will be equipped to tackle the credit bearing modules.

11. Indicators of programme quality:

Academic quality will be maintained by adhering to the School of Business' practice and University of Leicester's regulations. Programmes are carefully planned and reviewed internally on a yearly basis through the ADR mechanism. External examiners of programme content and marking will provide external validation and comparison to programmes offered by competitors. Coordination and alignment between the programme teaching team and professional services ensures a consistent and high-quality academic experience for the students.

In addition:

- Accreditation for CFA Investment Foundations programme.

12. Scheme of Assessment

As defined in Senate Regulation 6: Regulations governing Taught Postgraduate Programmes of Study (see [Senate Regulations](#))

13. Progression points

As defined in Senate Regulation 6: Regulations governing Taught Postgraduate Programmes of Study (see [Senate Regulations](#))

In cases where a student has failed to meet a requirement to progress he or she will be required to withdraw from the course and a recommendation will be made to the Board of Examiners for an intermediate award where appropriate.

14. Rules relating to re-sits or re-submissions:

As defined in Senate Regulation 6: Regulations governing Taught Postgraduate Programmes of Study (see [Senate Regulations](#))

15. External Examiners reports

The details of the External Examiner(s) for this programme and the most recent External Examiners' reports can be found [here](#).

16. Additional information [e.g. timetable for admissions]

N/A

Appendix 1: Programme structure (programme regulations)

Semester 1

EC7121 Professional Skills in Finance (0 credits)

EC7122 Foundations of Mathematics for Finance (0 credits)

MN7022 Financial Analysis and Investment (15 credits)

MN7387 Financial Modelling (15 credits)

MN7391 Financial Statements: Theory, Practice and Critique (15 credits)

EC7097 Financial Risk Management (15 credits)

Semester 2

MN7262 Accountability, Representation and Control (15 credits)

EC7075 International Money and Finance (15 credits)

MN7037 Social and Environmental Accounting (15 credits)

EC7061 Corporate Finance (15 credits)

Term 3:

MN7035 Management Accounting (15 credits)

MN7244 Accounting Analysis and Valuation: Private and Public Sectors (15 credits)

EC7110 Dissertation (30 credits)

Appendix 2: Module Specifications

See module specification database <http://www.le.ac.uk/sas/courses/documentation>