



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

MSc Business Analysis and Finance
Postgraduate Diploma Business Analysis and Finance*
Postgraduate Certificate Business Analysis and Finance*
*Approved as exit awards only

HECoS codes

HECoS code	%
100743	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-regs/eng-lang-regs/ielts-65>.

6. Accreditation of Prior Learning:

None

7. Programme aims:

This degree uses the analytical approach of Economics to develop the methods used in modern banking and finance and an assessment of their impact on business firms. The course offers a

comprehensive training in the principles of banking and finance to provide a foundation for a wide range of professional activities.

8. Reference points used to inform the programme specification:

- QAA Benchmarking Statement for Economics and Business and Management
- [University of Leicester Learning Strategy](#)
- QAA Benchmarking Statement for Economics and Business and Management
- • Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ)
- • UK Quality Code for Higher Education
- • 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 degrees
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 - CFA Investment Foundations Programme specification

9. Programme Outcomes:

	Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
(a) Discipline specific knowledge and competencies			
Knowledge			
MSc	Discuss and critique major areas of Financial and Business Analysis. Ability to explain how these concepts relate to real world problems.	Lectures, seminars, problem classes, computer classes and coursework feedback.	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework, dissertation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN7022, MN7024, MN7241, EC7097, EC7071, EC7075, EC7061, EC7090, MN7035, EC7110
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Concepts			
MSc	Explain and discuss key concepts of Finance and Business Analysis.	Lectures, seminars, problem classes, computer classes and coursework feedback.	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework, dissertation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN7022, EC7097, EC7061, EC7071, EC7090, EC7075, MN7035, EC7110
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Techniques			
MSc	Describe and apply the techniques central to modern financial economics. Explain how and when the key techniques may be applied.	Lectures, seminars, problem classes, computer classes and coursework feedback.	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework, dissertation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN7022, MN7024, EC7097, EC7071, EC7090, EC7105, EC7110
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Critical analysis			
MSc	Critically evaluate financial and business analysis theories and arguments and apply them to current situations.	Lectures, seminars, problem classes, computer classes and presentations.	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework, dissertation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN7022, MN7024, EC7097, EC7071, EC7075, EC7061, EC7090, MN7035, EC7110
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Presentation			
MSc	Produce clear and concise analysis and results for financial economic problems. Communicate results of independent research and problem solution in both oral and written form.	Lectures, seminars, problem classes, computer classes and coursework feedback.	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework, dissertation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN7022, MN7024, EC7097, EC7071, EC7075, EC7090, MN7035, EC7105, EC7110
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Appraisal of evidence			
MSc	Analyse and draw appropriate conclusions from financial data. Assess problems and apply appropriate techniques associated with financial and economic analysis. Critically appraise relevant economic and financial research.	Lectures, seminars, problem classes, computer classes and coursework feedback.	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework, dissertation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN7022, MN7024, MN7241, EC7097, EC7071, EC7075, EC7090, MN7035, EC7105, EC7110

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(b) Transferable skills			
Research skills			
MSc	Ability to formulate problems, collect and analyse data, estimate relationships and test hypothesis.	Lectures, seminars, problem classes, computer classes.	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework, dissertation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN7022, MN7024, MN7241, EC7097, EC7071, EC7075, EC7090, EC7105, EC7110
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Communication skills			
MSc	Communicate effectively through both written and oral channels to a variety of audiences.	Lectures, seminars, problem classes, computer classes.	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework, dissertation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN7022, EC7097, EC7061, EC7071, EC7090, EC7075, MN7035, EC7110
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Data presentation			
MSc	Presentation of financial data and the results of analysis in both oral and written form.	Lectures, seminars, problem classes, computer classes, presentations.	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework, dissertation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN7022, MN7024, MN7241, EC7097, EC7071, EC7075, EC7090, MN7035, EC7105, EC7110
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Information technology			
MSc	Use word processing in the preparation of written work. Use the internet to access appropriate information. Use spreadsheets for data presentation and analysis. Use specialist packages for statistical analysis.	Lectures, seminars, problem classes, computer classes.	Projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework, dissertation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN7022, MN7024, MN7241, EC7097, EC7061, EC7071, MN7035, EC7105, EC7110
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Problem solving			
MSc	Demonstrate problem formulation and solution.	Lectures, seminars, problem classes, computer classes, independent and group work.	Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework, dissertation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN7022, MN7024, MN7241, EC7097, EC7061, EC7071, EC7075, EC7090, MN7035, EC7105, EC7110
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Working relationships			
MSc	Demonstrate ability to work with others and contribute to group discussions.	Independent and group coursework.	Group projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN7241, MN7022, EC7097, EC7061, EC7090, EC7105, MN7035, EC7110
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Managing learning			
MSc	Identify a credible research project and plan and carry this out under light supervision. Ability to carry out coursework on time.	Lectures, seminars, problem classes, computer classes, independent and group work.	Projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework, dissertation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN7022, MN7024, EC7097, EC7075, EC7071, MN7035, EC7105, EC7110
PGDip	Ability to carry out coursework on time.	Lectures, seminars, problem classes, computer classes, independent and group work.	Projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN7022, MN7024, EC7097, EC7075, EC7071

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Career management			
MSc	Assess potential career pathways and employers.	Lectures, seminars, and presentations by appropriate individuals.	Projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework, dissertation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN7022, MN7241, EC7097, EC7071, EC7075, EC7105, EC7110
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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 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)
MN7024 Financial Modelling (15 credits)
MN7241 Financial Statement Analysis (15 credits)
EC7097 Financial Risk Management (15 credits)

Semester 2

EC7071 Economics of Organisations (15 credits)
EC7061 Corporate Finance (15 credits)
EC7075 International Money and Finance (15 credits)
EC7090 The Macroeconomic Environment (15 credits)

Term 3:

MN7035 Management Accounting (15 credits)
EC7105 Business and Financial Forecasting (15 credits)

EC7110 Dissertation (30 credits)

Appendix 2: Module Specifications

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