



## Programme Specification (Undergraduate)

FOR ENTRY YEAR: 2026/27

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

BSc Finance

BSc Finance with a Year Abroad ^

BSc Finance with a Year in Industry ^

HE Diploma in Finance\*

HE Certificate in Finance\*

Notes

\* An award marked with an asterisk is only available as an exit award and is not available for students to register onto.

^ Students may only enter this programme by approved transfer at the end of Year 1

#### a) HECOS Code

| HECOS Code | %   |
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| 100104     | 20% |
| 100107     | 80% |

#### b) UCAS Code (where required)

N300

### 2. Awarding body or institution:

University of Leicester

### 3. a) Mode of study

Full-time

#### b) Type of study

Campus-based

### 4. Registration periods:

#### BSc Finance

The normal period of registration is 3 years

The maximum period of registration 5 years

#### BSc Finance with a Year Abroad

The normal period of registration is 4 years

The maximum period of registration 6 years

#### BSc Finance with a Year in Industry

The normal period of registration is 4 years

The maximum period of registration 6 years

## 5. Typical entry requirements

Overview:

Three A levels normally considered as a minimum.

Two AS levels or vocational AS levels will be considered in place of an A level.

General Studies and Critical Thinking not accepted.

Detail:

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| A/AS Levels:                 | ABB at A Level (320 points) or equivalent<br>Including:<br>GCSE Maths at grade B or grade 5, and<br>GCSE English Language at grade C or grade 4 |
| BTEC Nationals               | Full Diploma with DDD                                                                                                                           |
| European Baccalaureate:      | Pass Diploma with 77% overall.                                                                                                                  |
| International Baccalaureate: | Pass Diploma with 32 points                                                                                                                     |

For the aims, learning outcomes and application criteria for the GCSA Year Abroad please see <https://le.ac.uk/study/undergraduates/courses/abroad>

## 6. Accreditation of Prior Learning

APL will not be accepted for exemptions from individual modules.

Applicants who have successfully completed a first year on an equivalent programme at another institution may be considered for direct entry to year 2.

## 7. Programme aims

The BSc Finance aims to give students a solid academic foundation in finance, together with the core technical knowledge, application and analysis skills required in practice, and a sound understanding in key fundamental concepts required in the finance profession from other related relevant fields.

Competence in these skills is especially important for students to learn how to be resilient and adaptive to technical and organisational change. The degree is employability focused and will significantly increase students' employability skills.

The programme is structured in such a way that students acquire a solid foundation in both accounting and finance in their first year, but specialise in more advanced finance topics in their second and final year of study.

In summary, the programme aims to:

- Demonstrate a detailed knowledge and critical understanding of the principal ideas, concepts, models, principles and practices underpinning Finance
- Apply technical skills and contemporary theories in Finance to a wide range of operational environments and research problems.
- Collate, analyse, select and communicate data utilising media, formats and language appropriate for a variety of audiences.
- Demonstrate the skills required to be a confident learner, with the ability to work both independently and collaboratively
- Apply knowledge of ethics, responsibility and sustainability to corporate, regional, local, national and global finance
- Understand how to seek out solutions to unfamiliar problems.
- Critically evaluate arguments and evidence considering context and having an awareness of alternative viewpoints.

For the aims, learning outcomes and application criteria for the GCSA Year Abroad please see link in section 5.

For the Year in Industry variant only, this additional programme aims to:

- provide an opportunity to obtain relevant work experience;
- develop a better appreciation of both the application and the context of their academic studies;
- provide students with career insights by enabling them to undertake a formal role within a professional organisation whilst contributing to its performance at the same time.

## 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 Education Strategy](#)
- [University Assessment Strategy](#) [Login required]
- University of Leicester Periodic Developmental Review Report
- External Examiners' reports (annual)
- United Nations Education for Sustainable Development Goals
- Student Destinations Data
- Professional accountancy body requirements for exemptions
- CFA requirements for affiliation of programmes

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### 9. Programme Outcomes

Unless otherwise stated, programme outcomes apply to all awards specified in 1. Programme title(s). **To ensure students meet the programme specific learning outcomes, the following competencies are mapped to the programme learning outcomes as described in 7.**

#### a) Discipline specific knowledge and competencies

##### i) Competence in an appropriate body of knowledge

| Intended learning Outcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Teaching methods                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Learning Activities                                                                                                                                                 | Assessment Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <p><b>Students should be able to:</b><br/>Advise on key aspects of Finance Management, Law, Economics (macro and micro)<br/>Study skills and business analytics skills by the end of their first year studies.</p> <p>Core modules:<br/>AF1019, AF1025, AF1022, AF1017, AF1016, and EC1023</p> | <p>Primary means of delivery:<br/>Lectures, seminars, computer workshops, guided independent learning, formative feedback and blackboard support.</p> <p>Seminars vary in format and style:<br/>e.g. problem solving or discussion of case studies.<br/>Computer workshops provide hands-on experience solving problems using software packages and/or programming languages.</p> | <p>Self-directed private study, seminar exercises, and independent research.</p> <p>Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework</p> | <p>Demonstrated by passing examinations, coursework assignments, oral presentations, group work, and a research project.</p> <p>Coursework varies in format:<br/>essay assignments, case studies, practical application of subject content, and/or exercises (where appropriate).</p> |
| <p>Identify key accounting and finance pillars in: Financial accounting (FA), Management accounting (MA), Finance (FIN)</p> <p>Core modules:<br/>FA: AF1016, AF2115/AF2116and AF3015<br/>MA: AF1018<br/>FIN: AF2134, AF2007, AF2137,</p>                                                       | <p>Guided independent learning provides reading lists and detailed guidance to learning resources.<br/>The first year provides a solid grounding in the key pillars of any business management degree.</p>                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Students are exposed to a variety of assessment techniques to demonstrate their technical knowledge as well as a critical understanding of the subject.</p>                                                                                                                        |

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| <p>AF2140 AF3139, AF3008.</p> <p>Explain and use principles in:<br/>Financial Trading, Advanced Investment Management, Risk management</p> <p>Optional modules:<br/>AF3012, AF3138, EC3067, AF3151, AF3096</p> | <p>The first year provides a solid grounding in the key pillars of any business management degree.</p> <p>The second and final year provide modules specialising in the field of finance, building on previously acquired knowledge, and developing increasingly advanced knowledge on key areas.</p> |  | <p>However, a significant component of the accredited modules is represented by examinations, in compliance with the requirements of professional accounting bodies.</p> |
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ii) Understanding and application of key concepts and techniques

| Intended learning Outcome                                                                                                           | Teaching methods                                                                                                        | Learning Activities                                                                                                                                                   | Assessment Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <p><b>Students should be able to:</b><br/>Use appropriately the key principles underlying finance and apply them appropriately.</p> | <p>Lectures, seminars, computer workshops, guided independent learning, formative assessments across the programme.</p> | <p>Self-directed private study, seminar exercises, and independent research.<br/><br/>Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework</p> | <p>Through examinations, role play/case study questions in coursework and assignments, but also in oral presentations, article reports and seminar discussions.</p> <p>Students are exposed to a variety of assessment techniques to demonstrate their critical understanding of the subject.</p> |
| <p>Apply basic accounting principles, economics, finance related subjects, mathematical and statistical techniques.</p>             |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Interpret the impact of technological change in the finance profession and use appropriate technologies</p>                      |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Apply variety of different finance practices in a variety of different sectors.</p>                                              |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| Apply theory and concepts in a real world work-place setting. | Year in Industry only | Reflective log/skills audit, formative feedback from employer, final report and presentation. |
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iii) Critical analysis of key issues

| Intended learning Outcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Teaching methods                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Learning Activities                                                                                                                                                 | Assessment Type                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <p><b>Students should be able to:</b></p> <p>Critically analyse and assess contemporary issues in finance (theory and practice):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- financial statements</li> <li>- corporate governance</li> <li>- financial markets</li> <li>- technological changes</li> <li>- theoretical aspects of finance</li> </ul> | <p>Principally seminars and formative assessments, but also lectures and in, guided independent learning,</p> <p>Core and option modules across the programme, and throughout all years, develop critical analytical skills as part of on-going professional development.</p> <p>In particular the following modules: AF2136, AF3007 and AF3020</p> | <p>Self-directed private study, seminar exercises, and independent research.</p> <p>Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework</p> | <p>Engagement with debates within seminars and lectures.</p> <p>In summative assessments: Examinations and coursework (reflective essay assignments and case studies).</p> |

iv) Clear and concise presentation of material

| Intended learning Outcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Teaching methods                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Learning Activities                                                                                                                                                 | Assessment Type                                                                                                                               |
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| <p><b>Students should be able to:</b></p> <p>Explain issues and arguments related to finance using a variety of written and oral formats.</p> <p>Produce clear and concise reports with an analysis of arguments, issues and results.</p> <p>Organise and structure material to the standards required by professional</p> | <p>Modelled in lectures, seminars, formative and summative feedback, and directed reading throughout the course.</p> <p>The intensity of problem solving and practical application of content increases over the degree programme</p> | <p>Self-directed private study, seminar exercises, and independent research.</p> <p>Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework</p> | <p>Assessed through a range of written reports and student presentations, coursework, group work, and in the final year research project.</p> |

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| bodies and academia                                                                                                                | to ensure these skills are continuously developed, retained and operationalised. |  |  |
| Combine clarity and brevity with a comprehensive response to the questions asked and succinct, appropriate reflection if required. |                                                                                  |  |  |
| Distinguish between relevant and non-relevant material                                                                             |                                                                                  |  |  |

v) Critical appraisal of evidence with appropriate insight

| Intended learning Outcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Teaching methods                                                                                                                    | Learning Activities                                                                                                                                                         | Assessment Type                                                                            |
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| <p><b>Students should be able to:</b><br/>           Critically appraise relevant finance research, finance texts and other sources of materials (both theoretical and empirical) Evaluate results from quantitative accounting analysis.</p> | <p>Modelled in lectures and seminars; developed in formative and summative feedback, and directed reading throughout the course</p> | <p>Self-directed private study, seminar exercises, and independent research.<br/>           Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework</p> | <p>Examinations, essays, exercises, presentations and the final year research project.</p> |

vi) Other discipline specific competencies

| Intended learning Outcome                                                                                                      | Teaching methods                                                                                                                                                   | Learning Activities | Assessment Type                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Use SAGE Business Clouds computerised accounting software                                | Taught through the certified SAGE course built into AF2005                                                                                                         |                     | SAGE certification                                                                                                                          |
| Apply the knowledge gained from the programme to sit the CFA Investment Foundations Certificate and level 1 of the CFA Charter | Taught through multiple modules covering the content of CFA Investment Foundations curriculum and CFA Level 1                                                      |                     | Year 2 completion demonstrates competency for CFA Investment Foundations and Year 3 demonstrates competency for level 1 of the CFA Charter. |
| Use the Bloomberg database                                                                                                     | Completion of Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC) is an assessment component in AF3012                                                                                 |                     | BMC certificate                                                                                                                             |
| Apply for exemptions from the professional accountancy body examinations                                                       | Lectures and seminars geared to content and assessment requirements of professional accountancy bodies in specifically designed, accredited and monitored modules. |                     | Achievement of exemptions post-graduation, when employed.                                                                                   |

**b) Cognitive and Practical Skills**

i) Oral communication

| Intended learning Outcome                                                                                | Teaching methods                                                                                                                                     | Learning Activities                                                         | Assessment Type                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Explain clearly the content and visuals in an oral presentation.   | Seminars, group-solving exercises, case studies, guided reading across all years of study                                                            | Self-directed private study, seminar exercises, and independent research.   | Formative assessment by contribution to seminars and group work, oral presentations.                                                   |
| Present concepts, arguments and analysis of key issues in finance, and respond effectively to questions. | Covered, for example, in AF2005 (Professional skills development) which includes the Leicester Award and Leicester Gold Award provision, and AF3020. | Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework | Summative assessment in EC2005                                                                                                         |
| Participate effectively in group discussions with other students and tutors.                             |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                             |                                                                                                                                        |
| Apply oral communication skills within the work environment (Year in Industry only).                     | Within work based placement                                                                                                                          |                                                                             | Discussions with and presentations to managers and colleagues in the workplace – employer feedback. Final presentation for University. |

ii) Written communication

| Intended learning Outcome                                                                                                                   | Teaching methods                                                                                                                                                                 | Learning Activities                                                                                                                                          | Assessment Type                                                                                               |
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| <b>Students should be able to:</b><br>Write in a manner appropriate for the audience concerned, with suitable use of language and evidence. | AF1016 Study skills and Quantitative methods<br><br>Modelled in lectures, seminars, through reading independent research, and developed through formative and summative feedback | Self-directed private study, seminar exercises, and independent research.<br><br>Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework | Written responses in examinations, essays (especially role play/case study assignments) and research project. |
| Choose and apply appropriate writing skills within the work environment                                                                     | Within work based placement                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                              | Reflective log, final report, employer feedback                                                               |

and in report writing (Year in Industry only).

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iii) Information technology

| Intended learning Outcome                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Teaching methods                                                                                                                                                 | Learning Activities                                                                                                                                                   | Assessment Type                                                                                                           |
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| <p><b>Students should be able to:</b><br/>Use Microsoft Office competently to prepare written work, access appropriate information from the internet and create presentations and spreadsheets for data and analysis.</p>               | <p>Taught in computer workshops, practical classes and SAGE course, Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC).<br/>Developed through independent research and practice</p> | <p>Self-directed private study, seminar exercises, and independent research.<br/><br/>Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework</p> | <p>Assessed in oral presentations, all types of coursework, research project, SAGE certification and BMC certificate.</p> |
| <p>Source, analyse and present materials clearly and effectively using specialist IT packages, including (but not limited to) databases, online learning platforms, search engines, accounting software, programming languages etc.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                           |
| <p>Apply information technology skills within the work environment (year in Industry only)</p>                                                                                                                                          | <p>Developed through work based placement and student portfolio</p>                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Reflective log, skills audit, employer feedback and final report/presentation</p>                                      |

iv) Numeracy

| Intended learning Outcome                                                                                    | Teaching methods                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Learning Activities                                                                                                                                                   | Assessment Type                                                               |
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| <p><b>Students should be able to:</b><br/>Employ general numerical, mathematical and statistical skills.</p> | <p>Taught in lectures, seminars, practical classes, group work, independent research.<br/><br/>Supported through additional maths sessions for first-year students who do not have A level maths or equivalent.</p> | <p>Self-directed private study, seminar exercises, and independent research.<br/><br/>Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework</p> | <p>Examinations, coursework, problem solving exercises, research project.</p> |
| <p>Construct, analyse and interpret quantitative data.</p>                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                               |

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| Apply numeracy skills within the work environment<br>(Year in Industry only) | Work based placement |  | Reflective log, skills audit, employer feedback and final report/presentation |
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v) Team working

| Intended learning Outcome                                                                                   | Teaching methods                                                                                                                                                        | Learning Activities                                                                                                                                                 | Assessment Type                                                                      |
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| <p><b>Students should be able to:</b><br/>Work collaboratively, effectively, and responsibly in groups.</p> | <p>Developed in seminars, through group problem-solving exercises and analysis of case studies.</p> <p>Exercised in group presentations and independent group work.</p> | <p>Self-directed private study, seminar exercises, and independent research.</p> <p>Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework</p> | <p>Assessed group-based assignments.</p>                                             |
| <p>Apply team working skills within the work environment</p>                                                | <p>Work based placement</p>                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Reflective log, skills audit, employer feedback and final report/presentation</p> |

vi) Problem solving

| Intended learning Outcome                                                                                              | Teaching methods                                                                                                                   | Learning Activities                                                                | Assessment Type                                                                      |
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| <p><b>Students should be able to:</b><br/>Identify and locate relevant data and source material to solve problems.</p> | <p>Taught in lectures, computer workshops.</p>                                                                                     | <p>Self-directed private study, seminar exercises, and independent research.</p>   | <p>Examinations, coursework, research project.</p>                                   |
| <p>Use material to address problems and formulate solutions.</p>                                                       | <p>Developed through independent research, formative and summative feedback</p> <p>Supported through additional Maths sessions</p> | <p>Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework</p> |                                                                                      |
| <p>Apply problem solving skills within the work environment</p>                                                        | <p>Work based placement</p>                                                                                                        |                                                                                    | <p>Reflective log, skills audit, employer feedback and final report/presentation</p> |

vii) Information handling

| Intended learning Outcome                                                                                     | Teaching methods                                                                     | Learning Activities                                                                | Assessment Type                                                                                                       |
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| <p><b>Students should be able to:</b><br/>Find and use appropriate information from a variety of sources.</p> | <p>Introduced in lectures, seminars and computer workshops.</p>                      | <p>Self-directed private study, seminar exercises, and independent research.</p>   | <p>Assessed through problem-solving, comparison and evaluation in examinations, coursework, and research project.</p> |
| <p>Utilise relevant data, report on findings, analyse complex ideas and knowledge.</p>                        | <p>Developed in independent research, and from formative and summative feedback.</p> | <p>Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework</p> |                                                                                                                       |
| <p>Apply information handling skills within the working environment.</p>                                      | <p>Work based placement</p>                                                          |                                                                                    | <p>Reflective log, skills audit, employer feedback and final report/presentation</p>                                  |

viii) Skills for lifelong learning

| Intended learning Outcome                                                                                                                                                                                                | Teaching methods                                                                                                                                                                                    | Learning Activities                                                                | Assessment Type                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <p><b>Students should be able to:</b><br/>Apply independent thinking during taught sessions and in the preparation and production of assessed work.</p>                                                                  | <p>Introduced and taught in:<br/>Year 1 SEM 1<br/>AF1014 Study skills and Quantitative methods</p>                                                                                                  | <p>Self-directed private study, seminar exercises, and independent research.</p>   | <p>Assessed through Research Methods module and especially in Year 3 assessments which depend upon the application of principles and knowledge learned in Years 1 and 2.</p> |
| <p>Apply a practical understanding of appropriate technologies in novel situations.</p>                                                                                                                                  | <p>Year 2:<br/>AF2005 Professional skills development<br/>SAGE certification</p>                                                                                                                    | <p>Examinations, projects, problem classes, formative and summative coursework</p> | <p>Examinations, coursework and research project.</p>                                                                                                                        |
| <p>Manage their time effectively and adhere to deadlines.</p>                                                                                                                                                            | <p>Year 3:<br/>AF3020 Research project</p>                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                    | <p>Record of meeting deadlines for assignment submissions.</p>                                                                                                               |
| <p>Adapt and combine new knowledge and techniques with prior understanding.</p>                                                                                                                                          | <p>All years:<br/>Developed through lecture and seminar debates, during computer workshops and problem-solving classes.<br/>Learned from independent research, formative and summative feedback</p> |                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>Apply a variety of employability and transferable skills within the work environment<br/>e.g. time management, adaption to a different cultural environment, receptivity to new learning, professional behaviour.</p> | <p>Work based placement</p>                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                    | <p>Reflective log, skills audit, employer feedback and final report/presentation</p>                                                                                         |
| <p>Think reflectively about personal and professional development.</p>                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                              |

Year Abroad

[In addition, for the 'with a Year abroad' variants the additional programme outcomes apply](#)

Year in Industry

[In addition, for the Year in Industry' variants the additional programme outcomes apply](#)

## 10. Progression points

This programme follows the standard Scheme of Progression set out in [Senate Regulations](#) – see the version of Senate Regulation 5 governing undergraduate programmes relevant to the year of entry.

For students who meet all of the University's Senate progression and awarding regulations, but fail to meet all of the requirements for accreditation purposes, they:

- will still progress for degree purposes, however
- will not be awarded the relevant exemption from the appropriate professional accountancy body examination.

For the aims, learning outcomes and application criteria for the GCSA Year Abroad please see link in section 5.

### Year in Industry variant:

Students may only enter this variant at the end of their second year, having sourced an approved Year in Industry Placement and are able to meet the Scheme of Progression from year 2 to 3.

Students must achieve a credit-weighted average of more than 40% in discipline specific modules and maintain an academic profile that aligns with the requirements of the secured placement opportunity

The academic profiles of all students who have obtained placements will be reviewed to confirm their readiness and ability to succeed during the placement period.

See also the [additional programme specification content for Year in Industry programmes](#)

In cases where a student has failed to meet a requirement to progress he or she will be required to withdraw from the course.

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#### a) Course transfers

n/a

#### b) Year abroad

For the Year Abroad variant (for experiential Year Abroad only) [the additional progression points apply](#)

#### c) Year in Industry

For the Year in Industry variant, the [additional progression points apply](#)

## 11. Criteria for award and classification

This programme follows the standard scheme of undergraduate award and classification set out in [Senate Regulations](#) – see the version of *Senate Regulation 5 governing undergraduate programmes* relevant to the year of entry.

## 12. Special features

There are many BSc Finance degree programmes in the UK.

However, our programme has some very strong special features as follows:

- Common first year across our BSc Accounting, BSc Accounting and Finance, and BSc Finance degrees with specialism in advanced finance topics in year 2 and the final year.

The common year allows students join the ULSB Accounting and Finance community even if they are not 100% sure of their degree choice on entry. They then have the flexibility to choose the route that best suits their interests once they have settled in and know more about the subject matter in all three degrees.

At the end of the first year there is the opportunity for students to change their degree choice to BSc Accounting or BSc Accounting and Finance.

- Presence of dedicated modules covering academic and study skills, and professional skills. Specific transferable skills required in the finance profession are developed throughout the degree. Students will develop strong quantitative and IT skills including programming in finance, which enhance students' employability in any areas of the finance industry.
- Focussed coverage of the CFA curriculum covering both the Investment Foundations Certificate and level 1 of the CFA Charter, a feature that only few UG degrees in the UK can offer. This reflects the strong emphasis within the program on the teaching of practical and vocational skills.
- Opportunity to gain some exemptions from the main professional accountancy bodies (ACCA, CIMA, ICAEW and ICAS).
- Opportunity to have a Year in Industry or to study abroad in the third year. The Year in Industry variant of this programme is offered in accordance with the University's standard specification for Year in Industry variants.
- Several employability skills are developed throughout the B.Sc. Finance programme. For example, technology skills are embedded in the degree and there is an opportunity to learn computerised accounting skills (e.g. SAGE Business Clouds) and obtain SAGE certification (which is currently offered only in a few UK HE institutions). In addition, students gain hands-on experience using Bloomberg database for financial markets and get Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC) certificates. This will significantly boost our students' employability prospects.

### 12a. Research-inspired Education

Students on this programme will advance through the four quadrants of the University of Leicester Research-inspired Education Framework as follows:

| RiE Quadrant | Narrative                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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|              | The BSc Finance programme provides a thorough grounding of the knowledge and skills required by finance professionals. It provides students with the ability to think critically, problem solve and appraise potential solutions to real-world issues. It draws on key areas of finance and international expectations ensuring that the knowledge and skills acquired by graduates align with the expectations of the profession. |

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| <p><b>Research-briefed</b></p> <p>Bringing staff research content into the curriculum.</p>                       | <p>Research-briefed – From the first week of the course students will be exposed to both research processes and outputs from members of the university’s Centre for Finance, Governance and Sustainable Growth as well as third party researchers.</p>                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>Research-based</b></p> <p>Framed enquiry for exploring existing knowledge.</p>                             | <p>Research-based – Taught sessions are based on real world situations and/or contemporary issues impacting financial world. Teaching staff on the programme are engaged in research and professional activities which are integrated into the course content and teaching sessions.</p>                                                                                              |
| <p><b>Research-oriented</b></p> <p>Students critique published research content and process.</p>                 | <p>Research-oriented – students are required to critically evaluate both their own data and data provided by third parties including academic papers published in top journals, financial reports, policies and regulations.</p>                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Research-apprenticed</b></p> <p>Experiencing the research process and methods; building new knowledge.</p> | <p>Research-apprenticed – training and practice will be provided for all students on writing for a variety of audiences, collaborative working, oral presentation skills and academic literacy.</p> <p>Students will be required to present findings from research and problem-based activities in a variety of formats for a variety of academic and business focused audiences.</p> |

**As part of studying at a research-intensive university, students on this programme have the following extra or co-curricular opportunities available to them to gain exposure to research culture:**

Research seminars and workshops are timetabled on a weekly basis across the College of Business and are accessible to all students within the College. These sessions focus not only on potential research outputs and working papers from academic staff within the College but also on the processes underpinning research and associated funding and dissemination of work.

Within the Contemporary issues in accounting and finance (AF3007) module research is primarily drawn from publications associated with the research undertaken by individuals associated with the University of Leicester.

**Teaching on this programme will be research-informed (it draws consciously on systematic inquiry into the teaching and learning process itself) in the following way:**

The School supports all staff involved in teaching to gain an accredited Higher Education teaching qualification, in which they demonstrate their use of teaching theory to support their own practice and reflect on their current teaching and continuing professional development.

All module leaders and teaching focused staff and members of not only their subject specific research group but also the College's Academy of Education. The college academy of education runs regular sessions including external speakers and workshops for recognition of external awards for teaching excellence. The Academy also facilitates a journal paper book group which provides an informal environment to discuss contemporary pedagogic issues related to Business education.

The academy underpins a teaching and learning research culture which provides staff with a clear platform to share and evaluate current and potential practice-based activities within the pedagogic sphere.

### **12b. Work-related learning**

The workload of all students on this programme includes the opportunity to engage with *at least* 100 hours of employer informed, work-related learning activity. Further information regarding work-related learning is available [online](#).

### **13. Indications of programme quality**

- University Academic Review
- External examiners reports
- First Destination careers statistics
- Exemptions from professional exams (subject to satisfactory completion of certain core or optional modules):
  - Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
  - Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)
  - Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)
  - Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA)
- CFA Affiliation

### **14. External Examiner(s) reports**

The details of the External Examiner(s) for this programme and the most recent External Examiners' reports for this programme can be found at [exampapers@Leicester](mailto:exampapers@Leicester) [log-in required].

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### Appendix 1: Programme structure (programme regulations)

The University regularly reviews its programmes and modules to ensure that they reflect the current status of the discipline and offer the best learning experience to students. On occasion, it may be necessary to alter particular aspects of a course or module.

#### Updates to the programme

| Academic year | Module                                                    | Change                                  |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 2027/28       | AF2007 Principles of Investments and Portfolio Management | Previously <i>Investment Management</i> |

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### BSc FINANCE

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Level 4/Year 1      2026/27

#### Credit breakdown

| Status   | Year long | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Core     | n/a       | 60 credits | 60 credits |
| Optional | n/a       | n/a        | n/a        |

120 credits in total

## Core modules

| Delivery period | Code   | Title                                     | Credits    |
|-----------------|--------|-------------------------------------------|------------|
| Semester 1      | AF1014 | Study Skills and Quantitative Methods     | 15 credits |
| Semester 1      | AF1016 | Financial Accounting                      | 15 credits |
| Semester 1      | EC1017 | Economics for Accounting and Finance      | 15 credits |
| Semester 1      | AF1025 | Management for Accounting and Finance     | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | AF1022 | Law and Ethics for Accounting and Finance | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | AF1023 | Business Analytics                        | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | AF1018 | Introduction to Management Accounting     | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | AF1019 | Introduction to Finance                   | 15 credits |

### Notes

There are no option modules in Year 1.

## Level 5/Year 2      2027/28

### Credit breakdown

| Status   | Year long | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Core     | n/a       | 60 credits | 45 credits |
| Optional | n/a       | n/a        | 15 credits |

120 credits in total

## Core modules

| Delivery period | Code   | Title                           | Credits    |
|-----------------|--------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Semester 1      | AF2005 | Professional Skills Development | 15 credits |

| Delivery period | Code          | Title                                              | Credits    |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Semester 1      | AF2007        | Principles of Investments and Portfolio Management | 15 credits |
| Semester 1      | AF2140        | Macro Finance                                      | 15 credits |
| Semester 1      | AF2134        | Corporate Finance                                  | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | AF2137        | Derivatives                                        | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | AF2115/AF2116 | Financial Reporting                                | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | AF2150        | Research Methods in Accounting and Finance         | 15 credits |

**Notes**

n/a

Option modules

| Delivery period | Code   | Title                                          | Credits    |
|-----------------|--------|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Semester 2      | AF2037 | Introduction to Banking and Banking Regulation | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | AF2136 | Corporate Governance                           | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | AF2141 | Finance for SMEs                               | 15 credits |

**Notes**

Students must pick one option module in Semester 2. This is an indicative list of option modules and not definitive of what will be available. Option module choice is also subject to availability, timetabling, student number restrictions and, where appropriate, students having taken appropriate pre-requisite modules.

**Level 6/Year 3      2028/29**

Credit breakdown

| Status   | Year long | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Core     | n/a       | 45 credits | 30 credits |
| Optional | n/a       | 15 credits | 30 credits |

120 credits in total

#### Core modules

| Delivery period | Code   | Title                                         | Credits    |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Semester 1      | AF3008 | Quantitative Finance                          | 15 credits |
| Semester 1      | AF3007 | Contemporary issues in Accounting and Finance | 15 credits |
| Semester 1      | AF3015 | Financial Statement Analysis for Investors    | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | AF3020 | Research Project                              | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | AF3139 | FinTech, AI and Blockchain                    | 15 credits |

#### Notes

n/a

#### Option modules

| Delivery period | Code   | Title                           | Credits    |
|-----------------|--------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Semester 1      | AF3096 | Risk Management in Banking      | 15 credits |
| Semester 1      | AF3012 | Financial Trading               | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | EC3067 | International Finance           | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | AF3138 | Advanced Investment Management  | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | AF3151 | Advanced Corporate Finance      | 15 credits |
| Semester 2      | MK3170 | The Business of Space Economy   | 15 credits |
| Semester 1      | MK3001 | AI System Thinking and AI Agent | 15 credits |

#### Notes

Students must pick one option module in Semester 1 and two option modules in Semester 2. This is an indicative list of option modules and not definitive of what will be available. Option module choice is also subject to availability, timetabling, student number restrictions and, where appropriate, students having taken appropriate pre-requisite modules.

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## **BSc FINANCE WITH YEAR ABROAD**

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| <b>FIRST YEAR</b>  | AS ABOVE                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>SECOND YEAR</b> | AS ABOVE                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>THIRD YEAR</b>  | AN APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF MODULES EQUIVALENT TO AT LEAST 120 LEICESTER CREDITS WILL BE SELECTED CHOSEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENTAL STUDY ABROAD COORDINATOR AMONG THOSE OFFERED BY THE PARTNER INSTITUTION |
| <b>FOURTH YEAR</b> | AS FOR YEAR THREE ABOVE                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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## **BSc FINANCE WITH YEAR IN INDUSTRY**

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| <b>FIRST YEAR</b>  | AS ABOVE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>SECOND YEAR</b> | AS ABOVE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>THIRD YEAR</b>  | YEAR IN INDUSTRY (YII) OF APPROPRIATE STANDARD, SUPPORTED BY ACADEMIC YII TUTOR AND ULSB PROFESSIONAL SERVICES STAFF.<br>YII TUTORS WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT REGARDING THE ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT ELEMENT OF THE YII VIA PLACEMENT VISITS AND ONLINE MENTORING.<br>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES STAFF WILL PROVIDE PASTORAL SUPPORT TO STUDENTS, AND SUPPORT TO THE HOST ORGANISATIONS, WITH ONGOING COMMUNICATIONS AND POST PLACEMENT EVALUATION<br>SEE ALSO THE <a href="#">additional programme specification content for Year in Industry programmes</a> |
| <b>FOURTH YEAR</b> | AS FOR YEAR THREE ABOVE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## **Appendix 2: Module specifications**

See undergraduate [module specification database \[log-in required\]](#) (Note - modules are organized by year of delivery)