

## Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	<b>Course Title</b>	BA (Hons) International Finance (Top-Up)
2	<b>BCU Course Code</b>	US0826
3	<b>Awarding Institution</b>	Birmingham City University
4	<b>Teaching Institution(s)</b> (if different from point 3)	
5	<b>Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation</b> (if applicable)	

6	<b>Course Description</b>
	<p>Want to top up your finance degree in Birmingham? Our BA (Hons) International Finance (Top-Up) course allows you to learn from industry experienced lecturers. This course has been designed to appeal to home and overseas students who are interested in areas of international finance.</p> <p>Global financial and business environments are becoming increasingly intertwined. We use our long-standing links with the world of international finance to develop your knowledge and real-world, practical skills in international finance.</p> <p>With dedicated tutor support we will also help you to select course modules which reflect your own learning needs and career goals.</p> <p><b>What's covered in the course?</b></p> <p>Studying in our brand new state-of-the-art £63 million Curzon Building on our City Centre Campus, you will choose from a range of modules including international finance, corporate financial strategy, international business, financial technology and statistical modelling. Each module is designed to build upon existing knowledge and skills, as well as developing various key transferrable and interpersonal skills and effective study techniques. You are encouraged to choose areas of study best suited to your future career plans. This course is very intensive, it requires total commitment and a high level of motivation from you.</p> <p>You will be taught by industry experienced academics who bring real world practical knowledge to the classroom. They've forged careers and worked with renowned companies such as KPMG and Vauxhall. This means you get great contacts and benefit from their industry insights. Our students come to their top-up year from a variety of backgrounds, providing the added opportunity to also gain valuable learning experiences from your peers. While you complete your degree, you'll be right in the hub of the city and be surrounded by other likeminded students on a variety of accounting, finance and investment based degrees.</p>

<b>7</b>	<b>Course Awards</b>		
<b>7a</b>	<b>Name of Final Award</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credits Awarded</b>
	Bachelor of Science with Honours International Finance	6	120
<b>7b</b>	<b>Exit Awards and Credits Awarded</b>		
	None		

<b>8</b>	<b>Derogation from the University Regulations</b>		
	None		

<b>9</b>	<b>Delivery Patterns</b>		
	<b>Mode(s) of Study</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Duration of Study</b>
	Full Time	City Centre	1 Year
			<b>Code</b>
			US0826

10	Entry Requirements
<p>The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at <a href="https://www.bcu.ac.uk/">https://www.bcu.ac.uk/</a> or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.</p>	

<b>11</b>	<b>Course Learning Outcomes</b>
	<b>Knowledge and Understanding:</b>  On successful completion of the BA (Hons) International Finance (Top-Up) course you will be able to:
<b>K1</b>	Analyse the nature of the contexts in which finance can be seen as operating, including knowledge of the institutional framework necessary to analyse the role, operations, functions of markets and financial institutions.
<b>K2</b>	Exhibit knowledge of the major theoretical tools and theories of business and finance, their relevance and application to theoretical and practical problems for businesses.
<b>K3</b>	Analyse the relationship between financial theory and empirical testing.
<b>K4</b>	Investigate the financing arrangements, governance mechanisms and structures of business entities.
<b>K5</b>	Identify the factors effecting financial service activity in the economy.
<b>K6</b>	Apply mathematical techniques and their use in financial decision-making and investments.
<b>K7</b>	Evaluate the organizations, the business environment and ethics related to business operations and management
	<b>Skills and Other Attributes:</b>  On successful completion of the BA(Hons) International Finance (Top-Up) course, you will have acquired skills and abilities in the following areas:
<b>T1</b>	Critical evaluation of arguments and evidence.
<b>T2</b>	Independent and self-managed learning.
<b>T3</b>	Analysis, filtering and evaluation of data, and drawing reasoned conclusions concerning structured and, to a more limited extent, unstructured problems from a given set of data and from data acquired by the student.
<b>T4</b>	Location, extraction and analysis of data from multiple sources, including acknowledging and referencing of sources.
<b>T5</b>	Numeracy, including the processing and analysis of financial and other numerical data and the appreciation of statistical concepts at an appropriate level.
<b>T6</b>	Using contemporary information and communications technology for the acquisition, analysis and communication of financial information.

<b>T7</b>	Communication, including presenting quantitative and qualitative information, together with analysis, argument and commentary, in a form appropriate to the intended audience, and oral as well as written presentation.
<b>T8</b>	Working with others (such as through small group projects).

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12a	<p>Level 6:</p> <p><i>In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 80 credits):</i></p> <table><tr><th>Module Code</th><th>Module Name</th><th>Credit Value</th></tr><tr><td>FIN6XXX</td><td>Banking, Financial Markets and Institutions</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>FIN6XXX</td><td>International Finance</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>FIN6XXX</td><td>Equity and Fixed Income Securities</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>FIN6XXX</td><td>Corporate Financial Strategy</td><td>20</td></tr></table> <p><i>In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 40 credits from the following list of OPTIONAL modules.</i></p> <table><tr><th>Module Code</th><th>Module Name</th><th>Credit Value</th></tr><tr><td>FIN6XXX</td><td>Financial Technology</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>FIN6XXX</td><td>Investment and Portfolio Management</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>BUS6XXX</td><td>International Business</td><td>20</td></tr></table>	Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value	FIN6XXX	Banking, Financial Markets and Institutions	20	FIN6XXX	International Finance	20	FIN6XXX	Equity and Fixed Income Securities	20	FIN6XXX	Corporate Financial Strategy	20	Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value	FIN6XXX	Financial Technology	20	FIN6XXX	Investment and Portfolio Management	20	BUS6XXX	International Business	20
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## 12b Structure Diagram

*Please note list of optional modules is indicative only. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.*

### Level 6 (Year Three)

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core: FIN6XXX: Banking, Financial Markets & Institutions (20 credits) FIN6XXX: International Finance (20 credits) FIN6XXX: Equity and Fixed Income Securities (20 credits)	Core: FIN6XXX: Corporate Financial Strategy (20 credits)
	Optional 40 credits from: FIN6XXX: Financial Technology (20 credits) FIN6XXX: Investment and Portfolio Management (20 credits) BUS6XXX: International Business (20 credits)

### 13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

#### Level 6

#### Workload

##### % time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216 (9 hours per weeks X 24 weeks)
Directed Learning	360
Private Study	624
<b>Total Hours</b>	1200

#### Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	47
Exam	41
In-Person	12

