

## Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	<b>Course Title</b>	MSc International Finance
2	<b>BCU Course Code</b>	PT1419
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)	The Chartered Financial Analyst Institute (CFA)* The Chartered Institute of Management Accounting (CIMA) Chartered Banker Institute (CBI)

6	<b>Course Description</b>
<p>This course aims to provide you with a comprehensive program of study of international finance, providing you with the knowledge and professional skills including digital skills to develop a career in banking or another financial institution dealing with international operations. You will develop a broad vision and understanding of the changing role and nature of finance within the context of a global marketplace. You will become competent in dealing with international investment and financing transactions, international payments and exchange rates. In addition to traditional areas of international finance, the course will provide skills in areas including responses to international financial crises and cryptocurrencies. This course is offered for local as well as international students.</p> <p>Birmingham City University is a modern practically-oriented and students-oriented university that was recently ranked 7th in employability rankings. You will be taught by highly-qualified academics with industrial and professional experience and actively involved in research.</p> <p><b>What's covered in the course?</b></p> <p>In Teaching Block 1 you will take Financial Institutions and Regulation and Advanced Corporate Finance. In these modules you will receive an overview of financial institutions, financial markets and their regulation and develop your skills in financial analysis related to different types of business decisions and operations.</p> <p>In Teaching Block 2 you will take Global Finance and Strategic Risk Management. These modules will provide you with in-depth knowledge of international financial markets and operations, exchange rates determination as well as develop your skills in strategic risk management related to different types of risk.</p> <p>In Teaching Block 3 you will take International Payments, Digital Banking and Cryptocurrencies and select among optional modules available based on your interest. The rationale for optional modules is based on our vision on supporting students be successful in an international finance career. You also will develop advanced research skills and start working on your dissertation that you will finish in Teaching Block 4 (Masters stage).</p> <p>You can start your study either in October or in January. The program lasts 12 months. Part time study option is also available (see below for details)</p> <p>*Trademark Disclaimer: CFA Institute does not endorse, promote or warrant the accuracy or quality of the products or services offered by Birmingham City University. CFA® and Chartered Financial Analyst® are registered trademarks owned by CFA Institute.</p>	

<b>7</b>	<b>Course Awards</b>		
<b>7a</b>	<b>Name of Final Award</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credits Awarded</b>
	Masters of Science in International Finance	7	180
<b>7b</b>	<b>Exit Awards and Credits Awarded</b>		
	Postgraduate Diploma in International Finance	7	120
	Certificate in International Finance	7	60

<b>8</b>	<b>Derogation from the University Regulations</b>
	As per the derogation form submitted.

<b>9</b>	<b>Delivery Patterns</b>		
	<b>Mode(s) of Study</b>	<b>Location(s) of Study</b>	<b>Duration of Study</b>
	Full Time	Online	1 year
	Part time	Online	2 years

<b>10</b>	<b>Entry Requirements</b>
	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> . In case of transfer from another BCU program, BCU guidelines and policies should be followed

<b>11</b>	<b>Course Learning Outcomes</b>
<b>Knowledge and Understanding</b>	
<b>1</b>	Appraise the nature of the contexts in which international financial institutions and businesses can be seen as operating and functioning in the international markets.
<b>2</b>	Knowledge of the major theoretical tools and theories of international finance, their relevance and application for international investment, financing transactions, international payments and exchange rates.
<b>3</b>	Critically analyse and establish the relationship between international finance theory and empirical testing of the available data.
<b>4</b>	Critically investigate the financing arrangements, governance mechanisms and structures of business entities in an international context.
<b>5</b>	Critically analyse the factors influencing the financial behaviour and opportunities of private individuals or global investors in an international context.
<b>6</b>	Exhibit ability to apply advanced financial decision making, mathematical and econometric techniques including digital skills to solve a range of international financial problems.
<b>7</b>	Evaluate international finance activities in the economy, and the factors that are changing these activities over time.
<b>8</b>	Exhibit knowledge of different corporate governance standards and ethical practices.
<b>Skills</b>	
<b>9</b>	Critical evaluation of arguments and evidence.
<b>10</b>	Independent and self-managed learning.

<b>11</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>12</b>	Location, extraction and analysis of data from multiple sources, including acknowledging and referencing of sources.
<b>13</b>	Numeracy, including the processing and analysis of financial and other numerical data and the appreciation of statistical concepts at an appropriate level.
<b>14</b>	Using contemporary information and communications technology for the acquisition, analysis and communication of financial information.
<b>15</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>16</b>	Working with others (such as through small group projects).

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12a	<b>Level 7:</b>  <i>In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following required/core modules (totalling 180 credits):</i>																										
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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.*

### Full Time Course Structure – October Intake

FT – MSc International Finance		
Teaching Block 1 (Oct Nov Dec)	FIN7026 Advanced Corporate Finance (20 credits)	FIN7XXX Financial Institutions and Regulation (20 credits)
Teaching Block 2 (Jan Feb March)	ACC7033 Global Finance (20 credits)	FIN7021 Strategic Risk Management (20 credits)
Teaching Block 3 (April May June)	FIN7XXX International Payments, Digital Banking and Cryptocurrencies (20 credits)	<b>Core</b> Research skills and Dissertation Project (60 credits - Starts)  FIN7028 Islamic Social Finance
Teaching Block 4 (July Aug Sept)	Research Skills and Dissertation Project (60 credits finishes)	

### Part Time Course Structure – October Intake

PT – MSc International Finance		
Year 1	<b>Teaching Block 1</b> FIN7026 Advanced Corporate Finance (20 credits) – Oct Nov Dec	<b>Teaching Block 2</b> FIN7033 Strategic Risk Management (20 credits)– Jan Feb March
	<b>Teaching Block 3</b>  <b>Core</b> FIN7XXX International Payments, Digital Banking and Cryptocurrencies (20 credits) - April May June	<b>Teaching Block 4</b> FIN7028 Islamic Social Finance - July Aug Sept
Year 2	<b>Teaching Block 1</b> FIN7XXX Financial Institutions and Regulation (20 credits)	<b>Teaching Block 2</b> FIN7XXX Global Finance (20 credits) (20 Credits) - Jan Feb March  Research Skills and Dissertation Project (60 credits starts)
	<b>Teaching Block 3 &amp; Teaching Block 4</b> Research Skills and Dissertation Project (60 credits finishes) – April May June July August Sept	

### Full time Course Structure – January Intake

FT – MSc International Finance		
Teaching Block 1 (Jan Feb March)	FIN7026 Advanced Corporate Finance (20 credits)	FIN7XXX Financial Institutions and Regulation (20 credits)
Teaching Block 2 (April May June)	ACC7033 Global Finance (20 credits)	FIN7021 Strategic Risk Management (20 credits)
Teaching Block 3 (July Aug Sept)	FIN7XXX International Payments, Digital Banking and Cryptocurrencies (20 credits)	<b>Core</b> Research skills and Dissertation Project (60 credits - Starts)  FIN7028 Islamic Social Finance
Teaching Block 4 (Oct Nov Dec)	Research skills and Dissertation Project (60 credits finishes)	

### Part Time Course Structure – January intake

PT – MSc International Finance – Jan Start		
Year 1	<b>Teaching Block 1</b> FIN7026 Advanced Corporate Finance (20 credits) – Jan Feb March	<b>Teaching Block 2</b> FIN7033 Strategic Risk Management (20 credits)– April May June
	<b>Teaching Block 3</b>  <b>Core</b> FIN7XXX International Payments, Digital Banking and Cryptocurrencies (20 credits) - July Aug Sept	<b>Teaching Block 4</b>  FIN7028 Islamic Social Finance - Oct Nov Dec
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### 13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of asynchronous learning (self-study), independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual 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.

□ With *asynchronous learning* (self-study) students will learn 10 Moodle sessions, released in two-week blocks, which will consist of online content that students can work through at their own pace. □ *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 7

##### Workload

Activities	Hours
Scheduled Learning (SL)	0 hours
Directed Learning (DL)	480 hours
Private Study (PS)	1320 hours
<b>Total Study Hours:</b>	<b>1800 hours</b>

##### Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	86%
Exam	14%