

Course Specification

| Course Summary Information | | | | |
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| 1 | Course Title | | MFin Business Finance | |
| 2 | BCU Course Code | UCAS Code | UM0026 | N30B |
| 3 | Awarding Institution | | Birmingham City University | |
| 4 | Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3) | | | |
| 5 | Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable) | | | |

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| 6 | Course Description |
| | <p>Looking for a combined masters Business and Finance course in Birmingham? Our MFin Business Finance degree can allow you to move straight onto a Master's level course when you finish your undergraduate degree.</p> <p>Designed to equip you with the expert knowledge and technical skills required by the Association of Corporate Treasurers qualification and the wider industry, this flexible MFin course will encourage your development towards becoming a successful business finance professional.</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>As you progress, you will become more effective and creative in problem solving, as well as being able to critically advise individuals and companies in the UK and abroad. Our course is tailored to ensure you are equipped for the challenges of a finance industry which demands innovation and performance.</p> <p>Our MFin Business Finance degree is an integrated master's course. This is a four-year degree course which combines three years of undergraduate study with an additional fourth year at postgraduate level. The advantage of this mode of study is that it enables you to stand out from the crowd on graduation with a master's level qualification. If you do not achieve the necessary standard of performance to continue onto the fourth year, you can still graduate after three years with a Bachelor degree qualification.</p> <p>The course also has the option of a sandwich year, wherein you'll get the opportunity to go on a year-long industry placement.</p> <p>During the second and later years of the programme, there will be more flexible learning opportunities that will enable you specialise in particular subject areas, as well as allowing you to tailor your programme to a specific career aim or professional body. There will also be opportunities to experience different graduate roles, with a wide variety of placements and internships on offer to complement your studies.</p> |

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| 7 | Course Awards | | |
| 7a | Name of Final Award | Level | Credits Awarded |
| | Integrated Master of Finance Business Finance | 7 | 480 |
| 7b | Exit Awards and Credits Awarded | | |
| | Certificate of Higher Education Finance | 4 | 120 |
| | Diploma of Higher Education Business Finance | 5 | 240 |
| | Bachelor of Science Business Finance | 6 | 300 |
| | Bachelor of Science with Honours Business Finance | 6 | 360 |

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| 8 | Derogation from the University Regulations | | |
| | Not applicable | | |

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| 9 | Delivery Patterns | | |
| | Mode(s) of Study | Location | Duration of Study |
| | Full Time | City Centre | 4 Years |
| | Sandwich | City Centre | 5 Years |
| | Part time | City Centre | 6 Years* |
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* If you study this course part-time, you will study modules alongside full-time students in daytime hours (not evenings or weekends). The duration of the course will depend on how many modules you take per year, and will be agreed before you commence your studies. To qualify as a PT student you cannot undertake more than 90 credits in any one year.

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

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| 11 | Course Learning Outcomes | | |
| 1 | An appreciation of the nature of the contexts in which finance can be seen as operating, including knowledge of the institutional framework necessary for understanding the role, operation and function of markets and financial institutions. | | |
| 2 | An appreciation of the nature of the contexts in which finance can be seen as operating, including knowledge of the institutional framework necessary for understanding the role, operation and function of markets and financial institutions. | | |
| 3 | An understanding of the relationship between financial theory and empirical testing. | | |
| 4 | An understanding of the financing arrangements and governance mechanisms and structures of business entities in an international context. | | |
| 5 | An understanding of financial service activity in the economy, and the factors that are changing these activities over time. | | |

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| 6 | An understanding of mathematical and econometric techniques and their application to the solving of financial decisions and problems. |
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| 7 | An ability to understand financial statements at an advanced level, and an appreciation of the limitations of financial reporting and disclosure practices and procedures, with an ability to interpret financial data to support strategic management of businesses. |
| 8 | Knowledge and understanding of organisations, the business environment in which they operate and their management at the operational, tactical and strategic levels. |

| 12 | Course Requirements | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 12a | <p>Level 4:</p> <p><i>In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):</i></p> <table><tr><th>Module Code</th><th>Module Name</th><th>Credit Value</th></tr><tr><td>FIN4005</td><td>Introduction to Finance</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>ACC4027</td><td>Introduction to Financial Accounting</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>QME4011</td><td>Principles of Economics</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>FIN4006</td><td>Quantitative Methods for Finance</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>ACC4028</td><td>Applied Accounting</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>ACC4030</td><td>Financial Information Systems</td><td>20</td></tr></table> <p>Level 5:</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>FIN5014</td><td>Corporate Finance</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>ACC5032</td><td>Financial Reporting</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>FIN5018</td><td>Risk Management</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>ACC5035</td><td>Principles of Taxation</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>ACC5031</td><td>Ethics, Corporate Governance and Law</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>BUS5053</td><td>Business Entrepreneur</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>ACC5028</td><td>Business Operations</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>QME5015</td><td>Microeconomics</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>ACC5029</td><td>Study Abroad</td><td>20</td></tr></table> <p>Level 6:</p> <p><i>In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 60 credits):</i></p> <table><tr><th>Module Code</th><th>Module Name</th><th>Credit Value</th></tr><tr><td>FIN6031</td><td>Banking, Financial Markets and Institutions</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>FIN6032</td><td>Corporate Financial Strategy</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>FIN6028</td><td>Financial Derivatives</td><td>20</td></tr></table> | Module Code | Module Name | Credit Value | FIN4005 | Introduction to Finance | 20 | ACC4027 | Introduction to Financial Accounting | 20 | QME4011 | Principles of Economics | 20 | FIN4006 | Quantitative Methods for Finance | 20 | ACC4028 | Applied Accounting | 20 | ACC4030 | Financial Information Systems | 20 | Module Code | Module Name | Credit Value | FIN5014 | Corporate Finance | 20 | ACC5032 | Financial Reporting | 20 | FIN5018 | Risk Management | 20 | ACC5035 | Principles of Taxation | 20 | Module Code | Module Name | Credit Value | ACC5031 | Ethics, Corporate Governance and Law | 20 | BUS5053 | Business Entrepreneur | 20 | ACC5028 | Business Operations | 20 | QME5015 | Microeconomics | 20 | ACC5029 | Study Abroad | 20 | Module Code | Module Name | Credit Value | FIN6031 | Banking, Financial Markets and Institutions | 20 | FIN6032 | Corporate Financial Strategy | 20 | FIN6028 | Financial Derivatives | 20 |
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| FIN4005 | Introduction to Finance | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ACC4027 | Introduction to Financial Accounting | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| QME4011 | Principles of Economics | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FIN4006 | Quantitative Methods for Finance | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ACC4028 | Applied Accounting | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ACC4030 | Financial Information Systems | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| FIN5014 | Corporate Finance | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ACC5032 | Financial Reporting | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FIN5018 | Risk Management | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ACC5035 | Principles of Taxation | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ACC5031 | Ethics, Corporate Governance and Law | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BUS5053 | Business Entrepreneur | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ACC5028 | Business Operations | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| QME5015 | Microeconomics | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ACC5029 | Study Abroad | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| FIN6031 | Banking, Financial Markets and Institutions | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FIN6032 | Corporate Financial Strategy | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FIN6028 | Financial Derivatives | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of OPTIONAL modules.

| Module Code | Module Name | Credit Value |
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| ACC6027 | Taxation | 20 |
| ACC6023 | Advanced Financial Reporting | 20 |
| FIN6027 | International Finance | 20 |
| ACC6022 | Project Management | 20 |
| BUS6057 | Business Process and Systems | 20 |
| MAN6038 | The Global Manager | 20 |
| BUS6062 | International Business | 20 |

Level 7:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 40 credits):

| Module Code | Module Name | Credit Value |
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| FIN7016 | Applied Financial Econometrics | 20 |
| FIN7017 | Investigating Finance Practice | 20 |

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 80 credits from the following list of OPTIONAL modules:

| Module Code | Module Name | Credit Value |
|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| ACC7023 | Strategic Management | 20 |
| FIN7020 | Derivative Investments | 20 |
| FIN7019 | International Corporate Finance | 20 |
| ACC7035 | International Tax Planning | 20 |
| FIN7021 | Strategic Risk Management | 20 |
| ACC7027 | Advanced Corporate Reporting | 20 |

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 4

| SEMESTER ONE | SEMESTER TWO |
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| Core FIN4005: Introduction to Finance ACC4027: Introduction to Financial Accounting QME4011: Principles of Economics | Core FIN4006: Quantitative Methods for Finance ACC4028: Applied Accounting ACC4030: Financial Information Systems |
| Optional NIL | Optional NIL |

Level 5

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| Core FIN5014: Corporate Finance ACC5032: Financial Reporting | Core FIN5018: Risk Management ACC5035: Principles of Taxation |
| Optional QME5006: Microeconomics ACC5028: Business Operations CC5029: Study Abroad* | Optional BUS5053: Business Entrepreneur ACC5031: Ethics, Corporate Governance and Law ACC5029: Study Abroad* |

Level 6

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| Core FIN6031: Banking, Financial Markets and Institutions | Core FIN6028: Financial Derivatives FIN6032: Corporate Financial Strategy |
| Optional ACC6027: Taxation FIN6027: International Finance ACC6023: Advanced Financial Reporting BUS6057: Business Process and | Optional ACC6022: Project Management BUS6062: International Business MAN6038: The Global Manager |

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| Systems | |
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Level 7

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| Core FIN7016: Applied Financial Econometrics | Core FIN7017: Investigating Finance Practice |
| Optional ACC7023: Strategic Management ACC7035: International Tax Planning FIN7019: International Corporate Finance | Optional ACC7027: Advanced Corporate Reporting FIN7020: Derivative Investments FIN7021: Strategic Risk Management |

*The Study Abroad module can only be taken in EITHER Semester 1 OR Semester 2

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 4

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

| Activity | Number of Hours |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Scheduled Learning | 360 |
| Directed Learning | 720 |
| Private Study | 120 |
| Total Hours | 1200 |

Balance of Assessment

| Assessment Mode | Percentage |
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| Coursework | 45.83 |
| Exam | 49.17 |
| In-Person | 5 |

Level 5

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

| Activity | Number of Hours |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Scheduled Learning | 360 |
| Directed Learning | 720 |
| Private Study | 120 |
| Total Hours | 1200 |

Balance of Assessment

| Assessment Mode | Percentage |
|-----------------|------------|
| Coursework | 37.50 |
| Exam | 58.33 |
| In-Person | 4.17 |

Level 6

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

| Activity | Number of Hours |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Scheduled Learning | 360 |
| Directed Learning | 720 |
| Private Study | 120 |
| Total Hours | 1200 |

Balance of Assessment

| Assessment Mode | Percentage |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Coursework | 37.50 |
| Exam | 62.50 |
| In-Person | 0 |

Level 7

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

| Activity | Number of Hours |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Scheduled Learning | 360 |
| Directed Learning | 720 |
| Private Study | 120 |
| Total Hours | 0 |

Balance of Assessment

| Assessment Mode | Percentage |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Coursework | 37.50 |
| Exam | 62.50 |
| In-Person | 0 |