

Programme Specification Pro-forma (PSP)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Programme Title:	Master of Science in International Banking and Finance
2. Final Award:	Master of Science in International Banking and Finance
3. Exit Awards:	Post Graduate Diploma in International Banking and Finance Post Graduate Certificate in International Banking and Finance
4. Awarding Body:	Glasgow Caledonian University
5. Period of Approval:	September 2023 to September 2028
6. School:	Glasgow School for Business & Society
7. Host Department:	Finance, Accounting and Risk
8. UCAS Code:	
9. PSB Involvement:	
10. Place of Delivery:	Any GCU Campus Online/Distance Learning subject to availability
11. Subject Benchmark Statement:	QAA Subject Benchmark Statement: Finance (2019) https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmark-statements/subject-benchmark-statement-finance.pdf?sfvrsn=f8f3c881_7
12. Dates of PSP Preparation/Revision:	November 2022

2. EDUCATIONAL AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

The MSc International Banking and Finance follows the university's mission to provide flexible, lifelong learning opportunities to students from different backgrounds and at different stages of their lives. The programme allows students to follow different modes of study, both full-time and distance learning. It has been developed around a strategy of providing students with knowledge and understanding of the management, operations and risks of banks, firms both in an international and domestic setting. Thus, the MSc introduces students to bank operations management and the risks associated with these operations, both financial and non-financial. This strategy underpins the aims and objectives of the programme.

Aim

Therefore, the aim of the MSc is to provide students with specialised knowledge, understanding and skills in international banking and finance, and to ensure that the quality of provision is maintained and enhanced.

Specialisation

This is a specialised programme designed to provide students with:

- An in-depth exposure to fundamental banking subject areas (ethics and regulation, risk analysis and management, securities and portfolio evaluation, commercial lending, corporate finance, strategic management, financial analysis techniques, amongst others), leading to a critical understanding of the theoretical frameworks required to understand the role, operation, and function of banks within the context of financial markets and institutions
- The ability to use specialised financial techniques to analyse bank management in an international environment: the influence of global contextual issues (cultural, social, environmental, economic, political, regulatory, and ethical) on retail, corporate, and investment banking activities

- A critical understanding of specialised financial theories, concepts, and financial techniques, and their application to practical and theoretical problems unique to the banking and financial sector
- An ability to utilise specialised analytical techniques in a banking setting: a critical understanding of contemporary research in banking and finance: emerging paradigms, changes in data, methodologies, analytical techniques, and evaluation of findings and their contribution
- Financial modelling: the ability to gather, evaluate, and analyse data using purpose-built statistical and econometric software to estimate asset prices; create financial scenarios and projections; carry out risk and impact analysis amongst others

A critical understanding of ethical and professional behaviour in banking and finance: the nature of corporate governance and accountability, the factors influencing ethics in the sector and its meaning and influence over time, its theoretical and conceptual foundations, the impact it has over the relationship amongst financial market participants.

4. PROGRAMME STRUCTURES AND REQUIREMENTS, LEVELS, MODULES, CREDITS AND AWARDS

SCQF Level 11

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
MMN430180	Ethics, Sustainability & Governance	15
MMN330196	Commercial Banking	15
MMN330198	Financial Securities and Portfolio Analysis	15
MMN330195	Banking and Financial Regulation	15
MMN326565	Strategic Bank Management	15
MMN330194	Bank Risk Management	15
MMN324976	Financial Risk Modelling	15
MMN330199	Global Corporate Finance	15
MMN327046	Research Methods for Finance	15
MMN327047	Finance Research Project	45
<i>Exit Award – Master of Science in International Banking and Finance</i>		180

Post Graduate Certificate in International Banking and Finance:

A Postgraduate Certificate in International Banking and Finance will be awarded to a student who has satisfied all programme requirements and completed a minimum of 60 credits of any of the programme-specific taught modules at SCQF Level 11

Post Graduate Diploma in International Banking and Finance:

A Postgraduate Diploma in International Banking and Finance will be awarded to a student who has satisfied all programme requirements and completed a minimum of 120 credits of any of the programme-specific taught modules at SCQF Level 11

Master of Science in International Banking and Finance:

A Master of Science in International Banking and Finance will be awarded to a student who has satisfied all programme requirements and completed a minimum of 180-credits at SCQF Level 11, of which at least 60-credits must be derived from the Research Methods in Finance module (15-credits) and the Finance Research Project (dissertation, 45-credits), with the remaining 120-credits derived from programme-specific taught modules

Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body requirements:

Associate Chartered Membership of the CBI will be granted only to students who successfully meet the requirements for the Master of Science in International Banking and Finance degree. The CISI and CII will be informed of the student's graduation and consider them for membership.

Entry Point

The entry points are:

- September (Tri A start)
- January (Tri B start)

Modes of Delivery available:

- Full time
- Part time
- Online/Distance Learning (subject to availability)

8. ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

Students should expect to complete their programme of study under the [Regulations](#) that were in place at the commencement of their studies on that programme, unless proposed changes to University Regulations are advantageous to students.

Exception case 224: Non-standard module credit size (Reduction in credit size to 45 credits from 60 credits) - Masters Research Project Modules (Dissertation).