



**Course Length** 1 year (full-time)  
**Places Available** Approx 50  
**SCQF Level** 11

## Finance MSc

### Key information

#### Entrance Requirements

Honours degree in any field (minimum 2:2i) or equivalent

Entry with advanced standing, and with qualifications other than those stated, will be in line with the University's policy and regulations.

Applicants whose prior study profile indicates a minor shortfall in a particular prerequisite subject area may be required to undertake a bridging course (details available on request).

#### Want to know more?

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#### Related courses

MSc Management Accounting p103

MSc Oil and Gas Accounting p107

### Key features

- Strong international emphasis
- Specialisation through bespoke modules in International Financial Management and Derivatives
- Emphasis on widening your career opportunities within the international financial sector
- Case study approach and practical focus
- Company insight and guest speakers
- Management skills and career development course
- Specialised Dissertation of your choice

This course is designed for graduates from a wide range of backgrounds who are either keen to seek an academic qualification in this area or who wish to focus on the management of financial resources within the global economy. Recent economic events have reinforced the importance of sustainable management of financial resources and the huge importance of financial markets and the impact on the real economy. The maturing financial markets in countries such as India and China are also of critical importance to the global economy. The management and accounting of financial assets requires a deep knowledge and understanding of the theories and drivers which impact on this globally critical area. Every organisation must have knowledge of the financial and accounting implications of the future global economy to both

survive and grow. Recent events in global financial markets have emphasised the need for such knowledge and this course will equip you to understand the key forces which shape the future.

Our MSc/PGDip Finance, delivered by respected researchers, offers the blend of theory, knowledge, analytical and practical skills required for understanding the global financial markets. This course will enable you to understand the key issues which relate to finance within business and provide essential knowledge for the success of organisations which compete within the global economy.

Those exiting the course after successful completion of the taught component (i.e. Postgraduate Diploma) would be eligible for the award of Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) Finance.

### What you study

Your core course will include the essential underpinning areas of management accounting, financial accounting and finance. The second semester further develops the international elements and deepens your knowledge of financial markets. Throughout the course we place emphasis on contemporary and emerging financial topics which you will often explore through case studies. You will also develop your research and interpersonal skills via our integrative seminar course which will expose you to the latest thinking and events in this area.

### How you learn

In addition to attending lectures, you will be required to contribute actively to group and seminar discussions. You will develop a deep understanding of subjects through highly relevant and contemporary modules, and your dissertation will enable you to develop further your particular interests in Finance. You will work in teams, prepare case analysis or develop scenarios, and deliver presentations using professional tools.

### How you are assessed

Assessment is diverse to reflect the broad range of knowledge and skills you will develop throughout the course, and also to recognise the diverse learning style preferences our students bring to our course. You will be assessed through conventional examinations and coursework, and through presentations, team work and skills-based tasks.

### Career opportunities

Your advanced understanding of financial markets will be valuable to any organisation, domestic or international, that operates in the global arena. The course prepares you for accounting or finance roles with significant responsibility in any industry or sector.



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