

## Course Specification

Course Summary Information			
1	<b>Course Title</b>		MFin Finance and Investment
2	<b>BCU Course Code</b>	<b>UCAS Code</b>	UM0028 N30J
3	<b>Awarding Institution</b>		
4	<b>Teaching Institution(s)</b> (if different from point 3)		
5	<b>Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation</b> (if applicable)		

6	Course Description
	<p>Looking for a combined masters Finance and Investment course? Our MFin Finance and Investment degree can allow you to work towards a career in the finance and investment industry the second you walk through the door.</p> <p>This course allows you to gain both a Bachelor's and Master's degree, focused on the practical application of finance in the investment world.</p> <p><b>What's covered in the course?</b></p> <p>Designed to equip you with the expert knowledge and technical skills required by the Chartered Financial Analyst Institute qualification* and wider profession, the course will encourage your development towards becoming a successful investment professional. 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.</p> <p>The MFin Finance and Investment 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 course, there will be more flexible learning opportunities that will enable you to specialise in particular subject areas, as well as allowing you to tailor your course to a specific career aim. 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> <p>Based at the University's new campus in the UK's second city, you'll live and study in a vibrant environment and engage with local, national and international businesses. You will be taught by highly qualified academics with industrial and professional experience.</p>

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

<b>8</b>	<b>Derogation from the University Regulations</b>		
	Not applicable		

<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	City Centre	4 years
	Sandwich	City Centre	5 years
	Part Time	City Centre	6 years*
			<b>Code(s)</b>
			UM0028
			UM0028S
			UM0029

\* 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.

<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> , or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the <a href="#">UCAS website</a> .		

<b>11</b>	<b>Course Learning Outcomes</b>		
	<b>Subject-specific knowledge and skills</b>		
<b>1</b>	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.		
<b>2</b>	An understanding of the major theoretical tools and theories of investment finance, with the ability to critically appraise their relevance and application to theoretical and practical problems for financial investments.		
<b>3</b>	An understanding of the relationship between financial theory and empirical testing.		
<b>4</b>	An understanding of the financing arrangements and governance mechanisms and structures of business entities in an international context.		
<b>5</b>	An understanding of the factors influencing the investment behaviour and opportunities of private individuals.		

<b>6</b>	An understanding of mathematical and econometric techniques and their application to the solving of financial decisions and problems.
<b>7</b>	An understanding of advanced investment decision-making techniques and their application to a range of investment criteria.
<b>8</b>	An understanding of financial investment activity in the economy, and the factors that are changing these activities over time.
	<b>Cognitive abilities and generic skills</b>
<b>1</b>	Critical evaluation of arguments and evidence
<b>2</b>	Independent and self-managed learning
<b>3</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>4</b>	Location, extraction and analysis of data from multiple sources, including acknowledging and referencing of sources
<b>5</b>	Numeracy, including the processing and analysis of financial and other numerical data and the appreciation of statistical concepts at an appropriate level
<b>6</b>	Using contemporary information and communications technology for the acquisition, analysis and communication of financial information
<b>7</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>8</b>	Working with others (such as through small group projects).

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<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Name</b>	<b>Credit Value</b>
FIN6027	International Finance	20
ACC6027	Taxation	20
FIN6032	Corporate Financial Strategy	20
ACC6022	Project Management	20

**Level 7:**

***In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 80 credits):***

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Name</b>	<b>Credit Value</b>
FIN7016	Applied Financial Econometrics	20
FIN7017	Investigating Finance Practice	20
FIN7018	Portfolio Management and Analysis	20
FIN7019	International Corporate Finance	20

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<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Name</b>	<b>Credit Value</b>
FIN7020	Derivative Investments	20
FIN7021	Strategic Risk Management	20
FIN7022	Behavioural Finance	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.

### Full-time

Level 4	Level 4 HE Learner Programme (e.g. Two weeks)			
	Semester 1	Introduction to Financial Accounting (20 credits)	Introduction to Finance (20 credits)	Principles of Economics (20 credits)
Semester 2	Applied Accounting (20 credits)	Quantitative Methods for Finance (20 credits)	Financial Information Systems (20 credits)	
Level 5	Level 5 Transition Programme			
	Semester 1	Financial Reporting (20 credits)	Financial Analysis for Investment (20 credits)	OPTION (20 credits)
		Optional International Exchange		
	Semester 2	Financial Modelling (20 credits)	Risk Management (20 credits)	OPTION (20 credits)
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Level 6	Level 6 Transition Programme			
	Semester 1	Banking, Financial Markets & Institutions (20 credits)	Equity & Fixed Income Securities (20 credits)	OPTION (20 credits)
	Semester 2	Investment & Portfolio Management (20 credits)	Financial Derivatives (20 credits)	OPTION (20 credits)
Level 7	Level 7 Transition Programme			
	Semester 1	Applied Financial Econometrics (20 credits)	Portfolio Management & Analysis (20 credits)	International Corporate Finance (20 credits)
	Semester 2	Investigating Finance Practice (20 credits)	OPTION (20 credits)	OPTION (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 4

##### Workload

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

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	360
Directed Learning	720
Private Study	120
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1200</b>

##### Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	45.83
Exam	49.17
In-Person	5.00

#### Level 5

##### Workload

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

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	360
Directed Learning	720
Private Study	120
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1200</b>

##### 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**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Number of Hours</b>
Scheduled Learning	360
Directed Learning	720
Private Study	120
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1200</b>

**Balance of Assessment**

<b>Assessment Mode</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Coursework	37.50
Exam	62.50
In-Person	0

**Level 7**
**Workload**
**% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Number of Hours</b>
Scheduled Learning	360
Directed Learning	720
Private Study	120
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1200</b>

**Balance of Assessment**

<b>Assessment Mode</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Coursework	79.17
Exam	12.50
In-Person	8.33