

Course Specification

Course Summary Information			
1	Course Title	BSc (Hons) Business Finance	
2	BCU Course Code	US0824	C801
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)		

6	Course Description
	<p>Looking for a Business and Finance degree in Birmingham? Our BSc (Hons) Business Finance course has an international focus and allows you to take a year-long industry sandwich placement.</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 course will encourage your development towards becoming a successful business finance professional.</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>During the second and later years of the course, there will be more flexible learning opportunities that will enable you specialise in particular subject areas, as well as allowing you to tailor your course 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>

7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Business Finance	6	360
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

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	Not applicable.

9	Delivery Patterns			
Mode(s) of Study	Location	Duration of Study	Code	
Full Time	City Centre	3 years	US0824	
Part time	City Centre	5 years*	USXXXX	
Sandwich	City Centre	4 years	US0824S	

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 .

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 the understanding the role, operation and function of markets and financial institutions.
2	Knowledge of the major theoretical tools and theories of business and corporate finance, and their relevance and application to theoretical and practical problems for businesses.
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.
5	An understanding of financial service activity in the economy, and the factors that are changing these activities over time.
6	An understanding of mathematical techniques and their use financial decision-making. Using contemporary information and communications technology for the acquisition, analysis and communication of financial information.
7	An ability to understand financial statements, and a reasonable appreciation of the limitations of financial reporting and disclosure practices and procedures, with an ability to interpret financial data.
8	Knowledge and understanding of organisations, the business environment in which they operate and their management.
9	Critical evaluation of arguments and evidence.
10	Independent and self-managed learning.
11	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.
12	Location, extraction and analysis of data from multiple sources, including acknowledging and referencing of sources.
13	Numeracy, including the processing and analysis of financial and other numerical data and the appreciation of statistical concepts at an appropriate level.
14	Using contemporary information and communications technology for the acquisition, analysis and communication of financial information.
15	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.
16	Working with others (such as through small group projects).

12	Course Requirements									
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 border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Module Code</th> <th>Module Name</th> <th>Credit Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <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> </tbody> </table>	Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value	FIN4005	Introduction to Finance	20	ACC4027	Introduction to Financial Accounting	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

Level 5:

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

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
FIN5014	Corporate Finance	20
ACC5032	Financial Reporting	20
FIN5018	Risk Management	20
ACC5035	Principles of Taxation	20

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 40 credits from the following list of OPTIONAL modules.

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

Level 6:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 60 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
FIN6031	Banking, Financial Markets and Institutions	20
FIN6032	Corporate Financial Strategy	20
FIN6028	Financial Derivaatives	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
ACC6027	Taxation	20
ACC6023	Advanced Financial Reporting	20
FIN6027	International Finance	20
ACC6022	Project Management	20
MAN6038	The Global Manager	20
BUS6057	Business Process and Systems	20
BUS6062	International Business	20
BUS6059	Integrated Research Project	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 Course Structure

Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
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

Core FIN5014: Corporate Finance ACC5032: Financial Reporting	Core FIN5018: Risk Management ACC5035: Principles of Taxation
Optional QME5006: Microeconomics ACC5028: Business Operations ACC5029: Study Abroad* <i>*The Study Abroad module can only be taken in EITHER Semester 1 or Semester 2</i>	Optional BUS5053: Business Entrepreneur ACC5031: Ethics, Corporate Governance and Law ACC5029: Study Abroad*

Level 6

Core FIN6031: Banking, Financial Markets and Institutions	Core FIN6028: Financial Derivatives FIN6032: Corporate Financial Strategy
Optional ACC6027: Taxation FIN6027: International Finance BUS6059: Integrated Business Research Project ACC6023: Advanced Financial Reporting BUS6057: Business Process and Systems	Optional ACC6022: Project Management BUS6059: Integrated Business Research Project BUS6062: International Business MAN6038: The Global Manager

Part Time Course Structure

Year 1	Semester 1	L4 Introduction to Financial Accounting (20 credits)	L4 Introduction to Finance (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L4 Applied Accounting (20 credits)	Quantitative Methods for Finance (20 credits)
Year 2	Semester 1	L4 Principles of Economics (20 credits)	L5 Financial Reporting (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L4 Financial Information Systems (20 credits)	ACC5035: Principles of Taxation
Year 3	Semester 1	L5 Corporate Finance (20 Credits)	L5 option module (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L5 Risk Management (20 credits)	L5 option module (20 credits)
Year 4	Semester 1	L6 Banking, Financial Markets & Institutions (20 credits)	
	Semester 2	L6 Financial Derivatives (20 credits)	L6 Corporate Financial Strategy (20 credits)
Year 5	Semester 1	L6 Option (20 credits)	L6 Option (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L6 Option (20 credits)	

Level 5 Options

Semester 1

FIN5014: Corporate Finance (20 credits)
QME5006: Microeconomics (20 credits)
ACC5029: Study Abroad (20 credits)

Semester 2

ACC5035: Principles of Taxation (20 credits)
ACC5031: Ethics, Corporate Governance and Law (20 credits)
ACC5029: Study Abroad (20 credits)

Level 6 Options

Semester 1

FIN6027: International Finance (20 credits)
BUS6059: Integrated Business Research Project (40 credits)
ACC6027: Taxation (20 credits)

Semester 2

FIN6032: Corporate Financial Strategy (20 credits)
ACC6022: Project Management (20 credits)
BUS6059: Integrated Business Research Project (40 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
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
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