Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	**Course Title**	MSc Management and Finance
2	**BCU Course Code**	PT1617-03
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**
	Our Management and Finance course teaches you the fundamental skills and attributes you need to become a successful international manager in the finance sector. You'll become adept at strategic and tactical business decisions, developing core skills in managerial finance and managing and motivating staff in businesses on an international scale. **What's covered in the course?** Initially in the first stage, you will examine the key challenges faced by global businesses to fully appreciate the complexity and dynamics of leadership and management practice. This will see you broaden your skills in organisation, communication and working with others, particularly within an increasingly diverse cultural context. During the second stage of your course, you will explore international financial management, including international investment strategies, Capital Asset Pricing and the financial aspects of national and international merger and acquisitions. You'll learn how to navigate the risks of foreign exchange rates and the intricacies of dividend policy theory and practice for international firms. You'll be taught international business strategy while also developing your research skills in preparation for your major project. In addition to the Major project, you will also study both personal and institutional portfolio management, covering key areas such as shares, bonds, property chattels and commodities, and fund management principles and issues. The final core Major Project module is tailored to your career aspirations. The module provides three project options: 1. A work-based study route enabling you to relate the project to a current employer; 2. A consultancy project option, where you find a client who has an international business problem that you feel you can solve; 3. A traditional dissertation involving an in-depth exploration of both the theory and practice of international business using primary research. Whatever route you choose, it will give you the opportunity to identify a topic and industry of your choice related to your specialist area of finance, tailoring your degree to enhance your employability for your final chosen career destination. You will work in internationally diverse student teams, collaborating to deliver effective and professional reports, reflecting the professional practice of international management. Throughout the course, the course team will give you the support you need to realise your

	potential, and we look forward to working with you to develop your knowledge, understanding and skills for the career of your choice.

7	Course Awards		
7a	**Name of Final Award**	**Level**	**Credits Awarded**
	Master of Science Management and Finance Master of Science Management and Finance with Professional Placement	7 7	180 240
7b	**Exit Awards and Credits Awarded**		
	Postgraduate Certificate Business Management Postgraduate Diploma Business Management	7 7	60 120

8	Variations from the University Regulations
	Not applicable

9	Delivery Patterns			
Mode(s) of Study	**Location(s) of Study**	**Duration of Study**	**Code(s)**
Full Time	City Centre	12 months	PT1617-03
Full Time Professional Placement	City Centre and placement provider	18 months	PT1619-03

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/.	

11	Course Learning Outcomes
Learning Outcomes – Knowledge & Understanding	
1	Apply knowledge and understanding of advanced theories, concepts and methods to the inter-disciplinary challenges of business and management practice.
2	Examine and evaluate strategic and tactical business decisions in a variety of contexts and within their specialist discipline with a focus on sustainability and business ethics.
3	Appreciate the complexity and dynamics of business and management competences and capabilities that are enabled to respond appropriately to internal and external change.
4	Contribute effectively to identifying, developing and selecting appropriate solutions including digital solutions to solve business and management problems.
5	Implement critical awareness of the current key issues, challenges and practices in the field of business and management including digital business transformation.
6	Employ advanced research and critical enquiry to further develop their professional understanding of international business specialism to aid and inform business and management decision making.
Learning Outcomes – Key Skills	
7	Develop analytical skills necessary to investigate, understand and formulate solutions including digital solutions for management problems.
8	Think critically and creatively to synthesise, evaluate and organise their ideas and concepts and those of others.
9	Solve complex problems and make decisions in ambiguous and uncertain business and management environments.
10	Communicate and express evidence-based ideas and arguments coherently and persuasively whilst effectively utilising relevant Communication Information and Digital Tools.
11	Develop personal effectiveness through self-management strategies and skills to meet business challenges.
12	Learn through reflection on practice (their own and others), from their experience and from feedback from others.
13	Understand and appreciate the importance of different communities of interest and networks, the role of negotiation, collaboration, ethics, technology and organisational culture and values and demonstrate empathy for resolution of conflict.
14	Execute essential skills in qualitative and quantitative research collecting, validating and interpreting data effectively utilising appropriate methodologies.
15	Lead projects and teams developing skills in task prioritisation, working to deadlines, dealing with risk and uncertainty, leading, organising, influencing and motivating others from diverse cultures and backgrounds, in a professional manner.

12	**Course Requirements**
12a	**Level 7:** ***In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 160 credits):***

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ACC7032	Managerial Finance	20
BUS7076	The Integrated Business	20
HRM7052	Leadership Development	20
MAN7131	International Strategic Management	20
BUS7095	Business, Management and Finance Research Project	60
FIN7055	International Financial Strategy	20
FIN7042	Security Analysis and Portfolio Management	20

Level 6:

In order to qualify for the award of MSc Management and Finance with Professional Placement, a student must successfully complete Level 7 modules listed above, totalling 180 credits, as well as the following Level 6 module:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
PLA6001	Professional Placement	60

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.

Course Structure (12-month course only)

Level 7

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO	SEMESTER THREE
Core ACC7032 Managerial Finance (20 credits) HRM7052 Leadership Development (20 credits) BUS7076 The Integrated Business (20 credits)	Core MAN7131 International Strategic Management (20 credits) FIN7055 International Financial Strategy (20 credits) FIN7042 Security Analysis and Portfolio Management (20 credits)	Core BUS7095 Business, Management and Finance Research Project

18 month Professional Placement course:

Level 7

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO	SEMESTER THREE	SEMESTER FOUR
Core ACC7032 Managerial Finance (20 credits) HRM7052 Leadership Development (20 credits) BUS7076 The Integrated Business (20 credits)	Core MAN7131 International Strategic Management (20 credits) FIN7055 International Financial Strategy (20 credits) FIN7042 Security Analysis and Portfolio Management (20 credits)	Core BUS7095 Business, Management and Finance Research Project (60 Credits)	Professional Placement module (60 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 7

Workload

15% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours*
Scheduled Learning	270
Directed Learning	284
Private Study	1246
Total Hours	1800

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage*
Coursework	71.25
Exam	
In-Person	28.75

*Figures vary according to module options chosen.