MSc Banking and Finance

OCTOBER AND JANUARY START DATE AVAILABLE

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WHY STUDY AN MSc BANKING AND FINANCE?

The Chartered Banker accredited MSc Banking and Finance provides a strong grounding in finance with a specialist knowledge of banking. As well as offering theoretical knowledge students receive practical insight into banking practice and regulatory frameworks, corporate finance and international financial architecture.

This course is designed for students from a variety of backgrounds and does not require any previous study in economics or finance. It also caters for the aspirations of individuals who wish to develop their specialist knowledge of banking and finance to a very high level and are working towards professional qualifications and recognition from industry institutes.

As this course is accredited by the Chartered Banker Institute after graduating you will be eligible to become a member of the Institute and with an accelerated route to obtaining the Associate Chartered Banker and Chartered Banker statuses, both of which are globally recognised professional qualifications.

A particular strength of the MSc Banking and Finance is the focus on the practical application of key banking and finance concepts, financial reporting and risk management tools. Focus is given to the introduction of new systems and technologies such as digital banking and FinTech in banking operations. By the end of this course, students are able to use econometric techniques to analyse corporate performance and identify trends in financial markets. Students will have the ability to appraise investment projects using internationally accepted capital budgeting methods and the capacity to appraise and compile economic and financial reports.

The MSc Banking and Finance focuses on the importance of ethical, professional and technical standards. Students are developed as well-rounded, socially responsible citizens through our personal and professional development programme which is unique to the University of Stirling Management School.

"This course is designed for those whose aim is a professional career in the financial and banking sectors. It offers theoretical as well as practical insight into banking practice and regulatory frameworks, corporate finance, and the international financial architecture."

DR THEODOROS DIASAKOS
Course Director

YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS COURSE

1. Chartered Banker Institute accreditation offers graduates significant exemptions from the Chartered Banker qualification

2. Guest lectures and presentations by distinguished professionals from the banking sector

3. Flexible course structure build on the core curriculum from a suite of option modules

4. Week long masterclass delivered by Amplify Trading will give you practical experience of trading markets

5. Student Managed Investment Fund gain practical experience analysing the value of stocks, and constructing and managing a portfolio using professional data sources with regular input and visits from industry professionals

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON COURSE CONTENT VISIT: stir.ac.uk/c
Our graduates have built careers in a variety of sectors in countries including China, Ghana, Greece, India, the UK, Germany, Malaysia, Malta and Norway. They have enjoyed success within different organisations, ranging from multinational banks to asset management companies. In addition to working for banks and financial services organisations, our graduates have found opportunities at specialist property companies, government bodies and regulators who are required to solve complex problems. Graduates are not limited to careers in banking; studies in finance equip students to succeed in the financial world and business worlds more generally.

Alumni who have built their careers after graduating are in posts such as: Regional Head of Novartis, Switzerland; Operations Associate, Morgan Stanley (UK); Credit Partner, Santander Corporate Banking; and Head Banking Trends, Egnatia Bank (Greece).

“I chose this course because the University of Stirling has a very high ranking in Finance. There were several practical modules, including international corporate finance, portfolio management and derivatives, which should stand me in good stead in my career.”

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MSC Banking and Finance
The MSc Banking and Finance is a full-time one year course taught across three semesters. Teaching is carried out through lectures, seminars, workshops and computer labs. Assessment includes coursework and examinations. A dissertation project is undertaken in the third semester and the dissertation should reflect students’ own understanding and knowledge of selected topics covered in the taught modules.

**October entry**

**Core Modules**
- Contemporary Issues in Banking
  Explores the main theories and practices underlying modern banking and financial services businesses, from the industrial structure of organisations to determinants of interest rates.
- Corporate Finance
  Provides an understanding of how corporations raise finance and how they invest money.
- Professionalism, Regulation and Ethics
  Provides students with a knowledge and understanding of professional ethics in the banking industry.
- Flying Start Leadership programme
  Equips students with the awareness, knowledge and techniques essential for building a successful career. These range from practical skills, like effective public speaking, to developing ways to work under pressure in difficult situations and manage conflict.

**Option Modules**
- Quantitative Methods in Finance
  Provides students with key statistical concepts, methods and computing skills necessary to fully understand modern banking and finance operations.
- Dissertation

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- Economics for Banking and Finance
- Digital Banking and Finance: Technological Innovation
- Risk Management in Banking
- Quantitative Financial Risk Analysis
- Management of Technology and Innovation in Financial Institutions
- Applied Data Analytics Using R
- Behavioural Finance
- International Corporate Finance
- Derivatives

For January entry details visit stir.ac.uk/c

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**DEVELOPING REAL-WORLD EXPERTISE**

As part of the Management School’s focus on enhancing graduate employability we offer an intensive trading Boot Camp for Masters students on our finance related courses. Delivered on campus in conjunction with industry training specialist Amplify Trading, the course bridges the gap between academic theories of financial markets and the real world.

Students have the opportunity to trade in a simulated environment across a variety of futures contracts quoted on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, which provides exposure to stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities. An awards ceremony concludes the week.

The Stirling Amplify Trading Boot Camp won the CFA Institute’s global Innovative Delivery of Education (IDEA) Award and was shortlisted for the Herald Higher Education Awards for Scotland in the Innovation Technology Excellence category and the Wharton-QS Stars Reimagine Education Awards, in the Presence Learning category.

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**POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT STIRLING**

**On Campus**

Taking advantage of Scotland’s outstanding natural scenery, the University of Stirling is an inspiring and peaceful place to study.

Postgraduate students can apply for University accommodation and use study areas conducive to working towards successful completion of a Masters degree.

The University offers extensive indoor and outdoor sports facilities, a shopping precinct and arts centre. There is a large team of librarians and IT specialists available for one-to-one guidance with research skills and use of the University’s high-tech learning environment.

Assistive technologies are available for students with disabilities.

**Student and alumni support**

At the Management School we will support you in making the most of your time at Stirling. We have excellent links with major employers in business and industry and our Career Development Centre works closely with students in preparation for the transition to work. The relationship with students does not stop at graduation. We maintain links with our alumni through international events and social media.

**Accreditation and affiliation**

We are a member of the Association of Business Schools; the European Foundation for Management Development; in partnership with the Chartered Management Institute; and are signatories to the Principles for Responsible Management Education.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You’ll need a minimum of a second class Honours degree in any subject, or an equivalent qualification. However, you can still apply if you don’t have these formal qualifications, but bring significant work experience in a relevant area. A background in finance is not required, but you should be comfortable with the level of numeracy required to interpret statistics and financial reports.

If English is not your first language you must provide evidence of your proficiency.

For details of English language requirements for this course, visit: stir.ac.uk/3f

If you don’t meet the required criteria for this course, you can complete the Graduate Diploma in Business, Finance and Sport to gain a guaranteed entry onto this Masters degree: stir.ac.uk/1z4

FEES, FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Stirling Management School is committed to investing in academically talented students. There are various categories of funding available to support the cost of your studies at the University of Stirling.

Information about scholarships and funding may be found at: stir.ac.uk/1j5

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