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# **BA (Hons) International Banking and Finance (Top-Up)**

**London Campus**

**Level of study: Undergraduate (Top Up)**

**Mode of study: Full-time**

**Duration: 1 year**

## **Overview**

Hoping to pursue a career in banking and finance, gain first-hand experience of financial market facilities with the chance to touch real time data taught by experts from the banking and finance industry? Then this Top-Up course may just be what you are looking for.

## **Key facts**

Top-Up your Level 5 qualification to an undergraduate business degree in 1 year. Equip yourself with the skills and knowledge to join the banking and finance industry For those looking to gain a professional qualification, 2 modules are mapped towards the APRM certification allowing easy transition upon completion of the course.

Part of a select group of business schools worldwide, following accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) in business and accounting – the first in Europe to gain the double accreditation. Continue your studies with our ‘MSc Business with’ Masters programmes when you pass with a 2:2 or above and specialise in either Business Analytics, Entrepreneurship, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Human Resource

Management, International Management, Financial Management or Marketing Management

## **Course information**

**UCAS code: UCAS code N4N2**

**Level of study: Undergraduate (Top Up) degrees**

**Fees: Contact us regarding current fees and student finance support**

**Entry requirements: HND (merit profile)/Foundation Degree in a related discipline with GCSE Maths and English language at grade C or above IELTS 6.5 (or above) with no single element below 5.5 or equivalent.**

**English language requirements: IELTS 6.5 (or above) with no single element below 5.5 or equivalent**

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**Assessment methods: Coursework**

**Scholarships or bursaries: available**

**Student finance: available**

**Payment plan: available**

**Starts: Sep, Jan, '20**

### **About this course:**

#### **What will I study?**

Throughout the course you will engage in topics such as strategic management and corporate responsibility; banking risk management, international finance and financial management. You will have the opportunity to build your portfolio and employability, distinguishing yourself from your competitors with first-hand experience of current market developments and financial data.

#### **How will I be taught and assessed?**

Teaching on this programme is delivered through tutorials, seminars, workshops, totalling around 12 hours per week. You will also be expected to engage in independent study involving directed and self-directed learning, around 35 hours per week.

Assessments take place through a mix of coursework and a project.

You'll be taught by experienced lecturers and academics who use their industry experience to demonstrate how the theories you will learn translate in to real life situations.

Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) is embedded throughout the course with tools such as the 'Blackboard' eLearning Portal and electronic reading lists that will guide your preparation for seminars and independent research. The course also draws upon specialist software, ORISIS, as part of your programme.

### **Careers and further study**

Upon graduation you will be equipped with the skills and knowledge to join the banking and finance industry in areas such as financial services, financial advisory work, international banking, building societies, insurance companies, credit unions and other financial intermediaries.

For those students wishing to further enhance their CV, 2 modules are mapped towards the Associated Professional Risk Manager (APRM) certification, therefore allowing easy transition (should it be wished) upon completion of the

International Banking and Finance course.



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If you pass with a minimum of a 2:2 and would like to continue your studies, you may be eligible to progress on to one of our postgraduate business degrees at the London Campus. These programmes include the opportunity for you to specialise in either Business Analytics, Entrepreneurship, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Human Resource Management, International Management, Financial Management or Marketing Management as part of your Business Masters. For those wanting to experience study in a different city, you may also be eligible to progress on to one of our

Masters programmes at our main campus in Newcastle.

### **Entry requirements**

Applicants should have the following:

Academic requirements

- . HND (merit profile)/Foundation Degree in a related discipline
- . GCSE Maths and English language at grade C or above

Students seeking to join the course as either direct or alternative applicants should seek approval of their HND or Foundation Degree prior to applying on UCAS. A list of modules is required as part of this approval process.

### **English language requirements**

Students require IELTS 6.5 (or above) with no single element below 5.5 or equivalent.

If you have IELTS 5.5 – 6.0, you may be eligible to join our Pre-Sessional English before starting this programme.

### **Modules**

All modules on this course are core.

#### **Banking Risk 1 (20 credits)**

The banking and financial services industry operates in a risk structured environment. The business is about the measurement, management and transfer of risk. It focuses on the specific areas of credit and market risk within the context of the relevant regulatory framework and draws on case study material provided by high profile banking and financial institutions. The module is delivered through lectures and workshop based seminars. The workshop based seminars are used to reinforce both lectures and directed learning. As such, the workshop based seminars will involve individual and group work, presentations and discussion and will also be used to develop students' skills of discussion and analysis.

The module is assessed by a 3,000 word assignment and a group or individual presentation on contemporary issues in risk management plus a reflective statement.

#### **International Finance and Responsible Financial Management (20 credits)**

Responsible financial management is at the heart of business decision making. How much should we spend? How much should raise the money? What sustainable value are we creating? These are all crucial



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international corporate finance questions. This module takes a holistic and reflective approach to your learning, with you developing a portfolio of your consideration of financial topics. You will engage with financial news stories in the Financial Times or Bloomberg and apply your learning on the module to them, as well as your reflections on financial documentaries, movies and leading applied research in the area which are available on the modules eLP.

This module will develop you to have an awareness of contemporary financial events and the underpinning academic literature surrounding them, so that when you go for an interview with an employer you are able to display a reflective, evaluative and critical understanding of the financial challenges modern business face.

### **Banking Risk 2 (20 credits)**

Risk Management is fundamental to banks and financial institutions. This module examines and evaluates the interest rate, liquidity and operational risks face faced by banking and financial institutions. In doing so, it examines the sources of these risks and how they may be measured and managed using models. Prominent real life financial disasters are examined to demonstrate how these issues can impact upon the banking and financial industry. Further, a key aspect of the module is to determine why an effective fraud risk assessment framework is essential to the banking and financial institutions. An effective fraud risk assessment framework would be developed as part of the module.

The module is delivered through lectures and seminars. The seminars are used to reinforce both lectures and directed learning. As such, the seminars will involve individual and group work, presentations and discussion and will also be used to develop students' skills of discussion and analysis. The module is assessed by a 3,000 word assignment.

### **LD0399 - Academic and Career Development (20 credits)**

Students will receive support in extending their academic skills so that they can take a critical approach to this module and their wider studies, in recognition of the fact that most of the students on the top up awards will have little or no experience of higher education in the UK this module begins by supporting students to understand and demonstrate advanced academic study skills. This will enable students to take a more critical, deeper and more research-informed approach to their studies. Students will develop valuable knowledge and skills of the global graduate labour market drawing upon national and international examples, whilst exploring key aspects of their skills, knowledge, personality, values, abilities and interests to make a well-informed career choice and develop a career plan.

### **LD0328 - Contemporary Issues in Business (20 credits)**

To support individual investigation into an applied business problem or issue each student will develop a topic based on existing research with the support of a specialist workshop tutor. This individual investigation will draw on relevant academic theories, concepts and frameworks and will result in a critical synthesis of business practice and academic theory.

This workshop programme is supported by directed reading and advice specific to the investigation of the student's specific business issue/problem and the development of their professional awareness and competence. Students will be introduced to the module at the beginning of academic year (before the start of semester 1). In semester 1, a session will be delivered introducing this module and a list of topics relevant



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to the current issues within the area of their study (e.g. Marketing). Students are to select a topic of their choice (which could relate to some aspect of their employment) or choose a topic from the list of suggested topics.

### **LD0329 - Study Support (0 credits)**

In this module you will study areas of academic skills which have been identified as useful to you, this includes academic English writing but also includes computer skills. This module will develop your skills in critical thinking and reflection, develop your ability to undertake a critical review of existing literature on a contemporary issue within the business and management disciplines as well as be able to write a critical literature review.

### **LD0382 - Strategic Management and Corporate Responsibility (20 credits)**

The overall aim of the module is to teach students how organisations can compete successfully in economic terms while managing their social and environmental responsibility. At the end of the module students will be able to critically evaluate the factors which underpin an organisation's success (or otherwise) in managing the triple bottom line and will have learned how to use appropriate frameworks to analyse research material and draw useful conclusions. The lectures and directed reading will be used to introduce theories, concepts and frameworks and explain how these can be applied to business organisations. Seminars will give students the opportunity to practice the use of the material introduced in lectures to evaluate the extent to which organisations are successful in managing the triple bottom line.

### **LD5000 - Academic Language Skills (0 credits)**

Academic skills when studying away from your home country can differ due to cultural and language differences in teaching and assessment practices. This module is designed to support your transition in the use and practice of technical language and subject specific skills around assessments and teaching provision in your chosen subject. The overall aim of this module is to develop your abilities to read and study effectively for academic purposes; to develop your skills in analysing and using source material in seminars and academic writing as well as to develop your use and application of language and communication skills to a higher level.

Please note that your tuition fees do not include the cost of course books that you may choose to purchase, stationery, printing and photocopying, accommodation, living expenses, travel or any other extracurricular activities. As an University student, you will have full access to our online digital library with over 400,000 e-books and 50,000 electronic journals.



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The modules you will study do not require you to purchase additional textbooks although we recommend you allow an additional £150 for the duration of your studies should you choose to purchase any additional reading materials.