FINANCE MSc / 2017/18 ENTRY

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UCL’s Finance MSc covers the key aspects of finance underpinning effective functioning within the financial sector. It engages with the theory and application of core concepts in corporate finance, portfolio management, and mergers and divestments, and other essentials. Students will develop transferable skills to enable them to understand, analyse, and interpret hard-edged data, communicate effectively, and assume leadership roles.

**Degree summary**

Students will acquire a firm grasp of fundamental finance-related concepts, and be able to apply their knowledge to practical tasks by, for example, utilising mathematical models to predict market behaviour. Graduates will acquire the skills and knowledge that enable them to work in any of the major financial centres from New York, to London, to Tokyo - indeed, globally.

- This programme draws upon the combined strengths of two highly-rated departments: UCL School of Management and UCL’s Department of Economics. Academic staff’s knowledge and expertise combine to provide a repository for students to draw upon as they identify and respond to challenges and issues located in real-world scenarios.
- UCL’s proximity to the financial heartland of London offers the ideal location for this specialised Finance MSc. As a leading financial centre London provides the environment and exposure required to develop a finance career.
- UCL School of Management is based at One Canada Square in Canary Wharf, offering students a myriad of opportunities to meet industry professionals. The school is located beneath Europe’s biggest fintech accelerator, Level 39, which currently hosts 180 start-ups focused on finance, retail, and cyber-security. The Department of Economics has long-established links with leading financial institutions, reflected within hard-edged, meaningful research.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, and online modules. Assessment is through written examinations, individual/group coursework, and a 15,000-word dissertation.

**Degree structure**

Mode: Full-time: 1 year  
Location: London, Canary Wharf  

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of six core modules (90 credits), four optional modules (30 credits) and a dissertation (60 credits).

**CORE MODULE**
- Students must take six core taught modules (four in term one and two in term two).
- Advanced Derivatives Modelling and Portfolio Theory  
- Advanced Quantitative Methods for Finance  
- Asset Pricing  
- Corporate Finance  
- Financial Mathematics  
- Financial Econometrics  

**OPTIONAL MODULES**
- Students choose four of the following:
  - Advanced Corporate Finance  
  - Behavioural Finance  
  - Big Data Analytics  
  - Fixed Income Modelling  
  - Mergers, Divestments & IPO Analysis  

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**
- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a report of 15,000 words.
Your career

The scope of the financial industry at national and international level is extensive, and includes a range of types of banks, investment and hedge funds, asset management companies, insurance companies, rating agencies, brokers, and large, medium and boutique financial companies specialising in generic and bespoke products and services. The aim of the Finance MSc is to prepare individuals for effective roles in any of these different organisations within the financial industry.

Employability

Finance MSc graduates will be able to demonstrate deep knowledge and understanding of the specialist subject area while placing that subject within a wider organisational and contextual framework. They will understand current issues and thinking along with techniques applicable to research in the subject area. Graduates will have both theoretical and applied perspectives and will be able to apply a range of specialist skills to the organisations - as well as the context - in which they as specialists may operate.
Entry requirements

A minimum of an upper-second class Bachelor’s degree from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard in one of the following subjects: Finance, mathematics, engineering, economic theory, science, probability, calculus or statistics. Degrees from other disciplines may be considered if they are related to finance and/or mathematics.

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Advanced.

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at:
www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn: • why you want to study Finance at graduate level • why you want to study the Finance MSc at UCL • what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme • how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this challenging programme • where you would like to go professionally with your degree Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver. Applicants who have a portfolio are strongly recommended to submit it when they apply.

It is important to stress that a strong quantitative background is essential, along with an enquiring mind.

FEES AND FUNDING 2017/18 ENTRY

// UK: £25,890 (FT)
// EU: £25,890 (FT)
// Overseas: £25,890 (FT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Current Students website.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 17 May 2017

All references and additional documents must be received by 24 May 2017 at 5pm (GMT).

Details on how to apply are available on the website at:
www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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