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School of Economics and Finance

MSc Banking and Finance

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Director of QUMMIF (Queen Mary MSc Investment Fund)
Director of Banking and Finance M.Sc. (September)

PhD in Economics and Finance

Research interests: Investment, Corporate Finance, Corporate Governance, Empirical Microeconomics.

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Key Academic Staff

- Alfonsina Iona (Programme Director)
- Alp Atakan (Head of School)
- Daniela Tavasci (Director of Student Experience PGT)
- Thomai Filipelli (Dissertation Coordinator)

Support Staff:

- James Kilvington (PGT Programme Manager)
- Oliver Grabowski (PGT Programme Officer)
- Kay Serroukh and Maha Anis (Student Support Officers)
- All queries: contact us via [AskQM](#).
- All staff: <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/sef/people/>

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- Taught programme in Banking and Finance
- Offers specialized, practical and theoretical education in an environment of academic excellence
- Six compulsory taught modules: Four in Semester A plus two in Semester B
- Three elective modules in Semester B
- Over the summer, choose between:
 - Dissertation (7,000 words) OR
 - Applied Project in Valuation and taught module Further Topics in Valuation
 - Research Project (2,500 words) plus two elective modules

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Induction	Semester A	Semester B	Semester C
Mathematics (ungraded)	Investment Management (15 Credits)	Commercial and Investment Banking (15 Credits)	Dissertation (45 Credits)
			OR
Statistics (ungraded)	Applied Econometrics with R (15 Credits)	Risk Management for Banking (15 Credits)	Applied Project in Valuation (30 credits) And Further Topics in Valuation (15 credits)
	Applied Corporate Finance (15 Credits)	Electives (15 Credits)	Or
	Practical Valuation (15 Credits)	Electives (15 Credits)	Research Project (2500 words) plus 2 x elective modules (all three components worth 15 credits each)
		Electives (15 Credits)	

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Electives - Semester B (it is not guaranteed that all electives will run)



Financial Derivatives (ECOM026)
International Finance (ECOM035)
Behavioural Finance (ECOM038)
Asset Management (ECOM057)
Bond Market Strategies (ECOM074)
Credit Ratings (ECOM091)
Mergers and Acquisitions (ECOM095)
Systematic Trading Strategies (ECOM123)
China & Global Financial Markets (ECOM137)
Real Estate Finance (ECOM138)
Cases in Corporate Finance (ECOM143)
Private Equity and Venture Capital (ECOM147)
Fintech (ECOM194)
Machine Learning for Finance (ECOM198)

ESG Investing (ECOM208)
Financial Statement Analysis (ECOM211)
Blockchain Economics and Financial Market
Innovation (ECOM215)
Large Language Models and Textual Analysis in
Finance (ECOM217)
Applied Portfolio Construction (ECOM220)
Financial Data Analytics (MTH792P)

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Electives - Semester C (it is not guaranteed that all electives will run)



Financial Derivatives (ECOM026);
International Finance (ECOM035);
Bond Market Strategies (ECOM074);
Mergers and Acquisitions (ECOM095);
Climate Finance (ECOM207);
R for Finance (ECOM209);
Further Topics in Valuation (ECOM154);
Evolution of Financial System
and Financial Innovation (ECOM225).

PLEASE NOTE:

If you choose the Research project and Semester C modules and fail any of these, it is likely to mean that your graduation will be delayed by up to six months.

If you choose the Research project and Semester C modules, you will be able to reselect (i.e. change) in January.

If you selected the Dissertation, the Applied Project in Valuation or the Research Project now, you will be able to change this in January.

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Semester A/B additional activities

- Amplify Trading
- Applied Portfolio Management
- C++ for Finance
- VBA for Finance
- Financial Trading Programme
- Fintech
- Live Trader
- Stata
- Foundation course in Technical Analysis
- Matlab
- Python for Finance
- Peston Lectures
- QNomics
- The Future of Investment Banking
- Insight into Economic and Financial Consultancy
- QUMMIF - Investment Fund

QUMMIF Investment Fund



QUMMIF | Investment Fund



Queen Mary Master Investment Fund (QUMMIF) is a Student-managed investment fund with responsibility for over £40,000 of investments

QUMMIF - It is one of the only investment clubs of its kind in London, established in 2012 for postgraduate students interested in obtaining relevant, practical work experience in trading and portfolio analysis. Membership is open to all postgraduate students of the School of Economics and Finance. It is an excellent opportunity to acquire financial skills, relevant work experience and knowledge of the financial markets.

[QUMMIF Portfolio | QUMMIF Investment Fund](#)

[QUMMIF - Queen Mary MSc Investment Fund: From Classroom to Investment Fund Management](#)

QUMMIF



Analysis of companies, industries, and asset classes

Work-relevant skills in investment, portfolio analysis, and trading

Teams compete against each other

Opportunities to network with fellow students, academics, and city professionals

Academics and city professionals act as mentors

Extracurricular Activities for Professional Skills Development

- Queen Mary MSc Investment Fund (QUMMIF)
- AmplifyME Pathways
- Bloomberg Market Concepts Certificate
- Short modules
- Opportunity to conduct research for dissertation in finance industry
- qNomics

Visit SEF Postgraduate Professional Skills Development - 2025/26 QMPlus page

AmplifyME Pathways Online Platform

Live simulations

Practical tasks from careers in finance

Students from around the world interact

Three pathways

- Markets (trading and asset management)
- Banking (financial statements and company valuation)
- Quant (automating processes and trading strategies using Python)

Leaderboards

- top performers get fast-track job/internship opportunities with leading financial institutions

On-demand content

Learning content for each pathway

Careers advice



Short Modules



- Short, non-credit-bearing modules
- Run for a few weeks
- Focus on practical skills such as programming or working with trading software
- List:
 - Matlab
 - Applied Portfolio Management
 - Storytelling for Success in the Modern Workplace
 - C++ (to be confirmed)

Research for Dissertation in Finance Industry



Opportunity to conduct research for dissertation at company in financial industry

Company will provide

- space at its offices,
- assistance (e.g., in the form of access to data), and
- mentoring

Slots are limited, and there may be a competitive selection process

qNomics



Students provide free financial advice to local tech start-ups and entrepreneurs

Careers Support Services



- One-on-one appointments with our dedicated careers consultants
- Interview workshops and practice
- Help with writing your CV and cover letter
- Psychometric testing
- Interactive sessions with professionals from the financial industry, financial-careers consultants, and alumni on topics such as:
 - careers in finance
 - job search strategies
 - speed networking in finance

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Teaching



Modules

Graded modules are typically taught via a weekly lecture and the support class for 11 weeks. The grade for each module comes from the exam, typically worth 80% of the mark and the mid-term component, typically worth 20% of the mark (to be held during the module).

Weekly Lectures with the Module Leader

For each lecture/week, materials can be found on QMPLUS . Links to the sessions will be found on the module pages on QMplus as well. Make sure you read the materials before the Lecture, so you can ask questions during the lecture.

Classes

You will be allocated to a weekly one-hour support class where you will have the opportunity to work through exercises with the Teaching assistant. Students are advised not to miss the support classes: practice on these exercises is going to be crucial for the final exam.

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Assessment



Total Grade in a module - with some exceptions

80% Final exams

20% In-session assessment (mid-term test, coursework, etc.)

- If you fail the in-session assessment you can pass the overall module with the exam.
- If you fail the overall module, you will have a chance pass with a re-sit exam.
- (if you study well, and ask when you do not understand, then you shouldn't fail)

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Assessment



Research Project

If you would prefer not to write a dissertation, you can instead do a research project. It would be similar to a dissertation, so it will be your own work, but may take the form of a literature review, or a general overview of a topic, so it would be shorter (2,500 words) and this is reflected in its value, as it is worth 15 credits.

To make up for the lower credits you will receive for taking the Research Project, you will take two additional elective modules in Semester C.

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Assessment



Dissertation

Students who pass all exams will progress to their Dissertation during the summer.

- Details will be given during a presentation at the end of Semester A / beginning of Semester B
- You are expected to attend meetings with your Dissertation supervisor over the summer, so you cannot leave for a prolonged period of time during the third term.
- Deadline for submission of the Dissertation will be August 2025.
- Dissertation Coordinator: Thomai Filipelli.

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Award Rules

Awards and Progression Rules	
Classification	College Mark
❖ Distinction	70.0+
❖ Merit	60.0+
❖ Pass	50.0+
❖ Fail (no award)	0.0 - 49.9

Semester A Dates

<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/about/calendar/>



- **Pre-sessionals and Induction (2 weeks):** 15 September - 26 September 2025
- **Lectures start:** 29 September 2025
- **Careers week (no teaching):** 03 - 07 November 2025

Semester 1 - Examination Period

Study period: 5 January - 7 January 2026
Examinations: 8 January - 23 January 2026

Semester B Dates

<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/about/calendar/>



Semester 2

26 January - 17 April 2026

Bank holidays: 3 and 6 April 2026

Semester C Dates

<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/about/calendar/>



Semester 3 - Examination period for Semester 2 & Year Long Modules

Examinations: 7 May - 5 June 2026

Bank holidays: 4 and 25 May 2026

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Late Summer Resit Period (LSR)/Dissertations

LSR period: 3 August - 14 August 2026

- This is predominately for resits, i.e. for failed modules from Semester A and Semester B, but also for first attempts (“first sits”), where a student has missed an exam during Sem A and/or Sem B due to accepted Extenuating Circumstances.
- Please note, if you fail a Semester C module you will re-sit in December and this could delay your graduation.

Dissertation and Research Project Submission Deadline: August 2026

- Please bear in mind that revising for an exam is not an accepted reason for delaying the submission of your Dissertation or the Research Project, so please plan accordingly.

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Module Registration



1. Go to: <https://myasis.qmul.ac.uk>
2. Log in using your college username and password
3. Choose the modules (compulsory and electives) as listed before (see also the Student Handbook)
4. You need to make your choices now, but there will be an opportunity to make changes to Semester B modules, if needed, at the start of Semester B.
5. Enter your diet. Once you have entered it, we will check and confirm your selection.
6. Deadline to enter your selections: 4pm, 9th October 2025

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Destination of Students

Previous graduates from this M.Sc. have moved into careers as:

- Business analysts
- Risk Managers
- Financial accounts managers
- Portfolio Managers
- Investment analyst
- Financial Advisor

At organizations such as..

- Bloomberg
- Morningstar
- PwC
- S&P Ratings
- Moody's

Useful Links

- Postgraduate Study - <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/sef/postgraduate/>
- Facilities - <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/sef/postgraduate/masters/facilities/>
- School News - <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/sef/news/>

Useful Links

Students may come to use **Extenuating Circumstances** because they have missed a mid-term or a piece of course work. Extenuating circumstances are defined by the University rules (see AR).

The Academic Regulations are available online at
http://www.arcs.qmul.ac.uk/policy_zone/index.html#academic_policies

The School of Economics and Finance Handbook is available online at: <https://qplus.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=20096>

The Student Guide is available online at: <http://www.arcs.qmul.ac.uk>

What you can expect from us

- ✓ Our teaching introduces you to work that is both stimulating and challenging;
- ✓ We use a range of teaching methods as appropriate to individual modules (which means that modules will be taught in a variety of ways) in order to maximize your involvement and participation;
- ✓ We are available for consultation during the office hours;
- ✓ We aim to read and return assessed work as quickly as possible.

What we expect from you

- ✓ A strong interest in your chosen subject;
- ✓ Attendance at all modules (lectures and classes/seminars) for which you are registered;
- ✓ Full participation in modules: as we are committed to increasing student involvement in learning
- ✓ Participation in module development via constructive evaluation of the modules you take;
- ✓ Prompt submission of work you have been set.

Thank you for choosing our School!



**We wish you all an exciting, challenging
and rewarding experience,**





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