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MSc Corporate Finance

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Corporate Finance MSc

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Key Academic Staff

- Veronica Veleanu (Director of the Programme)
- Alp Atakan (Head of the School)
- Daniela Tavesci (Director of Student Experience PGT)
- Thomai Filipelli (Dissertation Coordinator)

Support Staff

- James Kilvington (PGT Programme Manager)
- Oliver Grabowski (PGT Programme Officer)
- Kay Serroukh / Maha Anis (Student Support Officers)
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- All staff: https://www.qmul.ac.uk/sef/people/

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- Taught programme in finance with a special focus on corporate finance, such as the valuation of firms and investment projects, optimal capital structure, mergers and acquisitions, and financial accounting
- Offers specialised, practical and theoretical education in an environment of academic excellence
- Six compulsory taught modules: Five in Semester A plus One in Semester B
- Three elective taught modules in Semester B

AND in Semester C the option of:

- A dissertation of 7,000 words;
- Applied Project in Valuation plus a taught module Further Topics in Valuation;

  or
- A Research Project (2,500 words) + two additional elective taught modules.

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Induction	Semester A	Semester B	Semester C	
Mathematics (ungraded)	Practical Valuation (15 Credits)	Cases in Corporate Finance (15 Credits)	Dissertation (45 Credits)	Research Project (15 Credits)
Statistics (ungraded)	Principles of Corporate Finance (15 Credits)	Elective (15 Credits)	or	Elective (15 Credits)
	Financial Modelling in Excel (15 Credits)	Elective (15 Credits)	Applied Project in Valuation (30 credits)	Elective (15 Credits)
	Primary Markets and Securities (15 Credits)	Elective (15 Credits)	Further Topics in Valuation (15 credits)	
	Financial Statement Analysis (15 Credits)			

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Electives – Semester B

Financial Derivatives (ECOM026);
International Finance (ECOM035);
Behavioural Finance (ECOM038);
Commercial and Investment Banking (ECOM049);
Risk Management for Banking (ECOM055);
Asset Management (ECOM057);
Bond Market Strategies (ECOM074);
Credit Rating (ECOM091);
Mergers and Acquisition (ECOM095);
Systematic Trading Strategies (ECOM123);
China and Global Financial Markets (ECOM137);
Real Estate Finance (ECOM138);
Private Equity and Venture Capital (ECOM147);
Fintech (ECOM194);
Machine learning for Finance (ECOM198);
ESG Investing (ECOM208);
Blockchain Economics and Financial Market Innovation (ECOM215);
Large Language Models and Textual Analysis in Finance (ECOM217);
Applied Portfolio Construction (ECOM220).

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

Financial Derivatives (ECOM026)**;
International Finance (ECOM035);
Commercial and Investment Banking (ECOM049);
Risk Management for Banking (ECOM055);
Bond Market Strategies (ECOM074);
Mergers and Acquisition (ECOM095)**;
Further Topics in Valuation (ECOM154)**;
Climate Finance (ECOM207);
R for Finance (ECOM209);
Evolution of Financial System and
Financial Innovation (ECOM225)**.

** these modules are compressed in Sem C
Lectures run in weeks 1-5; Classes weeks 2-8.

N.B. If you choose the Research project and Sem C modules and need to re-sit 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 Sem C mod ules, 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 you will be able to change this choice in January.

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Teaching

Modules

Graded modules – those which are compulsory and your elective choices - are typically taught via a weekly lecture and the support class over 11 weeks. The grade for each module comes from the exam, **generally** worth 80% and an in-sessional assessment, worth the remaining 20% of the overall module mark.

Lecture teaching

The majority of your semester A teaching will have a pre-recorded element on QMplus, and also a two-hour lecture held on campus. These lectures will also be recorded and content will be available on the module pages on QMPlus.

Classes

You will be allocated to a weekly one-hour support class where you will have the opportunity to work through exercises with a Teaching Assistant. There will be face-to-face sessions on campus and then webinars for those unable to attend in person. 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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- The assessments will take place in person, on campus.
- You must submit your work by the deadline. Late submissions may incur a mark of zero.
- You are able to submit an **extenuating circumstances** claim if you have a valid reason for a late submission.

Unless instructed otherwise, collusion is an assessment offence (i.e. you may not work with someone else on your answers, unless you have specifically been instructed you may do so).

Plagiarism – copying or pretending someone else's work is your own – is always an assessment offence.

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Total Grade in a module – with some exceptions

80% Final exams

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

- If you fail the in-sessional assessment, you can pass the overall module with the exam.
- If you fail the overall module, you will have an opportunity to pass with a resit exam.

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Dissertation

- Your dissertation will be a 7,000-word assessment or 2500-word research project, where you present the findings of your own research, which you will work on in Semester C
- You are expected to attend meetings with your dissertation supervisor over the summer, and you will be able to do this on-line
- More details will be given during a presentation in November, with a further session at the beginning of Semester B
- Deadline for submission of the Dissertation will be late August 2025.

- Dissertation Coordinator: Thomai Filipelli.

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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.

NB If you need to re-sit a Semester C module in order to graduate, the resit will be in December 2025. This will mean your graduation is delayed, which may affect your ability to gain a Graduate work visa.

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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

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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
- **Module registration deadline:** 9th October 2025
- **Careers week:** 03 – 07 November 2025 (no teaching)
- **Semester ends:** 12 December 2025

- **Semester A Examination Period :** 08 January - 23 January 2026

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Semester B Dates

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

- **Lectures start:** 26 January 2026
- **Careers week:** 09 - 13 March 2026 (no teaching)
- **Semester ends:** 17 April 2026

- **Bank holidays:** 3 and 6 April 2026 (no teaching)
- **Semester B Exam Period:** 07 May - 05 June 2026

Semester C Dates

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

- **Lectures start:** 02 June 2026
- **Semester ends :** 01 August 2026

- **Semester C Exam Period:** 17 - 27 August 2026
- **Semester C resit exam period:** 01 - 12 December 2026

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Module Registration

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1. Go to: https://mysis.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. Deadline to enter your selections: 4pm on 9th October 2025

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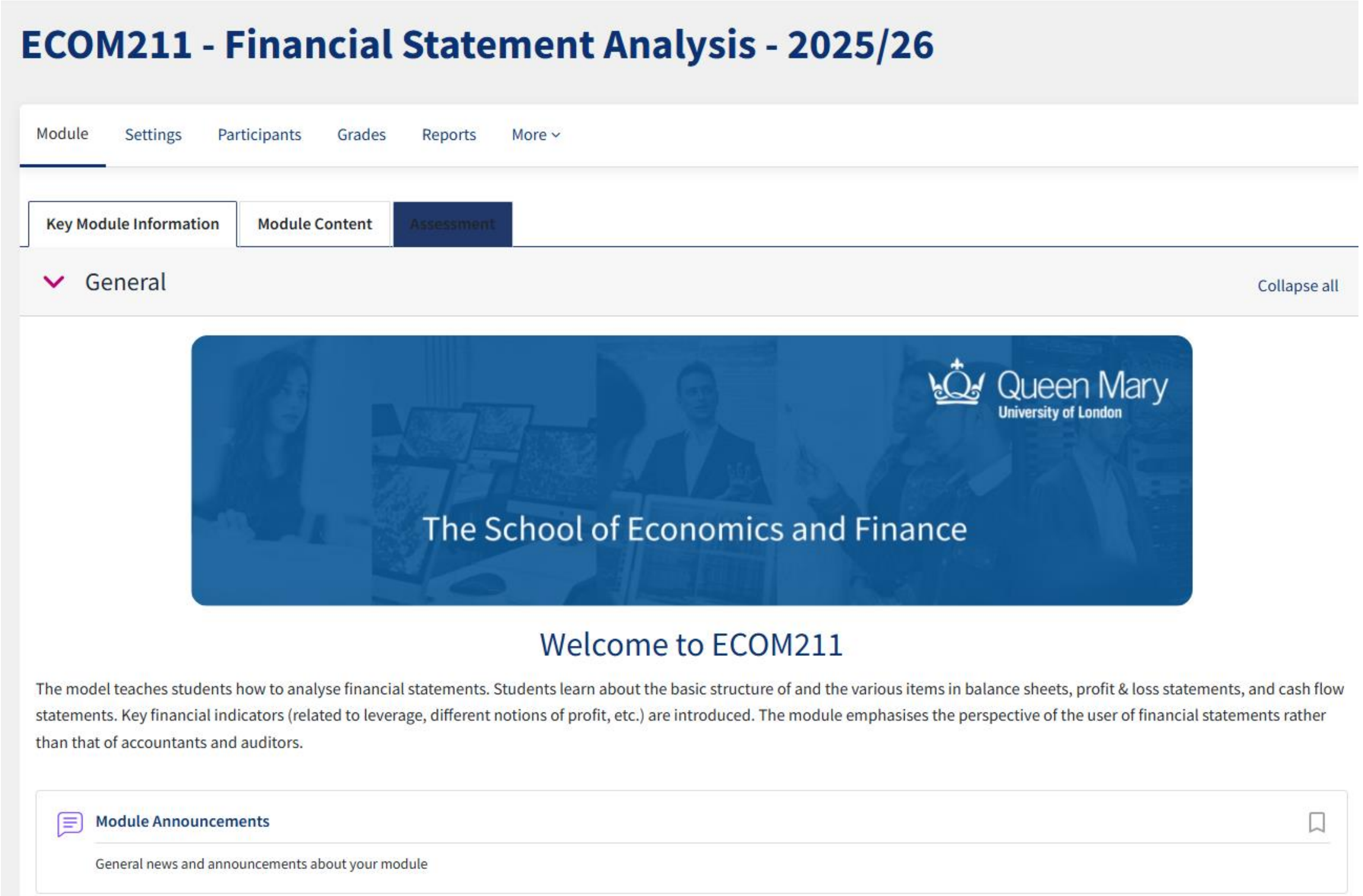
Module QMPlus Page

- Module info and lecture materials
- Timetable
- Library books and resources
- Module announcements

- Check your university email regularly!



Extracurricular Activities for Professional Skills Development

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

Please visit the SEF Postgraduate Professional Skills Development - 2025/26 QMPlus page

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

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

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Bloomberg Market Concepts & qNomics

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- Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC) is a 10-15 hour self-paced e-learning course
- Provides an introduction to the financial markets: consisting of 5 modules – Economic Indicators, Currencies, Fixed Income, Equities and Getting Started on the Terminal
- is available free of charge on the terminal in our Bloomberg Finance Lab

qNomics is a student-driven consultancy where students provide free financial advice to local tech start-ups and entrepreneurs

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

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- 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

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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Destination of Students

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Previous graduates from this course have moved into careers such as:

- investment and portfolio management,
- investment banking,
- investment or credit analysis,
- professional services such as auditing, accounting and consulting,
- public sector or government offices.

At organisations such as…

- HSBC, Standard Chartered, Bloomberg, credit rating agencies, civil service

Useful Links

Students may come to use **Extenuating Circumstances** because they have missed a mid-term assessment 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://qmplus.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=26005

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

What you can expect from us

- ✓ Our teaching introduces you to corporate finance topics, which you hopefully will find 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) and try to maximise your involvement and participation;
- ✓ We are available for consultation during office hours;
- ✓ We aim to review 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.

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Thank you for choosing our School

We wish you an exciting, challenging and rewarding experience!

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