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Master in Banking and Finance

People

Key Academic Staff:
- Alfonsina Iona (Director of the Programme)
- Jason Sturgess (Head of the School)
- Yioryos Makedonis (Senior Tutor)

Admin Staff:
- James Kilvington (PGT Programme Manager)
- Joanna Jones (PGT Student Support Officer)
- Serena Spoendlin (Careers Consultant)
Master in Banking and Finance

- Taught programme in Banking and Finance
- The most populous master in the UK (about 300 students per year);
- Offers specialised, 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 taught modules in Semester B
  the option given in Semester C as well
- Choose between
  - Three elective modules and Dissertation (7,000 words) OR
  - Five elective modules and one Research Project (2,500 words)
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Electives

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Semester C electives

New for 2021/22 we are offering the chance to take taught modules in Semester C. At present there are a limited number of choices, if interest is high, we may be able to increase the number of modules we can offer.

Electives running in Sem C:
- Financial Derivatives
- Principles of Accounting
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Statistical Machine Learning in Finance

The exams for Semester C modules take place at the same time as the resit exams. Therefore, if you take a Semester C taught module and fail, this is likely to mean your graduation will be delayed, by up to six months. If you choose the Research project and Sem C modules, you will be able to reselect (i.e. change) in January or change to this option.
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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
• R
• 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 - It is one of the only investment clubs of its kind in London, established 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.
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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
These will be purely online for some modules, while for other modules they will be either face to face for those students who arrived in London and online for the overseas students. For each lecture/week, materials can be found on QMPLUS. Links to the live-stream sessions will be found on the module pages on QMplus as well. Make sure you read the materials before the Live 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. There will be face-to-face sessions on campus and then online classes 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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Impact of Covid-19

During the first Semester students can choose to study on-line or come onto campus and attend teaching in person.

**Studying On-line:**

- Because of Covid-19, over the summer we invested in better technology in order to be able to live-stream lectures, to complement the full set of on-line materials which will enable you to take the course remotely until you can join us in person.

**Studying On Campus:**

- The UK Government confirmed the lifting of all Covid-19 restrictions from 19th July. While this is a welcome step towards normality, we must all remain cautious and vigilant.

- Using face coverings on campuses inside buildings is no longer mandated by Government. However, for the well-being of all our students and staff, we encourage you to continue to wear face coverings inside buildings on our campuses, if they become crowded (especially in some Lecture Rooms with ventilation issues).
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Impact of Covid-19

Studying On Campus:

• Maintaining good hygiene can help reduce the spread of respiratory diseases including Covid-19. Hand washing facilities/hand sanitisers are located by the lifts, at the Reception, all Teaching and learning spaces, PC Labs.

• Signage has been installed in key locations throughout the Graduate Centre (i.e. exit and entry points, communal areas, lift walls).

• Please follow all University updates on health and safety, any specific requirements for spaces such as laboratories, and any procedures in place for booking spaces including desks and study areas.

• Read and follow the Queen Mary Covid-19 Code, setting out the behaviours which we should show towards each other when on campus

• [https://www.qmul.ac.uk/coronavirus/guidance-for-staff/3-essential-steps-for-staff-remaining-on-campus/queen-mary-covid-code/](https://www.qmul.ac.uk/coronavirus/guidance-for-staff/3-essential-steps-for-staff-remaining-on-campus/queen-mary-covid-code/)
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Assessment

Exams
Exams will be held on line and can be on the same day or consecutively.
• You must to submit your work by the deadline. Late submissions will incur a mark of zero.
• (you are able to submit an extenuating circumstances claim if you have a valid reason for a late submission)

Be aware of Academic Misconduct
• Academic misconduct is cheating (or attempted cheating) that occurs in relation to an assessment. Such behaviour runs contrary to Queen Mary’s stated core values, with particular reference to its commitment to act with integrity and the highest ethical standards;
• Read the Academic Misconduct Policy at:
http://www.arcs.qmul.ac.uk/media/arcs/policyzone/academic/Academic-Misconduct-Policy-(2021-22).pdf
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Assessment

Total Grade in a module

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 a chance pass with a resit exam.
• (if you study well, and ask when you do not understand, then you shouldn’t fail)
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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 the 22\textsuperscript{nd} August 2022.
- Dissertation Coordinator: Thomai Filipelli.
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Assessment

Research Project

New for 2021-22: 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.
# Master in Banking and Finance Award Rules

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Term Dates

**Semester A** (20th September - 17th December 2021)

Induction and Pre-sessional courses (week commencing 20th September – 1st October)
Lectures start (w/c 4th October)
Classes start (w/c 11th October)

Reading Week (no teaching) – 8th -12th November 2021

Last Day of Semester A Teaching - Friday 17th December

**Semester A Examination period**

Thursday 6th--21st January 2021

(exam timetable to be released mid-November)
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Term Dates

Semester B

Week 1 Introductory lectures begin (w/c 24th January)
Week 2 Lectures and support classes begin (w/c 31st January)

Change of module deadline: 4pm, Friday 4th February 2022

Week 7 reading week – no teaching (w/c 7th March)

Week 12 Final Day of Teaching Thursday 14th April

Semester B Examination period

Thursday 5th May - 1st June 2022.
(examination timetable usually released mid-March)
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Term Dates

Semester C

Please Note that Semester C starts before the university’s formal exam period has ended. We will try to ensure that the lectures and exams do not clash but we cannot guarantee this yet.

Sem C is 11 weeks in duration (2 x 5 teaching weeks + Reading week)

- Monday 23rd May; start of teaching
- Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd June are public holidays, no teaching will take place
- 4th – 8th July: Reading week
- CFA Training module: 4-8th July, Monday-Friday 9-5pm (to be confirmed)
- Friday 5th August: Last day of teaching for Semester C

Semester C Examination Period: Monday 15th – Friday 26th August 2022
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Late Summer Resit Period/Dissertations

LSR period: Monday 15th – Friday 28th August 2022

• 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.

• The late summer examination period coincides with the Semester C examination period, so please note, if you fail a Semester C module this could delay your graduation

Dissertation and Research Project Submission Deadline: Monday 22nd August 2022

• 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 plan accordingly.
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Module Registration

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.
6. Deadline to enter your selections: 4pm, Friday 8th October 2021
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E-book

As part of an innovative project and with the intention to become “greener”, the School of Economics and Finance provides you with e-books for compulsory modules.

The e-books all run on the same platform (Kortex) and have the same functionalities (you will be able to read them on and off-line, take notes, print parts of them).

You will have access to the e-books by week starting the 11th October. You will receive an email and/or video with the instructions. You will also have a dedicated customer care and be able to access them.
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Destination of Students

Previous graduates from this course have moved into careers as:

Management consultants...
- Business analysts
- Risk Managers
- Financial accounts managers

At organisations such as...
- Bloomberg
- Deloitte LLP
- PwC
Useful Links

- Postgraduate Study - https://www.qmul.ac.uk/sef/postgraduate/

- Facilities - https://www.qmul.ac.uk/sef/postgraduate/masters/facilities/

Useful Links

Students may come to use Extenuating Circumstances because they have missed a midterm 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: http://www.econ.qmul.ac.uk/

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) and try to maximise 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 an exciting, challenging and rewarding experience

Good Luck!