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Induction	Semester A	Semester B	Semester C	
Mathematics (ungraded)	Practical Valuation (15 Credits)	Strategy, Leadership & Management of Investment Banks (15 Credits)	Dissertation (45 Credits)	OR Research Project (15 Credits)
Statistics (ungraded)	Foundations of Corporate Finance (15 Credits)	Mergers & Acquisitions (15 Credits)	or	Electives (15 Credits)
	Financial Modelling in Excel (15 Credits)	Electives (15 Credits)	Applied Project in Valuation (30 credits)	Electives (15 Credits)
	Primary Markets and Securities (15 Credits)	Electives (15 Credits)	Further Topics in Valuation (15 credits)	
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MSc Investment Banking (CFA pathway)

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	Financial Modelling in Excel (15 Credits)	Electives (15 Credits)		Electives (15 Credits)
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Semester B Electives:

- Financial Derivatives
- International Finance
- Behavioural Finance
- Risk Management for Banking
- Asset Management
- Bond Market Strategies
- Applied Wealth Management
- Credit Rating
- Portfolio Construction Theory
- Systematic Trading Strategies
- Cases in Corporate Finance
- Private Equity and Venture Capital
- Big Data Applications for Finance
- Fintech
- Machine Learning for Finance
- ESG Investing
- Financial Statement Analysis (if taking this you cannot also take Principles of Accounting)
- Blockchain Economics and Financial Market Innovation
- Applied Econometrics with R
- Large Language Models and Textual Analysis in Finance
- Financial Data Analytics

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Semester C Electives:

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

****The lectures for these modules will be compressed into weeks 1-5 of term, the classes will run weeks 2-9.**



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. This MAY mean you will not be eligible for the UK Graduate visa. For advice on the eligibility criteria for a Graduate visa, please visit the Advice and Counselling service: www.welfare.qmul.ac.uk

If you choose the Dissertation, the Valuation Project or the Research project and Semester C modules, you will be able to change to another option in January.

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Semester A/B additional activities

- AmplifyME Experience Finance
- Applied Portfolio Management
- C++ for Finance
- VBA for Finance
- Live Trader
- Stata
- Matlab
- Peston Lectures
- QUMMIF - Investment Club
- QNomics
- The Future of Investment Banking
- Insight into Economic and Financial Consultancy

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

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

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

- 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

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-session 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 sessions will be found 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. 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

- The majority of final assessments are two-hour examinations on campus.
- Coursework to be submitted by the deadline. Late submission may incur a zero mark.
- Extensions are not given therefore, if you have a valid reason to submit late, please apply for **extenuating circumstances**, and submit as soon as you are able to. If your ECs are accepted, no late penalty will be applied.
- If you miss an exam or a mid-term test, you will receive a mark of zero. If you have a valid reason to miss the assessment, please submit an extenuating circumstances claim.

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

Careers week: 03 - 09 November 2025

End of term: 12 December 2025

Semester 1 - Examination Period: 8 January - 23 January 2026

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Semester B dates:

Semester 2

26 January - 17 April 2026

Bank holidays: 3 and 6 April 2026

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Semester C dates:

- Semester 3 - Examination period for Semester 2
- Examinations: 7 May - 5 June 2026
- Bank holidays: 4 and 25 May 2026

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Term Dates

Late Summer Examination 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.
- The late summer examination period coincides with the Semester C examination period, so please note, if you require a re-sit for one or more Semester C modules this would delay your graduation
- **Dissertation and Research Project Submission Deadline: late 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 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: 9th October 2025

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://qmplus.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=26005>

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

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We wish you an exciting, challenging and
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