



MA in Finance and Investment ONLINE

Study an online MA in Finance and Investment in partnership with
the Quality Label awarded Uninettuno University



Class profile

The MA in Finance and Investment connects you with students from around the world for a truly international perspective. The average age of students on InterActive's postgraduate courses is 28.

*Based on data from 2012 and 2013.



- UK & Europe (29%)
- Africa & Middle East (36%)
- South Asia (23%)
- CIS (13%)
- South & North America (9%)
- Others (4%)

MA in Finance and Investment

A career in finance and investment can be as varied as it is rewarding. This specialised programme provides the tools needed to be successful in this ever-evolving field.

Armed with the latest in research, data analysis, strategic planning and management expertise, you'll be prepared to perform in high-level finance and investment positions. You can customise your degree to fit your needs through elective modules and 6 specialist pathways.

Key topics covered include business and financial analysis; quantitative methods and financial markets; and corporate finance. Emphasis is placed on developing proficiency through hands-on assessments and case studies.

Real-life practical business skills are refined through workshops and innovative group projects. Our full-time and part-time options, available at our centrally located London, Birmingham and Manchester campuses, allow you the freedom to study however you wish. Online learning (anywhere, anytime) is made possible through our innovative platform powered by InterActive.

Designed by the London School of Business & Finance, the MA in Finance and Investment is validated by Uninettuno University.

London School of Business & Finance

Founded in 2003, LSBF is a global institution offering a broad range of undergraduate, postgraduate and professional qualifications, such as ACCA, CFA® and CIMA. It has nine campuses across the UK, Asia and North America, with over 25,000 registered students from more than 150 countries.

Uninettuno University

The International Telematic University (UNINETTUNO) is a single institution conceived on a grand scale. UNINETTUNO, which was founded by Ministerial Decree of the Italian Republic in 2005, is a distance teaching university based on close cooperation with traditional universities from Europe, the Arab World, the United States and Asia – at UNINETTUNO, our student-base is truly global. These alliances with higher-education institutions from across the world allow UNINETTUNO to supply a wider and more diverse educational offering, based on a scientific psychopedagogical model built on 20 years of research. Thanks to the use of new technologies and a faculty of prestigious professors from some of the world's biggest universities, UNINETTUNO offers a unique university experience based on quality, flexibility and innovation.

To find out more, please visit www.uninettunouniversity.net



Advantages of the programme

This special opportunity not only allows you to study with two universities, but to communicate and network with over 12,000 students, mentors and tutors worldwide. Once you complete the programme, you'll be a member of both the Uninettuno and LSBF alumni groups. Your postgraduate degree will be validated by Uninettuno University, and your transcript will be issued by LSBF.

About programme

Key Facts

- ▶ Programme contains 236 hours of HD quality video lectures*
- ▶ Taught by 48 lecturers from LSBF*

Duration

- ▶ 18 month to 3 years

Intake

- ▶ January, March, June, September, December

Tuition fees

To receive information on a fee structure, scholarship and funding options, and instalment plans, please contact our advisors.

*Based on data collected in February 2013

InterActive platform

Without leaving your country or career, you'll study fully online with all the support, resources and curriculum of a campus programme. Benefits include:

- ▶ Whole syllabus in HD quality studio video lectures delivered by LSBF tutors
- ▶ Lecture notes covering key learning outcomes of study module
- ▶ Revision kit for reference at the end of module or programme
- ▶ Dedicated tutor/mentor support
- ▶ Quick tests on core concepts and theories, weekly quizzes
- ▶ Online resources to aid research for assignments and dissertation

Network and mingle with an expanding online community of over 12,000 students from more than 150 countries*.

* Based on data collected in June 2012

Why MA in Finance and Investment online?

- ▶ **Study anywhere in the world.** Geography is no longer a barrier to a quality education. You can complete the MSc Finance and Investment from LSBF and Uninettuno University entirely online.
- ▶ **Fit your study around your life.** No more missing work or struggling to balance family commitments because of lectures. Your classroom's available anytime, anywhere.
- ▶ **Degree tailored to your career.** Focus on your essential subject areas through 6 specialisation options.
- ▶ **Career development support.** LSBF ensures that its programmes provide the skillsets sought by global organisations. LSBF's dedicated career training and advice are designed to help you reach your target.
- ▶ **Networking opportunities.** During your studies and as an alumnus, you'll have access to the expertise of successful business leaders and fellow students. LSBF's Careers Department also organises networking events for you to meet top employers and gain invaluable contacts.



Programme structure & syllabus

Stage I	Stage II	Stage III
Business and Financial Analysis Quantitative Methods and Financial Markets Corporate Finance	Elective module 1 Elective module 2 Elective module 3	Integrative Research and Consultancy Project

Choose your specialisation	Elective modules
MA in Finance and Investment	Any combination of 3 MA in Finance and Investment elective modules
MA in Finance and Investment (Accounting and Financial Management)	Corporate Governance and Ethics Advanced Corporate Reporting Performance Management and Control
MA in Finance and Investment (Investment Banking and Capital Markets)	Equity and Fixed Income Investments Derivatives and Alternative Investments M&A and Private Equity
MA in Finance and Investment (Retail Banking and Money Markets)	Money and Foreign Exchange Markets International Retail Banking Financial Risk Management
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MA in Finance and Investment (Islamic Finance and Banking)	Fundamentals of Islamic Finance Islamic Banking Operations Islamic Portfolio Management
MA in Finance and Investment (Mergers, Acquisitions and Private Equity)	Corporate Governance and Ethics M&A and private Equity Advanced Corporate Finance

MA in Finance and Investment

London School of Business and Finance offers an MA in Finance and Investment degree online (powered by the InterActive learning platform). The programme considers today's challenging business environment and provides you with a sound educational experience, a rigorous, intellectually demanding and broadly based programme of study that will equip you with a solid grounding in the theories and practices of the financial world. You will gain a critical understanding and analytical expertise of the concepts and techniques that set the leading organisations apart from the competition. Both the programme content and delivery are flexible, allowing you to set your own pace of learning.

London School of Business and Finance as well as InterActive adopt an innovative approach to learning. This is reflected in progressive teaching methods which equip you with real life experience, and skills to distinguish you from other professionals in the field. There are 18 elective modules, so you can tailor your programme to your specific career aspirations.

What will you learn during the programme?

Successfully completing this programme means you will be able to:

- ▶ Interpret business and international financial statements
- ▶ Develop knowledge of quantitative methods and their application within the financial markets
- ▶ Understand investment and finance decisions, while maximising value and achieving a sustainable competitive advantage
- ▶ Develop relevant skills to maximise corporate value while reducing financial risks
- ▶ Evaluate the corporate finance structures and instruments used to generate money and manage financial risk

Depending on the elective modules you choose, you will broaden your expertise even further. Please see the 'syllabus' section for a complete list of elective modules and their learning outcomes.

MA in Finance and Investment (Accounting and Financial Management)

A strong understanding of finance and accounting is a powerful tool in any business. Thus the MA in Finance and Investment (Accounting and Financial Management) online degree prepares you for success in a variety of financial industries. This postgraduate programme is suitable for graduates, professionals and senior level managers seeking to gain essential expertise in the effective and efficient management of business activities, with the available resources. This is because skills in accounting and financial management are desirable in the business world. The degree is delivered in collaboration with London School of Business and Finance. The innovative InterActive platform also offers a smooth and flexible learning experience.

Studying with London School of Business and Finance (powered by InterActive) helps you develop analytical and strategic problem solving skills in key areas. These include business and financial analysis, quantitative methods and financial markets, corporate finance, corporate governance and ethics, advanced corporate reporting, as well as performance management and control.

Learning outcomes:

Upon completion of the programme you will gain:

- ▶ Expertise in and knowledge of analytical tools to prepare business and international financial statements
- ▶ Competencies to maximise corporate value while reducing financial risks
- ▶ An understanding of corporate finance structure instruments used to generate capital and manage financial risk
- ▶ Skills in the awareness and application of corporate governance and ethical issues that may arise in workplaces
- ▶ Appropriate expertise to evaluate and assess investment and financial decisions, as well as their domestic and international consequences
- ▶ Tools and models in proffering vital finance and investment solutions
- ▶ Knowledge and skills in the application of management accounting techniques
- ▶ Modern techniques, decision-making abilities, as well as budgeting and standard costing know-how, necessary for managing a business

MA in Finance and Investment (Investment Banking and Capital Markets)

This online MA in Finance and Investment (Investment Banking and Capital Markets) programme prepares skilful professionals for understanding the essential workings of capital markets, investment banking, ways to raise capital, identifying and managing risks, as well as creating value through appropriate analysis. As a result, the degree will equip you with the expertise to succeed in the complex and challenging field of Investment Banking and Capital markets. It is offered in partnership with the London School of Business and Finance.

There is an emphasis on effective decision-making, as well as the maximisation of corporate value and reduction of business risk. Learning is through progressive teaching methods that focus on applied learning (via a wide range of study materials). You will gain knowledge and practical skills while utilising appropriate tools and techniques, which will help you become an expert in Investment Banking and Capital Markets field.

Learning outcomes:

This programme will equip you to:

- ▶ Develop both interpersonal and professional business skills to deal with international financial statements
- ▶ Acquire expertise to maximise corporate value while lowering financial risks
- ▶ Critically evaluate quantitative methods and financial decisions
- ▶ Understand the role and functions of equity and fixed income securities in portfolio investment
- ▶ Create value through the conducting of security analysis models
- ▶ Gain knowledge of derivatives and alternative investments, both as risk management tools and assets classes
- ▶ Design and develop financial models
- ▶ Interpret, evaluate and manage different types of risk
- ▶ Manage the assets (e.g. loans) and liabilities (e.g. deposits) of banks

MA in Finance and Investment (Retail Banking and Money Markets)

This online postgraduate degree develops your expertise in the field of Retail Banking and Money Markets – specifically its functions and importance in local as well as foreign markets. Graduates will be equipped with hands-on experience in assessing the profit margins of banks, value money and foreign exchange markets, as well as effective risk management techniques. Developed in partnership with the London School of Business and Finance, the course allows you to study at your own pace from any location.

You will learn through innovative teaching methodologies which focus on practical knowledge via real-life case studies, comprehensive study materials and a stimulating classroom environment. You will explore core finance and investment concepts and gain expertise in money and foreign exchange markets, evaluate difficulties and risks faced by banking institutions, as well as develop skills to identify critical issues in management of risk in financial organisations.

Learning outcomes:

Upon completion of the programme you will gain:

- ▶ Skills to evaluate different types of banks (considering the commercial and global nature of banking activities)
- ▶ Knowledge of different types of risk, as well as means of managing them
- ▶ The ability to use analytical tools in the preparation of business and international financial statements
- ▶ Expertise to maximise corporate value while keeping financial risks low
- ▶ How to evaluate the management of a business
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Learning outcomes:

Among other things, you will develop competencies such as:

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MA in Finance and Investment (Mergers, Acquisitions and Private Equity)

The MA in Finance and Investment (Mergers, Acquisition and Private Equity) is a challenging online programme that is designed for those wishing to stimulate career advancement in the fields of M&A and Private Equity. Studying with the London School of Business and Finance (powered by InterActive) allows you to earn your qualification at a time and pace that is convenient for you.

At the London School of Business and Finance (powered by InterActive) there is an emphasis on practical teaching and training, which can be easily applied in the workplace. The MA in Finance and Investment (Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity) programme introduces you to the core finance and investment frameworks, and focuses on developing your expertise in organisational mergers and acquisitions as well as strategic financial decision-making, while complying with corporate and ethical standards.

Learning outcomes:

This programme will enable you to gain valuable competencies, such as to:

- ▶ Get hands on expertise in financial statement preparation
- ▶ Application and evaluation of quantitative methods while assessing investment finance
- ▶ Effective investment and financial decision making supporting profit creation and risk minimisation
- ▶ Analyse the importance of organisational mergers and acquisitions, utilising relevant financial and business analysis
- ▶ Critically evaluate investment and financial decision-making, and its consequences both domestically and internationally
- ▶ Know and apply corporate governance requirements and ethical issues

Programme delivery

You can complete your studies in a minimum of 18 months. The programme will start with core and elective/specialist modules, followed by the Integrative Research and Consultancy Project and the dissertation as a final assignment. Throughout your studies, you will be supported with comprehensive study materials and online tools made available through your InterActive account. After successful completion of the programme you will be awarded with an MSc Finance and Investment degree.

1. To qualify for the programme, please make sure you satisfy all entry requirements and submit all necessary documentation

2. Once enrolled, you will gain access to your personal InterActive account, as well as multiple study materials and online tools. Each module is taught through:

- ▶ Various case studies contained in HD-quality video lectures with lecture notes
- ▶ Quick tests for reviewing your knowledge on key concepts and theories
- ▶ Revision kits on key concepts
- ▶ Self-assessed mock assignments providing tips on how to approach specific types of assessment questions
- ▶ Online libraries containing useful research resources

3. The programme is divided into two parts – core and elective/specialist modules, as well as the Integrative Research and Consultancy Project. There are 3 core modules and you will begin by studying 1 or 2 at the same time. After completion of the core subjects you will progress onto 3 elective/specialist modules. Successful completion of the first part will allow you to start work on the Integrative Research and Consultancy Project. You will have 20 weeks to complete this module, including a dissertation and number of formative assignments. A senior member of the academic staff will supervise and guide you through the project.

4. After successful completion of the programme you will be presented an MA in Finance and Investment degree awarded by the International Telematic University Uninettuno.



How to enrol

Entry requirements

Academic entry requirements:

- ▶ UK Bachelor or equivalent (any class), such as ACCA F1-P1 min or CIMA Managerial level or CIM professional post graduate
- ▶ Mature route with 2 years of managerial work experience (upon approval by admissions board)

English language requirements:

- ▶ IELTS 5.5 or equivalent or
- ▶ High school English or
- ▶ Bachelors completed in English medium (NARIC or letter from Uni or Uni from majority English speaking country) or
- ▶ ACCA/CIMA 14 papers completed or
- ▶ Work experience in an English speaking environment (upon approval by admissions board)

Admissions documents:

- ▶ Application form
- ▶ Authentic copies of your qualifications, certificates and complete transcripts for all years of studies
- ▶ A copy of your passport
- ▶ An English copy of your CV/résumé
- ▶ Two reference letters (academic / professional); please ensure that reference letters are on letterhead paper, stamped and dated (no older than 6 months)
- ▶ A scanned copy of a recent passport sized colour photograph (jpeg, 150*150 pixels)
- ▶ Proof of English proficiency

Reference letters that are submitted for admissions board review need to be as per the below format and contain the information listed:

- ▶ Student's full name
- ▶ Student's position, title within the company (at least two years relevant work experience at management level)
- ▶ Exact period in which student has worked for that company
- ▶ Details about responsibilities (including how many people candidate was responsible for)
- ▶ Details about candidate's personal qualities
- ▶ The name, signature and position of the referee and his contact details (it has to be somebody with a higher position in the company)
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