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Money, Banking and Finance MSc

There is a worldwide demand for those trained in the technical and formal aspects of monetary economics and finance. Graduates from the programme hold high ranking positions in financial centres around the globe.

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Course fact file

Type of Course: Taught

Study Options: Full time, part time

Duration: 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

Start date: September

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Details

There is a worldwide demand for those trained in the areas of money, banking and finance, which shows no sign of abating.

MSc Money, Banking and Finance is the Department's MSc programme that attracts the most students.

Studying this programmes will provide you with an excellent set of specialist and transferable skills. You will be given an advanced training in core areas of economics that are widely used in economics-based professions and you will also receive specialist training in areas relevant to the programme and take options in other areas that interest you.

Graduates from the Money, Banking and Finance MSc hold high-ranking positions in financial centres around the globe. In addition to those aiming for careers in the private sector, it attracts economists currently working in economics, treasury or finance ministries, or in central banks, and graduates preparing for such careers.

Why study this course

International reputation
The Department of Economics is one of the leading departments in the UK and has a very high international reputation.

Strengths in many fields
The Department has particular strengths in the fields of economic theory and econometrics, international trade, money and banking, and economic growth and development.

Training and skills
An aim within the Department of Economics is to provide students with the necessary skills to succeed when they leave Birmingham. We believe that students and staff work together to ensure students receive the best intellectual training possible and that they develop personal skills which are transferable to the job market.

A career in Economics
At the end of your year studying with us, you will be equipped with the skills you will need to embark on a career in economics or finance, or to enter another profession, requiring the valuable transferable skills and insights obtained from an economics-related Masters degree.

Research degrees
We also hope that some of you will want to stay in the department to study for a research degree.

Modules

The programme comprises 180 credits in total (credits are given in brackets).

Compulsory modules:

- **Macroeconomics (/postgraduate/courses/taught/econ/postgraduate-modules/macroeconomics.aspx)** (30)
- **Econometrics with Financial Applications (/postgraduate/courses/taught/econ/postgraduate-modules/econometrics-financial-applications.aspx)** (30)
- **Economics of Financial Markets (/postgraduate/courses/taught/econ/postgraduate-modules/economics-financial-markets.aspx)** (20)
- **International Banking and Finance (/postgraduate/courses/taught/econ/postgraduate-modules/international-banking-finance.aspx)** (20)
- **Topics in Money and Banking (/postgraduate/courses/taught/econ/postgraduate-modules/topics-money-banking.aspx)** (10)
- **Risk, Uncertainty and Information (/postgraduate/courses/taught/econ/postgraduate-modules/risk-uncertainty-information.aspx)** (10)

- Option (20)
- Dissertation (40)

The option is selected from:

- **International Banking: Regulation and Supervision (/postgraduate/courses/taught/econ/postgraduate-modules/international-banking-regulation-supervision.aspx)**
- **International Investment (/postgraduate/courses/taught/econ/postgraduate-modules/international-investment.aspx)**
- **Security Analysis and Portfolio Theory (/postgraduate/courses/taught/econ/postgraduate-modules/security-analysis-portfolio-theory.aspx)**
- **Development Economic Policy (/postgraduate/courses/taught/econ/postgraduate-modules/development-economics-policy.aspx)**
- **International Trade Policy (/postgraduate/courses/taught/econ/postgraduate-modules/international-trade-policy.aspx)**
- **Political Economy and Economic Policy (/postgraduate/courses/taught/econ/postgraduate-modules/political-economy-economic-policy.aspx)**
- **Natural Resource Economics (/postgraduate/courses/taught/econ/postgraduate-modules/natural-resource-economics.aspx)**
- **Game Theory (/postgraduate/courses/taught/econ/postgraduate-modules/game-theory.aspx)**
- Economics of Labour Markets
- A graduate course offered elsewhere in the Schools of Business, Public Policy or Social Sciences (subject to approval)

Fees and funding

Full-time: £11,070 (UK / EU) £14,495 (overseas)

Part-time: £5,535 (UK / EU)

Please check with the Department for the latest fees information.

Learn more about **fees and funding (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees/postgraduate/index.aspx)**

Scholarships and studentships
Scholarships may be available. **International students can often gain funding through overseas research scholarships (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/scholarships)**, Commonwealth scholarships or their home government.

Prospective students can get in touch with the Student Funding Office via the online enquiries system at **www.studenthelp.bham.ac.uk (http://www.studenthelp.bham.ac.uk/)**

Entry requirements

A good Honours first degree (or overseas equivalent) in Economics or a related discipline. You are expected to have received a good training in economics, to at least intermediate level, and to have a basic knowledge of calculus and statistics.

Learn more about **entry requirements (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/pg/requirements)**

International students
We accept a range of qualifications from different countries – learn more about **international entry requirements (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/pg/requirements/international)**

Standard English language requirements (/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/international/index.aspx) apply

International students:

Academic requirements

We accept a range of qualifications, our **country pages (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/country/index.aspx)** show you what qualifications we accept from your country.

English language requirements

You can satisfy our English language requirements in two ways:

- by holding an **English language qualification (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/index.aspx)** to the right level
- by taking and successfully completing one of our **English courses for international students (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/english-courses.aspx)**

How to apply

When clicking on the Apply Now button you will be directed to an application specifically designed for the programme you wish to apply for where you will create an account with the University application system and submit your application and supporting documents online. Further information regarding how to apply online can be found on the **How to apply pages (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx)**

Apply now (https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COS024.htm)

Learning and teaching

The MSc programmes provide students with an advanced training in core areas of economics, while also enabling them to specialise according to their interests. They reflect the rapid expansion of the subject in recent years, and deal with topical issues.

The aim is to train students for careers as economists or managers in commerce, industry, banking, financial services or the public sector.

Module assignments, and in particular the dissertation, provide an initial training in the kind of skills needed for the independent investigations which are likely to be

important in professional careers.

For students proceeding to research training, the MSc programmes provide much of the basic methodology and techniques required.

Assessment methods

A number of methods of assessment are used in the Business School, including assignments, group work, presentation, and examinations. The method(s) of assessment for each module will be detailed in the Module Description.

The most common forms of assessment used are written assignments and exams, and information on these is given below. Help and guidance on other forms of assessment will be given in the module in which they are used.

Employability

Careers in Business is a dedicated service for postgraduate Business School students. We support you in planning your career, deciding upon your job seeking strategies, making applications, preparing for interviews and assessment centres and developing your skills.

At the start of your programme you will receive an email from the Careers in Business team giving details of how you can access Careers in Business Online. If you require any further information or support with accessing Careers in Business Online, please contact us.

Career Development Advice

Consultants provide an individual advice service to help you realise your career objectives. These appointments commonly focus on:

Career Review and Objective-setting

- Job seeking strategies
- CV Review or Application Advice
- Interview and Selection Advice
- Working in the UK
- International Work Enquiries

Skills Coaching

A Skills Development Consultant is available to support you in developing personal skills such as team working, leadership, presentations and interpersonal skills. Individual 45 minuteappointments can be made through Careers in Business Online

Liaison with employers

The Employer Liaison Team undertakes initiatives to attract employment/project opportunities into the Business School. Information about vacancies and other openings will be made available on Careers in Business Online and on Business School noticeboards as well as through the Careers and Employability Centre vacancy database at **www.as.bham.ac.uk/careers (http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/careers)** .

There is also an opportunity to meet with the members of the Employer Liaison team, via referral from one of the Careers Consultants. Upon referral, the team will be happy to discuss and explore careers openings with you and summer project opportunities if your course allows for this.

Students keen to meet with a member from the Employer Liaison Team should first book an appointment with a Careers Consultant through Careers in Business Online

Careers Events and Workshops

A range of career management, personal development and employer events are run each year to help students make the most of the opportunities open to them after graduation. They are advertised via Careers in Business Online, leaflets, noticeboards, email and on WebCT. Sign up to events to find out about employment opportunities, develop your skills and network with professionals in various fields.

Using the Careers and Employability Centre

Postgraduate students in the Business School are very welcome to use the services provided by the Careers and Employability Centre such as online vacancy listings, employer presentations and fairs and accessing online careers information. You should use the Careers in Business team for individual appointments, CV checking, mock interviews and other job search related activities. Full details of the services available through the Careers and Employability Centre can be obtained from **www.as.bham.ac.uk/careers (http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/careers)** .

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