

University of Plymouth

Faculty of Arts & Humanities

Plymouth Business School

Programme Specification

Award Title and Internal Code

B.A. (Hons) International Finance

4050

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1. BA (Hons) International Finance

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UCAS code: N304

HECOS code: 100107

2. Awarding Institution: University of Plymouth

Teaching institution(s): University of Plymouth

3. Accrediting body N/A

4. Distinctive Features of the Programme and the Student Experience

The programme has two principal distinctive features:

- An international focus and outlook, as a recognition and response to the increasingly international character of financial markets.
- A focus on real world finance through the use of financial software including Bloomberg as well as Institute of Chartered Financial Analyst material. Giving a strong preparation for a financial career and gaining a job after graduation.

These features guided the overall development and shape of the programme. Within this delivering an excellent student experience is paramount, with the following being particularly valuable and important:

- Workplace competencies. This includes; opportunities to compete in the University Business Challenge a nationwide business strategy simulation, a mentoring programme at the Junior Chamber of Commerce as well as a leadership/ team building day at the Eden Project. Successful completion of these activities leads to certificates that will enhance a student's C.V.

- Practical focus. Use of the bespoke Bloomberg trading room to examine and analyse up to the minute financial markets helping to ensure relevancy and practicality. Other learning activities encompass analysis, presentations, report writing and simulated consultancy.
- Employability. The programme is designed to provide up to date knowledge and skills that will significantly enhance employability on graduation.
- Research and practice informed teaching. Programme lecturers are involved in a range of financial research providing depth and context to learning activities.
- Mentoring and support. Providing a supportive community and environment in which to learn. Students are supported in their learning by subject tutors and they also receive individual support for their academic and personal development from their personal tutor. In addition there are a number of programme enrichment activities during each year.

5. Relevant QAA Subject Benchmark Group(s)

Finance

6. Programme Structure

Level 6 / Stage 3 Core modules			
Semester	Activity		
1	ACF315 International Financial Management	ACF302 Investment Management	ELC310 * Professional Communication Skills for International Finance (international students ONLY) ECN3013A * International Trade and International Finance (native English speakers)
	Christmas vacation		
	Continued	Continued	Continued
	Exams, assessment and personal tutoring		
	2	Elective	Elective
Easter vacation			
Continued		Continued	Continued
Exams, assessment and personal tutoring			
Graduation			

* ELC310 is core for international students ONLY; native English speakers will undertake ECN3013A in Semester 1 in place of ELC310

Level 6 / Stage 3: Select 3 elective modules		
Code	Module Title	Semester
ACF306	Business Research	2
ACF310	Financial Modelling	2
ACF311	Credit Management: Theory & Practice	2
ACF312B	Financial Management	2
ECN3013B	International Trade & International Finance	2

7. Programme Aims

- Appreciate the international nature of finance by undertaking specific international modules.
- Build transferable employability skills including the use of workplace financial software and products.
- Obtain an understanding of the real world constraints and competitive pressures faced by investment managers and finance professionals around the world.
- Develop an analytical perspective by academic study of modern finance theory, using quantitative techniques.

8. Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

8.1. Knowledge and understanding

On successful completion graduates should have developed knowledge and understanding of:

- a) Knowledge of international business and finance.
- b) Knowledge of the impact of risk and uncertainty in financial and investment management.
- c) Knowledge of key financial theories and concepts.

8.2. Cognitive and intellectual skills

On successful completion graduates should have developed:

- a) Skills to critically appraise and compare competing theories and ideas.
- b) Skills to reflect upon and evaluate own actions and self- development.
- c) Skills to undertake an enquiry into an area of finance.

8.3. Key and transferable skills

On successful completion graduates should have developed the ability to:

- a) Analyse data using quantitative techniques.
- b) Develop skills using financial software to obtain and analyse financial data.
- c) Test financial ideas and theories using empirical data.

8.4. Employment related skills

On successful completion graduates should have developed the ability to:

- a) Use and manipulate financial software and data.
- b) Present a cogent argument.
- c) Work effectively in a team.

8.5. Practical skills

On successful completion graduates should have developed:

- a) Skills in time management and self- development.
- b) Skills in the use of a range of software.
- c) Skills in the evaluation of alternative arguments and theories.

9. Admissions Criteria, including APCL, APEL and DAS arrangements

Entry Requirements for BA International Finance Level 6	
International student	IELTS score 6.0 overall, a score of 5.0 or 5.5 will require attendance and satisfactory completion of a pre-sessional summer school.
Scottish Qualifications Authority	HND in a business/accounting/finance related subject, minimum of BBB.
UK University	Foundation degree in business/ accounting/ finance.
Partner University	Completion of 3 years at another university who have course mapping and articulation with University of Plymouth, students achieving equivalent to UK 2.2.

10. Progression criteria for Final and Intermediate Awards

N/A

11. Exceptions to Regulations

N/A

12. Transitional Arrangements

N/A

13. Mapping and Appendices:

13.1. ILO's against Modules Mapping

Level 6 / Stage 3 Core Modules

ILO	ACF315	ELC310	ACF302
8.1.a	X		X
8.1.b	X		X
8.1.c	X		X
8.2.a	X		X
8.2.b	X	X	X
8.2.c	X		
8.3.a	X		X
8.3.b	X		X
8.3.c	X		
8.4.a	X		X
8.4.b	X	X	X
8.4.c		X	
8.5.a	X		X
8.5.b	X		X
8.5.c	X	X	X

ACF315 International Financial Management

ELC310 Professional Communication for International Finance

ACF302 Investment Management

Elective modules

ILO	ACF 306	ACF 310	ACF 311	ACF 312B	ECN 3013A/B
8.1.a					X
8.1.b	X	X	X	X	X
8.1.c	X	X	X		X
8.2.a		X	X	X	X
8.2.b	X				
8.2.c		X	X	X	X
8.3.a	X	X	X	X	X
8.3.b	X	X	X		X
8.3.c	X	X	X		
8.4.a	X	X	X		

8.4.b	X	X	X	X	X
8.4.c			X	X	
8.5.a	X	X	X	X	X
8.5.b	X	X			
8.5.c			X	X	X

ACF306 Business Research

ACF310 Financial Modelling

ACF311 Credit Management: Theory and Practice

ACF312B Financial Management

ECN3013A / ECN3013B International Trade and International Finance

13.2. Assessment against Modules Mapping

Level 6 / Stage 3

Core modules

	ACF315	ELC310	ACF302
Essay		X	
Individual Report	X	X	
Portfolio		X	
Group presentation		X	
Exam/Test	X		X

ACF313 International Financial Management

ELC310 Professional Communication for International Finance

ACF302 Investment Management

Elective modules

	ACF 306	ACF 310	ACF 311	ACF 312B	ECN 3013A/B
Essay					
Individual Report	X		X	X	X
Portfolio					
Group presentation			X	X	
Exam/Test		X	X	X	X

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ACF310 Financial Modelling

ACF311 Credit Management: Theory and Practice

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13.3. Skills against Modules Mapping

Level 6 / Stage 3

Core modules

Skills	ACF 315	ELC 310	ACF 302
Oral Presentation		X	
Essay Writing		X	
Report Writing	X	X	
Project Plan/ Management	X		
Research Skills	X		
IT/Digital Literacy	X		X
Team working		X	
Academic Literacy (reading/note taking etc.)	X	X	X
Time management	X	X	X
Evaluation Techniques	X	X	
Data Analysis	X	X	X
Data Interpretation	X	X	X
Data/ Information collection	X	X	X

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Report Writing	X	X	X	X	
Project Plan/ Management	X				
Research Skills	X	X		X	
IT/Digital Literacy					
Team working			X	X	
Academic Literacy (reading/note taking etc.)	X	X	X	X	

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Data Analysis	X	X	X		X
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