

University of Plymouth

Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Business

Plymouth Business School

Programme Specification

BA (Hons) International Finance

Level 6 Top-up

September intake: 4050

January intake: 7003

Approved Final Version

December 2020

1. **Final award title:** BA (Hons) International Finance

Intermediate award titles: Not applicable

UCAS code: N304

HECOS code: 100107

2. **Awarding institution:** University of Plymouth

Teaching institution: University of Plymouth

3. **Accrediting body**

Not applicable.

4. **Distinctive features of the programme and the student experience**

- Potential to start the programme in September or January.
- 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 systems like Bloomberg, as well as Institute of Chartered Financial Analyst material, giving a strong preparation for a financial career and gaining a job after graduation
- Designed for international students. An English language and communication module is integral, this helps your English ability and aims to push your IELTS score to 7.0. There is also a wide range of support and help for international students, including workshops and guidance at the start of the programme which explain the best way to study in the UK.

5. **Relevant QAA Subject Benchmark Group**

Finance (2019)

https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmark-statements/subject-benchmark-statement-finance.pdf?sfvrsn=f8f3c881_7

6. Programme Structure

September Start

| Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
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| ACF6004 / Financial Modelling (20 credits) | ACF6007 / International Finance and Investments (40 credits) |
| ACF6002 / Investment Management (20 credits) | |
| ELC317 / Professional Communication for International Finance (20 credits) OR ECN6006 / International Trade and International Finance | ACF6006 / Credit Management: Theory and Practice (20 credits) |

DEAS300 / Academic Skills for International Direct Entry Final Year Students (zero credit) *

January Start

| Term 1 (Semester 2 21/22) | Term 2 (Semester 1 22/23) |
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| ACF6007 / International Finance and Investments (40 credits) | ACF6004 / Financial Modelling (20 credits) |
| | ACF6002 / Investment Management (20 credits) |
| ACF6006 / Credit Management: Theory and Practice (20 credits) | ELC317 / Professional Communication for International Finance (20 credits) OR ECN6006 / International Trade and International Finance |

DEAS300J / Academic Skills for International Direct Entry Final Year Students (zero credit) *

*** DEAS300 / Academic Skills for International Direct Entry Final Year Students (zero credit):**

The English Language Centre (ELC) provides in-session study skills provision (currently called 'English for Specific Academic Purposes') to second and third year international direct entrants who complete UoP ELC pre-session summer schools which are longer than two weeks. However this provision is not available to those students who attend the 2-week pre-session summer school or are not required to attend a summer school. DEAS300 aims to fill this gap in study skills provision for final year direct entry international students.

7. Programme Aims

The programme aims to produce graduates with:

- an appreciation of the international nature of finance by undertaking specific international modules;
- transferable employability skills including the use of workplace financial software and products;
- an understanding of the real-world constraints and competitive pressures faced by investment managers and finance professionals around the world;
- an analytical perspective, developed 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 of:

1. international business and finance;
2. the impact of risk and uncertainty in financial and investment management;
3. key financial theories and concepts.

8.2. Cognitive and intellectual skills

On successful completion graduates should have developed the skills to:

1. critically appraise and compare competing theories and ideas;
2. reflect upon and evaluate own actions and self-development;
3. undertake an enquiry into an area of finance.

8.3. Key and transferable skills

On successful completion graduates should have developed the ability to:

1. analyse data using quantitative techniques;
2. use financial software to obtain and analyse financial data;
3. test financial ideas and theories using empirical data.

8.4. Employment related skills

On successful completion graduates should have developed the ability to:

1. use and manipulate financial software and data;
2. present a cogent argument;
3. work effectively in a team.

8.5. Practical skills

On successful completion graduates should have developed skills in:

1. time management and self-development;
2. the use of a range of software;
3. the evaluation of alternative arguments and theories.

9. Admissions Criteria, including APCL, APEL and Disability Service arrangements

| Entry Requirements: BA (Hons) International Finance (Top-up) | |
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| International student | IELTS score 6.0 overall, with a minimum of 5.5 in listening, reading, speaking and writing. A score of 5.0 or 5.5 will require attendance and satisfactory completion of a pre-sessional course. |
| Scottish Qualifications Authority | HND in a business/accounting/finance related subject, minimum of BBB. |
| UK University | Foundation degree in business/ accounting/ finance. |
| Partner University | See Section 10 below |

Other qualifications may be accepted for entry; information is provided on Programme Course pages specifying what these are the level at which they need to be achieved.

Disability Service arrangements are as per standard University practice. Applicants can access information at:

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/student-life/services/student-services/disability-and-dyslexia/applicants>

10. Progression routes/criteria for final and intermediate awards

Completion of 2 years at another university who have course mapping and articulation with University of Plymouth, students achieving equivalent to UK 2.2.

11. Non-standard regulations

Not applicable.

12. Transitional Arrangements

Any repeating other students will be managed on a case by case basis as necessary for them to achieve their award.

13. Programme Specification Mapping Module contribution to the meeting of Award Learning Outcomes

| Core Modules | | Award Learning Outcomes contributed to (for more information see Section 8) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Compensation Y/N | Assessment Element(s) and weightings [use KIS definition] E1- exam E2 – clinical exam T1- test C1- coursework A1 – generic assessment P1 - practical | | | | |
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| | | Knowledge & understanding | | | | Cognitive & intellectual skills | | | | Key & transferable skills | | | | Employment related skills | | | | | | Practical skills | | | |
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| Level 6 | ACF6002 | X | | X | | X | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | X | | Y | E1 50%, T1 50% |
| | ACF6004 | | X | | | | | X | | X | X | X | | X | | | | | X | | | Y | E1 60%, C1 40% |
| | ACF6006 | | | X | | | | X | | X | | X | | X | X | | | | | X | | Y | E1 30%, C1 70% |
| | ACF6007 | X | | X | | X | X | | | | X | X | | X | | | | X | | X | | N | E1 50%, C1 50% |
| | ECN6006 | X | | X | | X | X | | | | | X | | X | | X | | X | | X | | Y | C1 100% |
| | ELC317 | X | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | X | | X | | | | Y | C1 50%, P1 50% |
| Level 6 LOs | | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | | |
| Confirmed Award LOs | | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | | |

ACF6002: Investment Management

ACF6004: Financial Modelling

ACF6006: Credit Management: Theory and Practice

ACF6007: International Finance and Investments

ECN6006: International Trade and International Finance

ELC317: Professional Communication for International Finance