

## Strathclyde Business School

Strathclyde Business School is the longest established business school in Scotland and one of the largest Business Schools in Europe. The eight subject departments and specialist units offer the full range of undergraduate degrees, postgraduate (taught and research) programmes, and research and consultancy. There are around 600 full-time and 1,800 part-time postgraduate students, and over 200 academic staff.

The School puts particular emphasis on combining excellence with relevance and has a high reputation for the quality of its staff, teaching, research and graduates. The School also has strong links with business and industry internationally: in addition to research contracts and consultancy, companies are involved in student placements and many contribute to programmes.

The results of the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise affirmed the School as a leader for "world-leading and internationally excellent" research, with SBS being rated top for research in Scotland – by a long way – and seventh equal in the UK.

The School has achieved accreditation from EQUIS, AACSB International and AMBA. It is one of only 40 business schools world-wide – and the only one in Scotland – to have achieved this recognition placing it in the top 1% of business schools worldwide. SBS is the only UK institution with both full international accreditation and UAE government accreditation offering postgraduate programmes in the UAE through campuses in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. These awards are added to the accreditation already gained from bodies such as the Economic and Social Research Council, the Chartered Institute of Marketing and the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development.



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### Entry Requirements

A good honours degree (in economics, accounting, business studies, maths, statistics, or computing) or an equivalent professional qualification.

### Fees

For information on current fee levels, see:  
[www.strath.ac.uk/registry/students/finance](http://www.strath.ac.uk/registry/students/finance)

### How to Apply

Apply online via the postgraduate course page:  
[www.strath.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate](http://www.strath.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate)

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### MSc

## FINANCE

### MSc

## INTERNATIONAL BANKING & FINANCE

Over the last 30 years the MSc/ PgDip in Finance at Strathclyde has developed an excellent reputation as a vocationally relevant and intellectually demanding course. Its graduates are employed in many of the leading financial institutions around the world (for example, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, HBOS, RBS, etc)

Over the last few decades, the finance function has changed more dramatically than any other area of business. Capital markets around the world have been liberalised, competition has increased, technology has evolved rapidly and national markets must be considered in an international context. These changes have led to an increased demand for well-educated finance specialists who are able to respond to the challenges and complexities of financial markets.

These courses will provide students with the type of academic training required for a successful career in the finance sector.



## Aims and Objectives

The courses aim to meet these challenges by providing participants with:

- a good understanding of financial theory and analysis
- an appreciation of the nature and functioning of financial markets and institutions
- a good working knowledge of accounting information and its use in financial decision-making and analysis
- the ability to apply the analysis developed in the course in financial management, international finance, international banking, security analysis, portfolio management, options, futures and other derivatives

The MSc/PgDip in Finance will continue to meet the needs of students requiring a broad-based course that provides considerable flexibility in the choice of future careers in finance.

The MSc/PgDip in International Banking & Finance will meet the needs of those intending to develop careers in financial management within the international banking sector.

## Target Market

The programmes are designed for those intending to pursue careers in finance, whether in companies, banks, financial institutions, or the public sector. For those already working in finance, the courses will enhance their effectiveness by covering the latest developments in the field, encouraging them to question the more traditional rules and techniques and take an analytical approach to practical problems.

The courses will be of particular interest to those intending to pursue careers in areas such as:

- Corporate Finance
- International Banking
- Investment Banking
- Investment Analysis and Management
- Treasury Management
- Consultancy and Corporate Planning
- Public Sector Finance

## Course Structures

The courses require no prior knowledge of finance, but participants, as graduates with good degrees, are expected to assimilate the basic analysis and ideas quickly, thereby allowing the course to cover the latest developments in the field.

The curriculum comprises Foundation, Core and Elective Classes, plus a dissertation or three research projects.

This structure gives participants the maximum flexibility in arranging their programmes.

## Foundation Classes

These classes are common to the two degree programmes and introduce the basic concepts and analysis in financial theory and decision taking, the institutional structure of financial markets and the banking sector as well as the knowledge of accounting, statistics and computing that is necessary to work in finance. The foundation classes comprise:

- Financial Theory & Decision-taking
- Financial Markets
- Financial Institutions and Banking
- International Finance and Banking

- Accounting and Financial Statement Analysis for Finance
- Statistics for Finance
- Computing for Finance

Candidates with a good background in accounting, statistics or computing can substitute one of the options for the foundation class in the area of their expertise.

## Core Classes

The compulsory core classes provide an in-depth coverage of financial analysis and decision-making. Some classes are common to both degree programmes and specialist classes are also included as follows:

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- Principles of Finance
- Corporate Finance
- International Banking and Capital Markets
- Case Studies in Corporate Finance

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- International Banking and Capital Markets
- Financial Management for Banks
- Risk Management for Banks

## Elective Classes

Participants select electives according to their specialism (four for the MSc Finance, three for the MSc International Banking & Finance). The following classes are available to both degrees:

- Security Analysis
- Portfolio Theory
- Treasury and Risk Management

- Options and Futures
- Management Accounting
- Money and Capital in Developing Countries
- Public Sector Financing in Developing Countries
- Project Management
- Statistics and Econometrics in Finance

In addition to the list above, electives for International Banking & Finance also include:

- Case Studies in Corporate Finance
- Emerging Capital Markets

## Dissertation

In addition to the coursework, MSc students are required to complete a dissertation or three research projects.

## Postgraduate Diploma Courses

These courses cover the same classes as the related MSc programmes, but candidates are not required to undertake the research projects/dissertation stage.

## Assessment

Classes are assessed on the basis of exams, class tests and coursework, either separately or in combination.

## Duration of Course

MSc: 12 months full-time

PgDip: 9 months full-time