FINANCE

BA students in the Strathclyde Business School
Curriculum choice for 2014/15

FINANCE in 2\textsuperscript{nd} year

Students take TWO principal subjects in the second year.

If you choose FINANCE as one of your principal subjects you
are required to register for the following 2 core classes:

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<th>Core classes</th>
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<td>AG215 Business Finance</td>
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<td>AG217 Portfolio Management &amp; Security Analysis</td>
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In addition to the core classes in your two principal subjects you
will choose one 20 credit class from across the Business
School, usually you will have had to have taken a class in this
subject in your first year to be eligible. Please check the
required pre-requisites when choosing this class.

Your full 2\textsuperscript{nd} year curriculum is 120 credits.

- Principal (major) subject 1 2 core classes = 40 credits
- Principal (major) subject 2 2 core classes = 40 credits
- One additional class (minor subject) = 20 credits
- Management Development Programme 2 = 20 credits

The Management Development Programme class, BF201, is a
requirement for all SBS students, and is therefore an automatic
entry on your curriculum.
Why study Finance?

The most important thing is to choose the subjects that are best for you. These will normally be the subjects that interest you the most and which best match your future career plans.

The relevance and importance of Finance in today’s world is evident from news bulletins here and around the world. The operations of financial and money markets have never been under so much scrutiny. The causes, consequences, and possible solutions to the so-called ‘credit crunch’ are the burning issues of the day. There is a strong focus in several of our classes on the proper management of financial and business risk. This focus is necessary for a better understanding of the operations of financial markets and the efficiency of financial and business decision making. These are defining moments in the history of Finance, and an optimal time to start building a career in this area. Good graduates with a clear understanding of these matters will be very much in demand.

**Investment Industry**

Graduates in Finance are well suited to hold positions of responsibility as financial analysts or investment managers with a range of financial institutions, such as commercial and merchant banks, pension funds, insurance companies and stockbrokers. Collectively this is referred to as the investment industry. Graduates with a good understanding of investment management and the operations of financial markets are vital to the operations of the investment industry and its associated financial services.

The financial services sector has been the fastest growing in Scotland for several years, whilst those who wish to move further afield will find a vibrant market for Finance graduates elsewhere, for example in London and overseas.

**Corporate Finance**

Graduates in Finance are also very well suited for positions covering all aspects of the financial management function in business firms, including capital budgeting and the increasingly important area of treasury management. More generally Finance is extremely useful for those considering a varied business career. Financial literacy is a prerequisite for the efficient management of all aspects of business projects and processes.
Advisors on 2nd year choices

If you require additional advice on curriculum choice for Finance the following are departmental advisors

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