FINANCE

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

FINANCE in 3rd Year

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The core classes are compulsory.

If you wish to take an elective class in Finance, there are two to choose from. As the elective classes can be taken in either the 2nd year or the 3rd year you may already have taken one. If so then you may take the other one in year 3. Remember that these are elective classes (not compulsory)

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Your full 3rd year curriculum is 120 credits.

- Principal subject 1 2 core classes = 40 credits
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- One elective class = 20 credits
- Management Development Programme = 20 credits

The Management Development Programme class, BF301, is a requirement for all SBS students, and is therefore an automatic entry on your curriculum.
AG306 Security Analysis
The class is mainly concerned with the valuation of securities. It develops an understanding of how bonds, shares, futures and options are valued, and considers some of the investment strategies associated with these securities such as hedging, speculation and arbitrage. Discussion of credit based derivatives such as credit default swaps.

Class test 20%, computing applications 20%, final exam 60%

AG307 Treasury Management and International Finance
Role of the treasurer in a multinational corporation and the main task of managing risk with respect to funding requirements, foreign exchange, liquidity and banking relationships. Management of country specific risks for multinational firms.

Coursework 30%, final exam 70%

AG213 Financial Markets & Banking
This class covers the reasons for, and the nature of, financial markets and institutions with a particular focus on banking.

Assignment 40%, final exam 60%

AG212 Financial Analysis
Analysis and interpretation of financial statements and other publicly available information to derive estimates and inferences that are useful for business decision making, and which enables external investors to assess and evaluate the performance of companies.

Class test 15%, group project 25%, final exam 60%
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 3rd year choices

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

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