



Banking, Economics and Finance MSc

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Drawing on faculty from across Cranfield School of Management, the programme is led by Cranfield's Economics and Banking Group, which has been consistently ranked UK top 10 in the Financial Times Global MBA Ranking for its teaching of economics in relation to our full-time MBA programme.

This course is accredited by the Charter Banker Institute. You can obtain the professional qualification of Associate Chartered Banker (subject to pass criteria).

You will also receive a digital badge awarded by the Principles for Responsible Banking Academy (PRBA), which has been established by the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) in collaboration with the Chartered Banker Institute and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

Who is it for?

The Banking, Economics and Finance MSc has been designed for those individuals who wish to develop expertise across three inter-related subject fields. This MSc will equip students with the level of knowledge and skills required for positions in the financial industry as well as positions in the public sector and in consultancy services.

Why this course?

- Cranfield consistently performs well in international business rankings. We are ranked 5th in the UK and 29th in Europe in the Financial Times European Business School Rankings 2025.
- You will have the opportunity to work on real-business problems set by our industry partners.
- This course will improve your critical awareness of the issues organisations face and will enhance your communication and research skills.
- Our alumni will be engaged with the course to ensure that you are networking with employers throughout your time at Cranfield.

Your career

The Careers and Employability Service offers a comprehensive service to help you develop a set of career management skills that will remain with you throughout your career.

We expect that, following completion, you will be able to progress faster in your career, particularly within the financial sector industry. This course will improve your employability prospects by being interdisciplinary and internationally focused. Moreover, by working with senior professionals in the relevant areas of business, we will ensure that the course stays relevant to industry and prepares you with the right skills to address the latest challenges in banks, businesses, government organisations and consultancies.



Overview

Start date

September

Duration

One year

Study type

Full-time

Qualification

MSc, PgDip, PgCert

Structure

Taught modules 60%, individual project 40%

Campus

Cranfield campus

Entry requirements

We welcome applications from talented individuals of all backgrounds and each application is considered on its individual merit. Usually applicants must hold:

- A UK first or second-class undergraduate degree with honours, as a minimum, or equivalent international qualification.
- Ideally, applicants will have studied in accounting, finance or a related business discipline.
- Find information about equivalent qualifications in your country on our [International entry requirements page](#).

Fees

Please see www.cranfield.ac.uk/fees for detailed information about fee status, full-time and part-time fees as well as deposit requirements and bursary and scholarship information.

Course details

The course comprises twelve core modules, which includes one 80 credit individual project. The taught modules will focus on the demands of the external market, whilst developing your core knowledge and skills suitable for the dynamic banking, economic and financial landscape. They will comprise a combination of three 20 credit modules and six 10 credit modules. Specifically, 20 credits focused on economics content, 20 credits on accounting and finance, 60 credits on banking content, and 20 credits are allocated to data analytics.

Modules

Keeping our courses up-to-date and current requires constant innovation and change. The modules we offer reflect the needs of business and industry and the research interests of our staff. As a result, they may change or be withdrawn due to research developments, legislation changes or for a variety of other reasons. Changes may also be designed to improve the student learning experience or to respond to feedback from students, external examiners, accreditation bodies and industrial advisory panels.

To give you a taster, we have listed below the compulsory and elective (where applicable) modules which are currently affiliated with this course. All modules are indicative only, and may be subject to change for your year of entry.

Compulsory modules

All the modules in the following list need to be taken as part of this course:

- **Contemporary Issues in Banking.**
- **Financial Markets, Regulation and Ethics.**
- **Accounting and Finance.**
- **Digital Banking, FinTech, and Artificial Intelligence.**
- **Sustainable and Green Banking.**
- **Corporate Financial Management.**
- **Financial Data Analytics.**
- **Economics of Markets, Competition and Strategy.**
- **Investment and Portfolio Management.**
- **Responsible Banking.**
- **Research Methods for Business Impact.**

Elective modules

Select one from the list below:

- **Valuation and Financial Modelling.**
- **Private Equity.**
- **Mergers, Acquisition and Restructuring.**
- **Fixed Interest Securities and Credit Risk Modelling.**
- **Investing for Environmental and Social Impact.**
- **International Finance.**
- **International Public Finance and Taxation.**

"I've been able to apply the knowledge from my course in a practical internship at Silatha, developing skills in financial planning, analysis, reporting, valuation and market research.

I worked closely with the CEO to support business growth while combining my thesis with hand-on experience I can use in the future."

Agata Jankowska

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Accreditation

The Banking, Economics and Finance MSc is accredited by the Chartered Banker Institute. Upon successful completion of all the postgraduate Diploma modules, the students will obtain the professional qualification Associated Chartered Banker.

Cranfield School of Management is one of an elite group of business schools worldwide to hold triple accreditations from:

Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)
Association of Master of Business Administration (AMBA)
European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS).

Chartered Banker

Accredited programme

Class profile 2025/2026*

Gender

Male: 62%, Female: 38%

Age

20 - 49 years

Nationality

UK: 14% - International: 86%

Class size

42

*The above data combines the 2025/26 class profiles for our Banking, Economics and Finance MSc and Finance MSc.

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