



Investment Management

MSc

Our Investment Management MSc will provide you with advanced knowledge of the various functional dimensions of investment management. It is distinctive in covering the principles, tools and techniques of both investment and management, as well as how to apply them in real work situations. This course will prepare you for roles in the investment industry, such as portfolio manager, hedge-fund specialist, investment specialist, trader, fund manager, risk manager, security analyst, broker or corporate treasurer. It is designed for recent graduates with a desire to develop their knowledge and skills in investment management before seeking their first professional role; and professionals who already have work experience in the investment industry and are looking to take their career to the next level.

This course is taught by faculty experts who have extensive industry experience and who regularly work with major global financial services organisations, multinationals and government agencies around the world. You will be taught a range of innovative modules and will learn through case studies, participative exercises, interactive lectures, group projects and sessions hosted by industry speakers. Throughout the course you will have access to Bloomberg live financial news and data and use real-world, international case studies to support your learning.

Course structure

You will complete 10 core and select a further four elective modules, allowing you to tailor the course to suit your personal career plan. The course content covers much of the syllabus of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) qualification, giving you the opportunity to work towards an additional professional qualification while you are studying with us through the CFA Institute University Affiliation Program.

Individual thesis project

You will undertake an empirical research project for your individual thesis, enabling you to apply the knowledge and skills you have learnt during the course. This provides the opportunity to work in an original way, and may involve undertaking a research project for one of our industrial partners on a real-world challenge.

Future career

95% of School of Management students were employed within three months of graduation*.

The Cranfield Career Development Service offers a comprehensive service to help you develop a set of career management skills that will remain with you throughout your career. During your course you will receive support and guidance to help you plan an effective strategy for your personal and professional development, whether you are looking to secure your first management role, or wanting take your career to the next level.

Our graduates are highly valued in the job market and aim for careers in investment banking, financial services or the financial function of a diverse range of global corporations. Previous graduates have secured jobs with a diverse range of organisations including JP Morgan, Standard Chartered, CommerzBank, Henderson and Gimv.

*based on those students for whom we hold data, across all School of Management full-time master's courses (2015/16 cohort).

Example modules

Compulsory:

- Corporate Finance,
- Statistical Analysis for Finance,
- Accounting,
- Organisational Management,
- Economics for Financial Markets,
- Valuation and Financial Modelling,
- Financial Markets Regulation and Ethics,
- Research Methods in Finance,
- Investment and Portfolio Management,
- Derivatives and Financial Risk Management.

Elective:

- Applied Financial Econometrics,
- Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies and Smart Contracts,
- Corporate Restructuring,
- Entrepreneurial Finance,
- Fixed Interest Securities,
- Fund Management,
- Infrastructure Finance,
- International Investment and Emerging Markets,
- Mergers and Acquisitions,
- Private Equity,
- Strategic Management Accounting and Control,
- Technical Analysis and Trading Systems.

Duration:

MSc: Full-time - one year.

Start date:

September 2019.

Location:

Cranfield Campus.

Delivery:

Taught modules 60%; individual thesis project 40%.

Entry requirements:

We welcome applications from talented candidates of all backgrounds and each application is considered on its individual merit. Usually candidates must hold either a first or a second class UK honours degree in a relevant discipline, or an international degree - equivalent of UK qualifications. Candidates who do not meet these criteria may be considered if they have a professional qualification together with five years' post-qualification relevant work experience. Other relevant qualifications, together with significant experience, may be considered.

If you are currently studying at a Chinese university, please view our specific entry requirements for further study at Cranfield School of Management at: <https://www.cranfield.ac.uk/about/international-students/a-to-z-of-countries/china>.

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