

MSc Finance and Financial Law Preparatory Course – 2019/20

Introduction to Financial Analysis: *Mon 2nd - Tues 10th Sept 2019
Introduction to Law and Legal Method: *Tues 10th - Wed 18th Sept 2019
Examinations Friday 20nd Sep 2019

Summary of the Course:

Introduction to Law and Legal Method is the first part of the **MSc Finance and Financial Law programme**. This provides the foundations of the common law and key principles of English law and legal skills necessary for understanding the more complex legal topics covered in the programme. The emphasis is on the fundamental commercial subjects.

Introduction to Financial Analysis is the second part of the **MSc in Finance and Financial Law programme** which aims to present the main ideas and methods in mathematics that are used in financial analysis. The course covers functions of one or more variables, financial arithmetic, elements of calculus, mathematical optimisation, and introductory statistics. The emphasis is throughout on the applications of the mathematical concepts to finance. The course presents the main mathematical tools required in the financial courses of the MSc programme. The only pre-requisite for this course is knowledge of elementary algebra.

Examinations:

On **Friday 20th September** all students will be required to complete two 2 hour examinations - one on each part of the course. Although performance in the examination will not contribute to the final degree classification or affect the offer to study at SOAS, it will act as an indicator of the students' ability to complete the MSc and be used to identify areas for particular improvement. Students who fail either or both of the examinations will therefore be strongly advised, in their own interests, to transfer to one of the Department's MSc International Management programmes, since these involve a lower element of finance and law and those weak in these areas are likely to perform better than they will in Finance and Financial Law.

Instructions on Arrival:

Students should make their way to Room B103 in the Brunei Gallery on Monday 2nd September, where they will be provided with coursework materials at 9.30am. The Introduction to the course will then start. A campus map can be located [here](#).

Enrolment Completion:

Formal Enrolment in person will take place on Monday the 2nd September between 2 & 4 pm in Student Hub, lower ground floor, Senate House. All students are required to attend.

Reading List:

Introduction to Law and Legal Methods:

- James Holland and Julian Webb, "Learning Legal Rules" (7th edition), Oxford, 2010
- Introduction to Law: John N. Adams and Roger Brownsword, "Understanding Law" (4th revised edition), Thomson Sweet & Maxwell, 2006
- William Twining and David Miers, "How to do Things with Rules" (5th edition), Butterworths, 2010
- Contract and commercial law: Roy Goode and Ewan McKendrick, "Goode on Commercial Law" (4th edition), Penguin Books, 2010
- Robert Duxbury, "Contract Law (Nutsells)" (8th edition), Sweet & Maxwell, 2009
- John N Adams and Roger Brownsword, "Understanding Contract Law" (5th revised edition), Thomson Sweet & Maxwell, 2007

Introduction to Financial Analysis:

- Mike Rosser, "Basic Mathematics for Economists" (2nd edition), Routledge, 2003
- Paul Newbold, William Carlson, Betty Thorne, "Statistics for Business and Economics" (7th International Edition), Pearson Education, 2009
- Richard A. Brealey and Stewart C. Myers, "Principles of Corporate Finance" (9th edition), McGraw-Hill Inc. New York, 2007

Schedule for MSc Finance and Financial Law Preparatory Course

Date	Room	Time	
WEEK 1			
Mon 2 nd	B103 BGLT B103 BGLT Student Hub, Senate House	9.30 - 10.00am 10.00 - 1.00pm 2.00 - 4.00pm	Welcome talk Introduction to Financial Analysis Enrolment
Tues 3 rd	S211	10.00 - 1.00pm 2.00 - 3.00pm	Introduction to Financial Analysis
Wed 4 th	S211	10.00 - 1.00pm 2.00 - 3.00pm	Introduction to Financial Analysis
Thurs 5 th	S211	10.00 - 1.00pm 2.00 - 3.00pm	Introduction to Financial Analysis
Fri 6 th	S211	10.00 - 1.00pm 2.00 - 3.00pm	Introduction to Financial Analysis
WEEK 2			
Mon 9 th	S211	10.00 - 1.00pm 2.00 - 3.00pm	Introduction to Financial Analysis
Tue 10 th	S211 S209 S209	10.00 - 1.00pm 2.00 - 3.00pm	Introduction to Financial Analysis Introduction to Law & Legal Method
Wed 11 th	Home Study Day		
Thu 12 th	S209	10.00 - 1.00pm 2.00 - 3.00pm	Introduction to Law & Legal Method
Fri 13 th	S209	10.00 - 1.00pm 2.00 - 3.00pm	Introduction to Law & Legal Method
WEEK 3			
Mon 16 th	S208	10.00 - 1.00pm 2.00 - 3.00pm	Introduction to Law & Legal Method
Tue 17 th	S208	10.00 - 1.00pm 2.00 - 3.00pm	Introduction to Law & Legal Method
Wed 18 th	S208	10.00 - 1.00pm 2.00 - 3.00pm	Introduction to Law & Legal Method
Thu 19 th	Home Study Day		
Fri 20 th	S209 S209	10.00am - 12.00pm 2.00pm - 4.00pm	Exam - Introduction to Financial Analysis Exam - Introduction to Law & Legal Method

* Teaching dates are set (2nd Sep - 20th Sep), however the teaching schedule may be subject to minor time & date amendments.

Further information will be provided online within the Summer 2019.