

Programme Specification

I. Programme Details

Programme title	Finance & Financial Law (Finance pathway and Law pathway available)
Final award (<i>exit awards will be made as outlined in the Taught Degree Regulations</i>)	BA <input type="checkbox"/> MA <input type="checkbox"/> BSc <input type="checkbox"/> MSc <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other ... <input type="checkbox"/>
Mode of delivery	Distance-learning <input type="checkbox"/> On-campus <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Professional body accreditation (<i>if applicable</i>)	n/a
Academic year this specification was created	2016/17
Dates of any subsequent amendments	

II. Programme Aims: What will the programme allow you to achieve?

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To develop bodies of knowledge in the content areas of the programme, 2. To develop skills in differentiating the influence of domestic law and regulation on financial practices 3. To question existing assumptions about the international financial architecture. 4. To critically analyse the facts and the law, whether as academic, practitioners or policy makers.
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III. Programme Learning Outcomes: What will you learn on the programme?

There are four key areas in which you will develop:

Learning Outcomes: Knowledge	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge of key areas of law and economic principles concerning the relationship between financial institutions and third parties. 2. Knowledge of key elements of law and finance relating to the creation and running of corporate entities. 3. Knowledge of the domestic, international and cross-border dimension in which financial law operates. 4. Knowledge of the principles of the Islamic models of banking and finance. 5. Acquisition of an understanding of wider practical issues in the commercial business. 6. Critical assessment of primary sources to be able to solve problems of conflicting sources, interpretations and different possible outcomes. 	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of knowledge and skills through lectures, tutorials and seminars. Students are required to attend all classes and study extensively on their own. • In tutorials students are encouraged to develop their own interpretations of the reading materials. • Students are offered a range of departmental seminars in topics of finance 	

<p>and law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students can attend at least three one-on-one supervisions in preparation for writing their dissertations. 	
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Learning Outcomes: Intellectual (thinking) skills	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students should become precise and cautious in their assessment of data and facts, and to understand through practice what documents can and cannot tell us. 2. Students should question interpretations, however authoritative, and reassess evidence for themselves. 3. Students should have the confidence to express their own, thought-out opinions, with an awareness that they have the authority to do so. This is particularly important given that many of the international students have been previously educated in cultures that emphasise the importance of respect for received wisdom and do not regard it as appropriate for students to express independent ideas. 	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of knowledge and skills is fostered in all modules offered in the Programme, in that all modules will introduce information that will need to be assessed critically and will demonstrate that how conflicting interpretations arise from the same information. 	

Learning Outcomes: Subject-based practical skills	
<p>The programme aims to help students with the following practical skills:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communicate effectively in writing 2. Retrieve, sift and select information from a variety of sources. 3. Present seminar papers. 4. Listen and discuss ideas introduced during tutorials. 5. Practice formal and informal research techniques, using a range sources which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • textbooks • journal articles • case law • contracts and other instruments • official reports • statistical yearbooks • other quantitative data • web sites • journalism • questionnaires, surveys, observation. 	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay writing, examination preparation and writing, and dissertations research and writing. • Regular seminar presentations. • Tutorial discussion. 	

Learning Outcomes: Transferrable skills	
<p>The programme will encourage students to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research and write good essays and dissertations. 2. Structure and communicate ideas effectively both orally and in writing. 3. Understand unconventional ideas. 4. Study a variety of materials from online sources, libraries and research institutes of a kind they will not have used as undergraduates. 5. Collect primary sources. 6. Present (non-assessed) material orally. 	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure and communicate ideas effectively both orally and in writing. • Retrieve, sift, select and analyse information from a variety of sources • Work effectively in and contribute to groups to marshal and present facts, evidence and arguments both orally and written. • Engage in meetings by presenting, listening to and discussing ideas introduced during meetings. 	

General statement on contact hours – postgraduate programmes
<p>Masters programmes (with the exception of two-year full-time MAs) consist of 180 credits, made up of taught modules of 30 or 15 credits, taught over 10 or 20 weeks, and a dissertation of 60 credits. The programme structure shows which modules are compulsory and which optional.</p> <p>As a rough guide, 1 credit equals approximately 10 hours of work. Most of this will be independent study (see https://www.soas.ac.uk/admissions/ug/teaching/) such as reading and research, preparing coursework, revising for examinations and so on. Also included is class time, for example lectures, seminars and other classes. Some subjects may have more class time than others – a typical example of this are language acquisition modules.</p> <p>At SOAS, most postgraduate modules have a one-hour lecture and a one-hour seminar every week, but this does vary.</p> <p>More information can be found on individual module pages.</p>

MSc Finance & Financial Law

	Dissertation
credits	60
module code	15PFMC992
module title	Dissertation in Finance & Financial Law
status	compulsory module

	Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component
credits	0		0		15		15		15		15		15		45
module code					15PFMC057		15PFMC058		15PFMC059		15PFMC060		15PFMC070		
module title	Introduction to Financial Analysis	+	Introduction to Law & Legal Method	+	Finance in the Global Market	+	Financial Law	+	Legal aspects of corporate finance	+	Legal aspects of international finance	+	Corporate Finance	+	from list below
status	pre-sessional		pre-sessional		core module		core module		core module		core module		core module		guided option*

***List of modules (subject to availability)**

15PFMC056	Banking and capital markets	15
15PFMC069	Corporate governance	15
15PFMC074	Islamic banking and finance	15
15PFMC061	Regulation of international capital markets	15
15PFMC071	Risk management	15
15PLAC106	Chinese commercial law	30
15PFMC076	Cross Cultural Management	15
15PFMC082	International Business Strategy	15
15PFMC078	International Human Resources Management	15
15PFMC080	International Marketing	15
15PFMC075	Topics in the Chinese Economy	15
15PFMC073	The Japanese Financial system	15

MSc Finance & Financial Law (Finance pathway)

	Dissertation
credits	60
module code	15PFMC992
module title	Dissertation in Finance & Financial Law
status	compulsory module

	Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component
credits	0		0		15		15		15		15		60
module code				15PFMC057		15PFMC058		15PFMC071		15PFMC070			
module title	Introduction to Financial Analysis	+	Introduction to Law & Legal Method	+	Finance in the Global Market	+	Financial Law	+	Risk Management	+	Corporate Finance	+	from the list below
status	pre-sessional		pre-sessional		core module		core module		core module		core module		guided option*

***List of modules (subject to availability)**

15PFMC059	Legal Aspects of Corporate Finance	15
15PFMC080	International Marketing	15
15PFMC078	International Human Resources Management	15
15PFMC075	Topics in the Chinese Economy	15
15PFMC061	Regulation of International Capital Markets	15
15PFMC069	Corporate Governance	15
15PFMC074	Islamic Banking and Finance	15
15PFMC056	Banking and Capital Markets	15
15PFMC076	Cross Cultural Management	15
15PFMC082	International Business Strategy	15
15PFMC073	The Japanese Financial system	15

MSc Finance & Financial Law (Law pathway)

	Dissertation
credits	60
module code	15PFMC992
module title	Dissertation in Finance & Financial Law
status	compulsory module

	Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component
credits	0		0		15		15		15		15		60
module code					15PFMC058		15PFMC059		15PFMC060		15PFMC070		
module title	Introduction to Financial Analysis	+	Introduction to Law & Legal Method	+	Financial Law	+	Legal aspects of corporate finance	+	Legal aspects of international finance	+	Corporate Finance	+	from the list below
status	pre-sessional		pre-sessional		core module		core module		core module		core module		guided option*

***List of modules (subject to availability)**

15PFMC078	International Human Resources Management	15
15PFMC080	International Marketing	15
15PFMC075	Topics in the Chinese Economy	15
15PFMC074	Islamic Banking and Finance	15
15PFMC071	Risk Management	15
15PFMC061	Regulation of International Capital Markets	15
15PFMC057	Finance in the Global Market	15
15PFMC069	Corporate Governance	15
15PFMC056	Banking and Capital Markets	15
15PFMC076	Cross Cultural Management	15
15PFMC082	International Business Strategy	15
15PFMC073	The Japanese Financial system	15