

BSc (Hons) Finance – LM302

1. Context and Objectives

This Programme is designed for those students seeking to work in the banking & financial services. Moreover, it will provide a stepping stone to students who are interested in enrolling on professionally recognised qualifications such as the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) programme. The BSc (Hons) Finance programme will cover both the theoretical and practical approach to issues pertaining to the finance area. A minor in Law is offered to deepen students' knowledge in business law with an added emphasis on investment & financial services legislation.

2. Learning Outcomes

The main learning outcomes are as follows, whereby students are expected to:

- Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing
- Acquire and apply knowledge of finance and law concepts and principles as well as the legal and ethical environment affecting different business sectors.
- Develop the ability to engage in critical thinking when analysing situations and proposing solutions.
- Demonstrate the ability to work effectively both individually and as team members.
- Acquire knowledge on theories and models, techniques and practices that are used in the context of finance
- Acquire knowledge on any new or current issues that are important to the Programme of study and students seeking to embark on a career in the finance sector.

3. Teaching and Learning Methods

The Programme consists of a combination of teaching, self -study and other learning activities which altogether promote independent learning, critical thinking and above all nurtures student-centric learning across both semester and yearly modules. Teaching methods may include face to face lectures, online delivery, tutorials or practical sessions. Other learning activities can be wide-ranging and may include, amongst others, assignments, class tests, group work, presentations, guest lectures and fieldwork.

A typical semester module will carry 6 LCCS Credits which represent 180 notional learning hours broken down as follows: 30 hours of teaching, 60 hours of self-study and 60 hours of other learning activities.

A typical yearly module will carry 12 LCCS Credits which represent 360 notional hours broken down as follows: 60 hours of teaching, 120 hours of self-study and 120 hours of other learning activities.

4. Entry Requirements

General Entry Requirements

In accordance with General Entry Requirements for admission to the University for Undergraduate Degrees.

Programme Requirements

A Pass in Mathematics at Advanced Level.

5. Programme Duration

	Normal	Maximum
Diploma	2 years	3 years
Degree	3 years	5 years

6. Minimum LCCS Credits Required:

(i) Degree Award*

Core & Elective Structure	LCCS Credits
CORE MODULES	
Finance & Accounting	144
Computer Science & Comm skills and Statistics	18
Law	24
Management	18
ELECTIVES (Finance & Accounting only)	0
TOTAL	204

*For the degree award all core modules prescribed by the department must be completed.

(ii) Completion of each year of the programme

Core & Elective Structure	LCCS Credits to complete year 1	LCCS Credits to complete year 2	LCCS Credits to complete year 3
Finance & Accounting	48	54	42
Computer Science &, Communication skills Statistics	18	0	0
Law	6	12	6
Management	0	0	18
ELECTIVES (Finance & Accounting only)	0	0	0
TOTAL	72	66	66

Credits per Year: Maximum 96 LCCS Credits, Minimum 36 LCCS Credits subject to Section 5.

(iii) Diploma Award

The diploma is provided as a possible exit point in the programme. A student may opt for a Diploma in Finance provided s/he satisfies the minimum requirements, as specified below.

Structure	LCCS Credits
Finance & Accounting	96
Computer Science & Statistics	12
Law	12
Management	0
TOTAL	120

7. **Assessment and Deadlines**

Each module will be assessed over 100 marks (i.e. expressed as %) with details as follows (unless otherwise specified).

Each module will carry 100 marks and will be assessed as follows (unless otherwise specified):

Assessment will be based on a written examination of 2-hour (for a semester module) or 3-hour (for a yearly module) duration and continuous assessment carrying a range of 40% to 50% of total marks.

For all modules taught in semester 1, there will be a compulsory class test during semester 1 of the given academic year unless stated otherwise in the Programme Structure. This is applicable to modules examined at the end of the academic year.

For a student to pass a module, an overall total of 40% for combined continuous assessment and written examination components would be required without minimum thresholds within the individual continuous assessment and written examination.

Most modules in the structure are **yearly modules** which are taught over a period of two semesters but examined at the end of the second semester only. There are continuous assessments over the period of two semesters and the written examination will be of a duration of 3 hours for a yearly module of 12 credits.

The assessment of semester modules will consist of continuous assessment and an examination of a duration of 2 hrs at the end of the semester in which the module is run.

Practical Training (ACF 3000) of at least 4 months' duration must be satisfactorily completed for the award of the degree.

Submission Deadline for dissertation:

Final copy: End of March in the final year of the programme.

Termination of Registration

If the CPA of a student is < 40 at the end of an academic year, s/he will have to repeat the entire academic year, and retake modules as and when offered. However, s/he will not be required, if s/he wishes, to retake module(s) for which Grade C or above has been obtained.

Students will be allowed to repeat only once over the entire duration of the Programme of Studies.

Registration of a student will be terminated if

(i) the CPA < 40 at the end of an academic year and the student has already repeated one year of study; or the maximum duration allowed for completion of the Programme of Studies has been exceeded.

Submission Deadline for dissertation:

Final copy: Mid March in the final year of the programme.

8. List of Modules - BSc (Hons) Finance

CODE MODULES

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	LCCS Credits
DFA1020Y(1)	Accounting and Financial Analysis	2+1	12
DFA1233(1)	Quantitative Finance I	2+1	6
STAT 1004(1)	Statistics for Finance	2+1	6
DFA1035Y(1)	Fundamentals of Finance and Practice	2+1	12
ILT 1010e(1)	Digital Literacy	2+1	6
DFA1254Y(1)	Business Environment	2+1	12
LAWS2099(2)	Fundamentals of Laws	2+1	6
DFA 1216(1)	Financial Markets and Intermediation	2+1	6
COMS 1010(1)	Communication Skills	D.E	6
DFA 2033Y(3)	Quantitative Finance II	2+1	12
DFA 2034Y(3)	Investment and Security Analysis	2+1	12
DFA 2035Y(3)	Business Finance Decision making and applications	2+1	12
ACF 2006(3)	Principles of Taxation	2+1	6
DFA 2222(3)	Research Methods for Finance	2+1	6
LAWS 2005Y(3)	Law of Associations	2+1	12
ACF 2010(3)	Financial Statement Analysis	2+1	6
DFA 3006Y(5)	International Finance	2+1	12
DFA3095 Y (5)	Derivatives and Risk Management	2+1	12
DFA3151(5)	Corporate Governance	2+1	6
MGT 3059Y(5)	International Business and Management	2+1	12
LAWS2098(5)	Laws Related to Financial Institutions	2+1	6
MGT1102(1)	Fundamentals of Entrepreneurship	2+1	6
DFA 3099Y(5)	Dissertation	-	12
ACF 3000	Practical Training	-	0

Note: All 6-LCCS Credit modules are run over 10 weeks and exams are scheduled at the end of the semester in which the module is run.

9. Programme Plan - BSc (Hons) Finance

Note for modules carrying asterisk(s):

* These are 3-credit modules which will be run during and examined at the end of the first semester.

** These are 3-credit modules which will be run during and examined at the end of the second semester.

YEAR 1			
Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L + P	LCCS Credits
CORE			
DFA 1020Y(1)	Accounting and Financial Analysis	2+1	12
DFA1233(1)	Quantitative Finance I **	2+1	6
STAT 1004(1)	Statistics for Finance*	2+1	6
DFA1035Y(1)	Fundamentals of Finance and Practice	2+1	12
ILT 1010e(1)	Digital Literacy*	2+1	6
DFA1254Y(1)	Business Environment	2+1	12
LAWS2099(2)	Fundamentals of Laws *	2+1	6
DFA 1216(1)	Financial Markets and Intermediation**	2+1	6
COMS 1010(1)	Communications Skills*	2+1	6
Sub Total			72
YEAR 2			
Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L + P	LCCS Credits
CORE			
DFA2033Y(3)	Quantitative Finance II	2+1	12
DFA2034 Y(3)	Investment and Security Analysis	2+1	12
DFA2035Y(3)	Business Finance Decision Making and Applications	2+1	12
ACF2006(3)	Principles of Taxation*	2+1	6
DFA 2222(3)	Research Methods for Finance **	2+1	6
LAWS 2005Y(3)	Law of Associations	2+1	12
ACF 2010(3)	Financial Statement Analysis *	2+1	6
Sub Total			66
YEAR 3			
Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L + P	LCCS Credits
CORE			
DFA 3006Y(5)	International Finance	2+1	12
DFA3095Y(5)	Derivatives and Risk Management	2+1	12
DFA3151(5)	Corporate Governance*	2+1	6
MGT 3059Y(5)	International Business and Management	2+1	12
LAWS2098(5)	Laws Related to Financial Institutions *	2+1	6
MGT 1102(1)	Fundamentals of Entrepreneurship*	2+1	6
DFA 3099Y(5)	Dissertation	-	12
ACF 3000	Practical Training	-	0
Sub Total			66
Grand Total			204

Note 1: It is compulsory for students to complete a dissertation of 10,000 to 12,000 words. This dissertation should start in Year 3, carrying 6 credits.

Total Number of Core Yearly Modules: 13 (6 LCCS Credits per module)
 Total Number of Core Semester Modules: 8 (3 LCCS Credits per module)
 Total Number of Elective Semester Modules: 1 (3 LCCS Credits per module)
 As follows:

	CORE		ELECTIVES	
	Yearly	Semester	Yearly	Semester
Year 1	3	6	-	-
Year 2	4	3	-	-
Year 3	4	3	-	-
TOTAL	11	12	-	-

Note: Electives are subject to: (i) availability of resources, and (ii) minimum critical mass of students for the elective.