MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

This is a credit-based qualification.

These regulations should not be read in isolation. It is important that you read them in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MSc–FIN 1 DEGREE NAME

MSc–Fin 1.1 The University offers the Master of Science in Finance. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MSc Fin (Open) after their names.

MSc–Fin 1.2 If you are awarded a distinction grade in the dissertation module and a distinction grade in at least another 30 credits, you will be awarded the degree with distinction.

MSc–Fin 1.3 If you are awarded a distinction grade in the dissertation module and a merit grade in at least another 60 credits, you will be awarded the degree with distinction.

MSc–Fin 1.4 If you are awarded a merit grade in the dissertation module and at least a merit grade in at least another 60 credits, you will be awarded the degree with merit.

MSc–FIN 2 REGISTRATION

MSc–Fin 2.1 To register as a student, you must adhere to registration regulations in the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) and show evidence of suitable preparation, including numerical ability, for postgraduate study. The minimum entry requirement is a first degree conferred by a UK university, or other recognised degree-awarding body, or other qualification deemed to be equivalent and relevant by the Faculty Teaching Committee.

MSc–Fin 2.2 To be awarded the MSc in Finance, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.

MSc–FIN 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

MSc–Fin 3.1 To be awarded the MSc in Finance you must successfully complete 180 credits from approved modules, of these:

(a) 60 credits must be from the two specified compulsory modules
(b) 30 credits must be from the specified compulsory research methods module
(c) 30 credits are from specified option modules
(d) 60 credits must be from the specified compulsory dissertation module

MSc–Fin 3.2 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the MSc in Finance if you have 180 credits, of which:

(a) not less than 90 are from Open University modules
(b) not more than 90 are transferred credits.

MSc–Fin 3.3 The credit for this qualification must include from Open University modules a minimum amount of credit that meets the University’s unique study regulations, that minimum amount is 60 credits.
MSc–FIN 4  CREDIT TRANSFER

MSc–Fin 4.1  The credit transfer scheme for the MSc in Finance is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MSc–Fin 4.2  Any award of transferred credit towards the specified compulsory modules given in regulation MSc–Fin 3.1 (a) will take the form of module exemption.

MSc–Fin 4.3  Any award of transferred credit towards the specified option modules will take the form of general credit exemption.

MSc–Fin 4.4  Credit transfer is not permitted against the specified compulsory 30 credit research methods module given in regulation MSc–Fin 3.1 (b) or the specified compulsory 60 credit dissertation.

MSc–Fin 4.5  The maximum award of transferred credit allowed towards the MSc in Finance is 90 credits.

MSc–FIN 5  PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

MSc–Fin 5.1  The credit required from modules and any permitted credit transfer for the Master of Science in Finance must be obtained during a period not exceeding seven years. You should study the modules in the specified sequence.