



Finance MSc

Postgraduate | 16 Months Full-Time | Full Time | Newcastle Business
School City Campus, Northumbria University | Newcastle | Start January
2021

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About this course

If you're interested in a career in finance then this course will equip you with the analytical and managerial skills to succeed within the sector, after any undergraduate degree with a quantitative element.

We have developed the programme in response to market demand for graduates with strong financial awareness plus the essential skills to function as effective managers, both within the financial sector and across a range of multinational organisations.

The course is regularly refreshed to keep pace with advances in the financial sector, and is bench-marked against the syllabus of the CFA Institute. Current study themes include financial econometrics and forecasting, investment and risk management, sustainable strategic decision making, corporate financial management and international financial markets.

Facilities include a trading suite equipped with Bloomberg Terminals, which are used by financial traders and investment banks globally. The suite provides you with access to the live financial and economic data, portfolio construction and optimisation tools, information and analytics to support your studies.

The facility is also equipped with state-of-the-art econometric packages such as E-views 10.0 which is used on Financial Econometrics and Forecasting module to estimate and interpret various econometric models for the purpose of designing trading strategies.

You will also undertake a number of professional development modules to give you a competitive advantage in the jobs market, in terms of self-development and leadership.

Modules & Learning

This flexible MSc takes an applied approach to learning. In addition to the six taught modules in investment, econometrics and finance, you will choose between a dissertation and a Masters' Consultancy Project working on a business problem faced by a real organisation.

You will be part of a global cohort of dedicated students. You will benefit from the experience of staff who have taught research-informed and cutting-edge topics to international students for many years, in a positive multicultural learning environment.

The course is delivered via lectures, seminars, workshops and one-to-one sessions. From the outset you will apply academic knowledge to real life business issues via tutorial-based activities, case discussion and group-work sessions. We also hold a number of guest lectures where you have the opportunity to engage with industry.

To complement the formal modules we focus on

developing your key capability skills. This includes a residential weekend, in the first semester, which is aimed at strengthening skills in self-reflection, independent learning and critical thinking.

You will be assessed through a combination of personal development planning, group and peer assessments, constructing and managing financial portfolios and reflective reports as well as traditional exams and essays. This will help you to become an independent, reflective and critical thinker who is culturally and ethically aware, with strong leadership and financial management capabilities.

Teaching Staff

When you join Newcastle Business School you will become part of a business school with a global reputation for delivering some of the best business management courses in the UK.

We hold double accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) in business and accounting – an international hallmark of excellence – in large part due to the exceptional quality of our staff.

The academic team have extensive experience in both research and industry, with specialisms including investment, risk and derivatives, professional banking, credit analyst and consortium finance. We incorporate our professional experience and ongoing research into the syllabus, to ensure you are up-to-date with current developments in a fast changing subject field.

Facilities

From the postgraduate suite to seminar rooms, lecture theatres to social spaces, Newcastle Business School offers first-class teaching in a world-class environment.

As a finance student you will have access to the cutting-edge trading room which features the Bloomberg Terminals that are used by top traders throughout the world. This hands-on experience gives you access to real-time data as well as historical financial news and information. We are one of only a handful of universities with this facility.

Technology is woven into the course via statistical and econometric packages such as E-Views, SPSS, and Stata along with live Bloomberg terminals providing live economic and financial data, to increase your skill set and enhance the experiential learning elements of the course.

Research-rich Learning

Newcastle Business School is a vibrant and research-rich school with research expertise in the areas of financial reporting, auditing and taxation, risk

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management, corporate governance, performance measurement and money laundering.

The course draws heavily on the high-impact research of staff and modules are informed by their own findings as well as from the wider field of research.

Our strong history of applied research is closely linked to local industry as well as the public and voluntary sectors. This business relevant approach to teaching and learning has been developed to maximise your leadership, management and employability potential.

This course is also the ideal stepping stone if you're interested in a career in academic research, and successful graduates may be eligible for advanced entry onto our PhD or DBA programmes.

Your Career

As an increasing number of businesses look to a global marketplace, there is a growing need for financial experts with practical, legal and cultural understanding of international finance.

That the skills and knowledge you will gain will help you to achieve aspirations within the field of quantitative finance, portfolio management, and financial analysts.

The personal development skills acquired in modules such as Developing Global Management Competencies will also help you to stand out. This module includes a residential weekend to build your understanding of individual and group behaviour.

To further improve your practical skills you have opportunity to undertake a project in place of the dissertation. This involves working on behalf of an external organisation that is looking for answers to a current business problem or question. You will work in a small group – participating in group and individual activities to identify solutions – giving you valuable experiences to boost your CV.

Our graduates have moved into a range of careers in the financial sector and beyond, including:

- Analyst at a stock broker
- Investment and security departments of large commercial and investment banks
- Trainee manager within the treasury of an international company
- Recruitment consultant specialising in finance personnel
- University lecturer

Entry Requirements 2020/21

Standard Entry

Applicants should normally have:

A minimum of a 2:2 honours degree in any subject, or substantial experience of working in a business organisation. It is recommended that your previous studies include quantitative elements.

International qualifications:

If you have studied a non UK qualification, you can see how your qualifications compare to the standard entry criteria, by selecting the country that you received the qualification in, from our country pages. Visit www.northumbria.ac.uk/yourcountry

English language requirements:

International applicants are required to have a minimum overall IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 with 5.5 in each component (or approved equivalent*).

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Module Overview

Year 1	
AF7004	Financial Econometrics and Forecasting I
HR9737	Leadership and Management Development
MN0490	Sustainable Strategic Decisions
MN0491	Corporate Financial Management
MN0492	International Financial Markets and Institutions
MN0493	Investments and Risk Management
NX0477	NBS Masters Consultancy Project
NX0480	The Newcastle Business School Masters Dissertation
NX9734	Masters' Management Enquiry
GA7000	Academic Language Skills for Postgraduate Business Students

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Tuition Fees (UK students)

2021 entry: Full Fee £8,400

2020 entry: Full Fee £8,190

Please note that the tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year in line with inflation and subject to government regulations.

Tuition Fees (EU students)

2021 entry: Full Fee £16,000

2020 entry: Full Fee £8,190

Please note that the tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year in line with inflation and subject to government regulations.

Tuition Fees (International students)

2021 entry: Full Fee £16,000

2020 entry: Full Fee £15,500

Please note that the tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year in line with inflation and subject to government regulations.

Additional Costs (All Students)

2021 entry: Whilst books are available via the University Library, there are various advised/recommended books you may wish to purchase throughout the duration of this course, costs are approximately £500.00

2020 entry: There are no Additional Costs

Financial Support

Northumbria University is committed to supporting our students. We offer scholarship packages for students depending on their abilities.

You can find out more information on our individual packages at www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/fees-funding/pg-fees-funding

Financial support opportunities have associated eligibility conditions, therefore it is essential applicants consider all requirements and observe the application process and deadlines.

Other Additional Costs

Accommodation Costs

Many students find that staying in University accommodation enhances their student experience, and Northumbria has a fantastic selection available for you. Visit our [accommodation pages](#) to investigate your options for living and studying in Newcastle. All costs incurred are optional and students should select the most appropriate accommodation for their needs.

Disability Support

In order to access disability or dyslexia support, students may be required to provide evidence of their disability. This evidence is often provided by an external body (for example, by a medical specialist or GP) and these external bodies may charge for providing this evidence. Also, if a disabled student is eligible for DSA funding for computer equipment, depending on their funding body, the student may be required to make a contribution of £200 towards the cost of any computer equipment. For more information about how to access disability support, contact [Student Support and Well-being](#).

Healthcare Costs

Students, depending on their circumstances, may incur some charges for accessing healthcare or medication from the National Health Service. These include charges for prescriptions, charges for dental checks and treatment, and charges for other services, such as providing vaccinations or for certain types of medical evidence (for example, evidence to support a Personal Extenuating Circumstances/PEC claim at the University, if required). These charges are set and charged by NHS services, rather than by the University, and will be subject to change.

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Certain applicants who apply for a UK visa will pay an Immigration Health Surcharge. International students from particular countries may also be required to pay to have a tuberculosis (TB) test.

We also strongly recommend that all EU and international students take out their own insurance policy to cover costs which are not met by the National Health Service. It is your responsibility to ensure you pay for adequate insurance cover for the duration of your stay in the UK.

For more information about healthcare-related charges in the UK, you can speak to the [Welfare, Immigration and Funding team](#) based in Student Support and Well-being.

Congregation Costs

When you graduate you will be invited to attend your graduation ceremony. Congregation ceremonies have associated costs, for instance **to take part you will be required to hire a graduation gown and cap**, you may also wish to purchase a professional photograph or additional guest tickets. To give you an approximation of costs, for students graduating in 2018/19, the price of an additional guest ticket was £12.50. Please be aware that the associated costs of graduation ceremonies are subject to review each year. Gown hire and photography are purchased from external providers, therefore the University cannot demonstrate prices.

Library Costs

Your University Library provides a postal service for books and journal articles which will be sent world-wide to Northumbria students who are studying part-time, by distance learning or are work based learners. Students who are placement for more than six week are eligible to use the service whilst on placement.

There is no charge for posting books out, but you will be required to pay the cost of any return postage. We recommend that items are returned by recorded delivery. You can of course, return books in person to either University Library campus.

Overdue charges apply to all library loans to encourage you to return items on time when they have been recalled for use by another reader. Loan renewal is automatic for up to four months or until another reader requests that item. Charges are entirely avoidable by returning items on time, but where incurred will vary according to loan status and the length of time an item is overdue. Overdue charges exist to ensure the Library Collection benefits the whole student community.

Library books which have been lost or damaged beyond repair will be charged at the replacement cost of the item and a non-refundable handling charge.

If you lose your University smart card there is a replacement charge of £10 to obtain a new one. This cost is waived if your smart card has been stolen and you can provide a police crime reference number.

Placement Costs

Placements in industry are a core element of many of Northumbria's courses. Whilst many of these placements are optional, some are mandatory. They offer you a great opportunity to gain hands-on experience, giving you a distinct edge in the job market. To undertake a placement, you will need to budget for any accommodation and travel charges.

Printing & Photocopying Costs

Students will receive a printing credit of £10 in 2019/20 and 2020/21*. This will provide 1,000 pages of A4 single-sided black and white printing. Any additional printing is paid for by the student.

*Newcastle and London campus only. Amsterdam endeavours to be a paperless campus and printing of submission is not required. Costs at Newcastle Campus may be subject to change for 2020/21.

Visa Costs

International students will be required to pay visa application fees, and associated fees as required - such as the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge, Tuberculosis tests, fees to renew or extend a visa, and fees associated with appealing a visa/immigration decision. These fees are set and charged by the UK government, rather than by the University, and are subject to change. More information about these fees can be found on the [UK Government's website](#), and information about applying for a visa to study at Northumbria can be found on our [here](#).

Useful Links

Facilities

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/msc-finance-dtffcj6/facilities/

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/msc-finance-dtffcj6/pfna-accordions/

Tutor Profiles

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/msc-finance-dtffcj6/tutor-profiles/

Alumin Profiles

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/msc-finance-dtffcj6/alumni-profiles/

Student Profiles

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/msc-finance-dtffcj6/student-profiles/

Course Guides

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/msc-finance-dtffcj6/course-guides/

FAQs

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/msc-finance-dtffcj6/faqs/

Study and Travel Abroad

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/msc-finance-dtffcj6/study-and-travel-abroad/

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/msc-finance-dtffcj6/book-an-open-day/

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/msc-finance-dtffcj6/discover-more/

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/msc-finance-dtffcj6/facilities-pods/

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/msc-finance-dtffcj6/links-folder/

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/msc-finance-dtffcj6/research-pod/

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/msc-finance-dtffcj6/staff-profiles/

