

MSc
Banking, Finance
and Risk Management



The MSc in Banking, Finance and Risk Management aims to arm graduates with the skills to understand and manage across an array of main bank operations.

Mode of study and duration:

Full-time: One year

Part-time: Flexible (usually two years, plus dissertation)

Commencing September and January.

Entry requirements:

Potential students must hold a UK Honours degree 2:2 or equivalent in either banking, actuarial studies, economics, finance, accounting or investment.

International students:

Candidates whose normal medium of education and work has not been English, will normally be required to present evidence of competence in English as demonstrated by a pass at Academic IELTS level 6 (with no element less than 5.5) or a TOEFL Internet based test with reading at 22, listening at 21, speaking at 23 and writing at 21. Pre-session English language courses are available at GCU London.

Programme structure:

Modules include: Managing Operational Risks in Financial Institutions; Operations and Strategy of Financial Institutions; Investment Banking and Global Operations; Financial Market and Product Risk; Bank Financial Risk: Measurement and Management; Financial Services Regulation; Personal and Professional Development; Financial Management; Research Methods and Dissertation.

Fees and funding:

For course fees and details of available scholarships visit: www.gculondon.ac.uk/study

Application:

Apply online or download an application form at: www.gculondon.ac.uk/study/howtoapply

Banking restructure

The global banking industry is currently undergoing a major restructuring and future managers will have to be aware of the importance of the banking industry to the economy, key risk management techniques and the links between banks and the more broadly defined finance industry. Of critical importance is that future bank managers have a holistic knowledge of bank operations - including the credit, liquidity and market risk departments.

The MSc Banking, Finance and Risk Management programme is intended for graduates who want to pursue a career in banking and finance and those with relevant industry experience who wish to increase their knowledge and expertise.

Programme aims

The programme is based upon banking and risk management and allows students from an accountancy, economics, finance and business background to tailor their expertise in these areas.

Specifically, students will learn:

- the fundamental and advanced aspects of domestic and international bank operations
- essential financial and operational risk measurement and management techniques
- key insights into investment banking and how these banks manage their global operations
- how to utilise financial techniques and their uses within the banking firm
- to apply analytical techniques to analyse operational problems arising within banks
- evaluate theory through critical appraisal of current research in the area of banks

Professionally accredited

Study at the only Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment (CISI) Centre of Excellence, the first specialising in financial services operations and risk that demonstrates leadership in academic education, that focuses on the financial markets.

Students who are on a financially-related masters course recognised by the CISI are eligible for a range of benefits, the main one being that on successful completion of their Masters programme, they are eligible to apply for the prestigious CISI Diploma. In addition, students can compete for the CISI's annual Stephen Cooke Award, as well as the institute's other CISI scholarships.

Career opportunities

The MSc is an ideal stepping stone to gain employment in the rapidly growing area of bank risk management while also developing key finance skills. Job opportunities in the sector include areas such as credit, market, interest rate and operational risk management as well as opportunities with major financial consultancy companies. Alternately, graduates from the programme may wish to undertake further study to MPhil or PhD level.

