

MSc
Financial Services,
Risk and Operations

Triple Accreditation:

Our MSc is accredited by Chartered Banker, The Institute of Operational Risk (IOR) and the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment (CISI), and we are the first and only MSc in the UK to receive this triple accreditation.

The MSc in Financial Services, Risk and Operations provides a **unique opportunity** to study the current operations and risk management practices **within international financial institutions.**

Mode of study and duration:

Full-time: One year

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

Commencing September and January.

Entry requirements:

Candidates should have a Honours degree 2:2 or equivalent in financial services, insurance, banking, actuarial studies, business, management, economics, finance, accounting, investment or any financial services related subject. However, where appropriate, students with an unrelated degree wishing to move in to this area will be considered.

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; Investment Banking and Global Operations; Financial Market and Product Risk; Operations and Strategy of Financial Institutions; Bank Financial Risk: Measurement and Management; Financial Services Regulation; European and International Financial Institutions; Ethics and Decision Making in Financial Institutions; 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

Why choose this degree?

Many postgraduate banking and financial services qualifications are based upon a particular academic discipline such as: finance; management or economics, which is then adapted for, or related to, the financial services sector. Many programmes allude to, but fail to cover, bank operations or risk management. By contrast, the team of academics who deliver the MSc Financial Services, Risk and Operations here at GCU London have many years of experience of specialising in the internal operations of financial institutions enabling them to deliver programmes informed, not by the confines of specific academic disciplines, but by developments taking place within the financial services industry itself – especially the banking industry. The programme team works hard to bring together a unique combination of academic and industry experts in order to deliver industry-focused academic education.

The programme focuses on an exciting growth area within financial services – that of risk management. Modules evolve and develop each year but you will study subjects including: bank financial risk; operational risk, financial market and product risk, financial regulation and operations and strategies – including a focus on the use of securitisation in the banking firm. If you see your career developing in this exciting, fast-paced area of financial services you will leave us with the knowledge to make a real and immediate impact in the industry.

Programme aims

The key aim of the programme is to provide you with an opportunity to broaden and enhance your knowledge, understanding and skills in the area of domestic and international financial services operations and risk.

Specifically, the aims of the programme are to:

- facilitate and assist you in your development of the requisite knowledge, skills and experiences to enable you to obtain employment in the financial services industry;
- develop your transferable skills at a professional level, together with the self-awareness and personal development appropriate to help you attain a career in financial services;
- enable you to engage in further academic research in financial services.

Career opportunities

The MSc is an ideal stepping stone to gain employment in the rapidly growing area of risk management with job opportunities in the sector including areas such as regulation and compliance, credit, market and interest rate risk management, investment management and international and domestic strategic management. Alternately, graduates from the programme may wish to undertake further study to MPhil or PhD level.

Programme structure

The programme will have a unique structure with sessions placing more emphasis upon practical problems and solutions. Lectures for each module will take place in the morning and seminars and case studies from industry being examined in the afternoon. In this way your focus will be on one topic for that day and more time will be allowed for the analysis of key issues. Sessions will be dynamic and there will be emphasis on class participation. You will be able to enrol either in January or September of any year.

Graduates of this programme can go forward to sit the CISI professionalism and ethics module to gain the Advanced Operational Risk Certificate.



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