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The University reserves the right to make variations to the contents or methods of delivery of programmes and courses, to discontinue programmes and courses and to merge or combine programmes and courses.

The University is constantly developing new programmes and courses, so please visit our website for the latest information.

The University continues to pursue best practice and high standards of service for all students. If you would like to receive this document in an alternative format, please contact the Marketing and Student Recruitment Service.

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Business Postgraduate Guide 2026

## Welcome

The world's greatest challenges cross disciplines and span continents. To solve them we need people who see things from different perspectives. At the University of Aberdeen, students from over 130 nationalities come together to seek truth and spark change. We go beyond rigid thinking and traditional approaches, as we continue to drive change in the service of our community, our city, and our world.



Professor John Skåtun Dean and Head of Business School





In an ever-changing risky world facing unprecedented challenges, there is an increasing need for individuals who can seek and find solutions to both improve business decisions and better the lives of others. The University of Aberdeen Business School is committed to research-driven and practice-led education to provide an applicable toolset to be used to improve societal and business outcomes. At the University of Aberdeen, students are immersed in an environment that enables international discourse creating truly global exchanges, generating deep insights that stimulate innovative change.

The University of Aberdeen Business School is internationally recognised for excellence in research that transmits to a research-led educational culture, taking students to the frontiers of knowledge of Business Studies. The School conducts research and offers educational programmes across a broad range of disciplines that encompass Accountancy, Business Management, Economics, Finance and Real Estate. Situated in a World Energy City, the Business School is committed to facilitating solutions that enhance sustainability and energy transitions. As such it befits the School's mission 'Powering change for better businesses and better lives through impactful research addressing global societal challenges'. Focussing on improving societal and industry outcomes, the School seeks to be outward looking to engage with practitioners, industry and governments to generate impact in industry outcomes, business practices and government policy.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Business School on the beautiful historical campus at the University of Aberdeen founded in 1495. Join us to engage with high-quality students and academics to gain the education to equip you with the necessary skills to be a successful future leader in business and society.

Professor John Skåtun

Dean and Head of Business School

## Best of both

Studying at the Business School means that you benefit both from our awards and accolades, and those of the wider University.

#### **University of Aberdeen**



14,000 STUDENTS









#### **Business School**



EQUIS
ACCREDITED
BUSINESS
SCHOOL

IN UK FOR ACCOUNTING & FINANCE<sub>3</sub>



IN THE UK FOR
POSITIVE RESPONSES
IN BUSINESS STUDIES,

8TH
IN UK FOR
BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT

97.9%

OF OUR **GRADUATES** ARE **IN EMPLOYMENT** AND/OR **FURTHER STUDY 15 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION**,

Real-time trading in our

BLOOMBERG
FINANCE LAB

**81**%



OF OUR RESEARCH WAS CLASSIFIED AS WORLD-LEADING & INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT.

90+
RESEARCH ACTIVE
STAFF MEMBERS

University of Aberdeen Business School

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# Scholarships and Funding



There are scholarships and grants for international students who wish to study at the University of Aberdeen. It is a highly competitive, sought-after scheme, but it is worthwhile applying for the ones relevant to you. Some scholarships require at least a year's notice - so starting early is encouraged!

For all available funding, including;

- · General Bursaries
- Discounts
- · Discipline specific Scholarships
- Country specific Scholarships

Please visit our Funding database at:

• abdn.ac.uk/study/funding

#### Mema Kavga, MBA (Global)

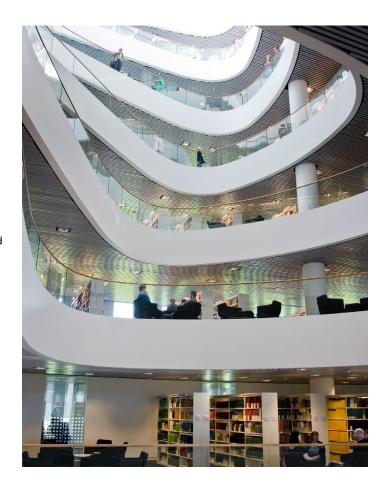
"Looking back, I can't help but acknowledge the immense growth and transformation I've undergone since the beginning of my MBA. For example, before I was a confident and experienced executive enjoying a career in the corporate environment. Entrepreneurship was never an option for me. Today, I feel equipped to do anything and say no to nothing. I feel unstoppable!"

# The Bloomberg Finance Lab

Finance students gain real-world experience dealing with stocks and securities through our Bloomberg Terminal. This software platform provides real-time and historical data, market-moving news and analytics that help leading business and financial professionals make better informed investment decisions.

The Bloomberg software also features execution platforms for every asset class, finance and market research as well as access to a global network to communicate securely and reliably.

You will experience what life is like for the 325,000 leading banks, corporations and government agencies around the world who already use the software, giving you real-world experience that will enhance your career prospects.



# International

reach

In 2017, we became the first UK University to have a dedicated campus in the Gulf State of Qatar offering mainstream degrees with over 600 students. The multi-million pound facility in Doha is a partnership between the University and the Al-Faleh Group for Educational and Academic Services (AFG), offering business degrees to Qatari nationals and the country's expatriate community.

In 2021 the Business School partnered with a number of prestigious universities in China including South China Normal University and Shandong Normal University and we are continually expanding our programme portfolio. The Joint Institute supports the University of Aberdeen's ambitions to expand our international networks and partnerships, as well as giving us the opportunity to extend the reach of our teaching globally, and sustainably.

#### Closer than you think

Regular trains link Aberdeen to key hubs within the UK, including Glasgow, Edinburgh, Manchester and London. A variety of domestic and international flights make Aberdeen easily reachable, wherever you're travelling from in the world.

2.45h train from Glasgow train from Edinburgh flight from Newcastle flight from Manchester flight from London flight to Amsterdam

| flight to Paris

Luciana Blaha, **Business Management** 

"I have made friends from all over the world here and got to meet and be mentored by world-leading experts. This has changed my understanding of Business forever. I hope these inspirational relationships will continue for a very long time."

China

# Applying to our Programmes



## CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAMME

This guide contains an overview of all of our taught programmes, but you can find much more information and all our entry requirements at:

abdn.ac.uk/study/ postgraduate



## SUBMIT ONLINE APPLICATION

All applications should be submitted online through our Applicant Portal:

abdn.ac.uk/study/ postgraduate-taught/ apply



## RECEIVING A DECISION

You will be sent an email with our decision. If additional documentation is required this will need to be uploaded to the Application Portal.





## REVIEW YOUR JOINING PACK

Once cleared for admission you will receive a pack of joining instructions which includes a Certificate of Acceptance, information on accommodation, registration, tuition fees etc. International students who declare they require a Student visa to enter the UK will receive a CAS number to apply for their visa.



## ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER

If you wish to accept the offer, please return your completed acceptance and financial guarantee forms as soon as possible. If you are waiting to hear the outcome of a funding application, you can still accept the offer of admission then send the completed financial guarantee form with the letter of sponsorship later.



## YOUR FUNDING OPTIONS

Most funding bodies have application deadlines, so we advise that you submit your funding application as early as possible. It's important that you have an offer from the University before you apply for funding, so you need to get your application to us well before the funding body's closing date:

abdn.ac.uk/study/ postgraduate-taught/ finance



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## **Entry requirements**

#### Programme

**MSc Accounting and Finance** 

MSc Energy Economics and Finance (on Campus or Online)

MScEcon Energy, Economics and Finance

MSc Finance (Online)

MScEcon Finance and Investment Management

**MSc Financial Technology** 

MSc Finance and Real Estate

**MSc International Business and Finance** 

MSc International Business Management

MSc International Human Resource Management

MSc Marketing (on Campus or Online)

**MSc Real Estate** 

**MScEcon Sustainability Economics and Finance** 

MSc Corporate Finance and Law

MSc Data Science and Business Management

MSc Energy Economics and Law

MSc International Finance and Political Relations

MSc International Relations and Management

MSc Politics, Public Policy and Management

MSc Strategic Studies and Management

**MSc Business Consulting and Psychology** 

MBA

MBA (Online)

MBA Business Analytics

Entry requirements

Minimum entry requirement is an undergraduate degree at UK Honours level (or a degree from a non-UK institution which is judged by the University to be of equivalent worth).

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Minimum of two years' post-degree work experience (at time of entry, not application); a track record of professional achievement and an undergraduate degree at UK Honours level in any discipline (or a degree from a non-UK institution which is judged by the University to be of equivalent worth). The Programme Director may consider applicants with non-standard qualifications. If you have non-standard qualifications and extensive work experience, please ensure to enclose a complete CV and detailed work references.

All students entering the University must provide evidence that they can use English well enough to study effectively at the University of Aberdeen. If you have not studied in the UK, the requirement is IELTS minimum overall: 6.5 IELTS minimum by component: 6.0 in writing and reading, 5.5 other elements (or equivalent PTE). If you have not yet achieved the required IELTS or equivalent scores, we offer extensive pre-sessional English courses, designed to take you to the level of English ability and skill required for your studies here. For more information:

abdn.ac.uk/languagecentre

#### Language requirements



### MBA\*

Our MBA is focused on the real needs of business and is designed to provide you with an opportunity to develop your understanding of the knowledge and skills required to succeed in today's challenging business world.

#### Why study this programme?

In today's volatile and fast changing world, being able to upskill and position yourself as an agile and competent professional is increasingly important.

MBAs provide an exciting opportunity to network and learn alongside likeminded peers from across the world. Together, merging experiences from across multiple industries and functional job roles, our faculty will guide you through engaging discussions that unravel key trends as they are impacting business today. At the same time, we equip you with the practical tools and frameworks to analyse and interpret how current events are impacting the future of business.

#### What will you gain?

An MBA is the most popular professional degree programme in the world. The University of Aberdeen MBA is a globally recognised qualification designed to develop your leadership and management skills for advancing your career, underpinned by practical and theoretical knowledge, with networking opportunities locally and internationally.

#### Why study with us?

As you progress through your MBA, you will constantly be developing yourself and refining key skills essential to your career development. Our MBA is not merely about knowledge, but through access to our mentor networks, exposure to industry speakers, and ever expanding community of business influencers, you will be supported in learning how to position yourself to compete and succeed in today's talent market.

- 80% of MBA alumni hold senior management or director positions globally
- 42 CEOs among the Fortune top 100 companies have earned an MBA
- MBA graduates command an average salary exceeding £80,000, as reported by the Association of MBAs

#### What you will study

#### Term 1

- · Business Economics
- · Accounting and Finance for Managers
- Business Strategy
- · Operations and Project Management

#### Term 2

- · Strategic Marketing
- · The Leadership Challenge
- Managing Change

Participants will have a choice from the following 4 electives:

- 1. Digital Marketing
- 2. Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Forecasting
- 3. Issues in Corporate Governance and Ethics
- 4. Sustainable Development

#### Term 3

- · Supply Chain Management
- Business Venture Project

#### How you will study

The MBA programme consists of a stimulating mix of workshops, seminars, case studies, group projects and business simulations, which are further supported by online forums and additional learning materials. Together these will build up into a personalised portfolio of experience – tangible proof that you've acquired key business skills and knowledge, something prospective employers find very useful.

#### Your future career

Our alumni have enjoyed much success with recent graduates going on to work in organisations such as Accenture, Bank of Scotland, Centrica, KPMG, Shell and Standard Chartered Bank.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:

**\bar{b}** abdn.ac.uk/tuition-fees

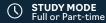
For details on entry requirements, please visit:

**N** abdn.ac.uk/pgt/mba

















<sup>\*</sup> This MBA refers to our on campus programme.

## **MBA Business Analytics**

The MBA Business Analytics is designed for working professionals who are looking to apply analytics and data-driven decision-making to optimise business performance.

#### Why study this programme?

Our MBA in Business Analytics equips you with both the technical skills and business acumen to comprehend modern issues and practices in analytics and digital-driven economies. You will utilise contemporary techniques and tools, such as Python and R, to develop practical skills for fostering positive organisational and market changes. The programme offers an opportunity to explore and grasp analytics and data-driven concepts interlinked with digitisation, artificial intelligence, and machine learning. With versatile career options, you will be able to apply a data-driven strategy for competitive advantages, operational efficiency, and interdisciplinary links, enhancing overall business performance.

#### What will you gain?

Our MBA Business Analytics is designed for working professionals looking to apply analytics and data-driven decision-making to optimise business performance. It offers the opportunity to acquire contemporary business knowledge and skills that can take you to an exceptional level in terms of career progression, employability and earning potential.

#### Why study with us?

Our internationally recognised Business School actively contributes to industry through research and consultancy. Acquire essential business knowledge and develop crucial characteristics—strong communication and interpersonal skills, quantitative knowledge, and technical proficiency—sought after in the highly competitive global business environment.

- Learn subject-specific skills related to big data, databases, digitisation, artificial intelligence, machine learning, software (e.g., Python and R)
- Demonstrate critical thinking and interlink its evaluation with creativity
- Effectively execute teamwork, build business relationships, exercise leadership, learn negotiation and recognise cultural and individual differences
- Study alongside peers from around the world and benefit from professional opportunities

#### What you will study

#### Term 1

- · Business Economics
- · Accounting and Finance for Managers
- Business Strategy
- · Operations and Project Management

#### Term 2

- Strategic Marketing
- · The Leadership Challenge
- Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Forecasting

Participants will have a choice from the following 4 electives:

- 1. Digital Marketing
- 2. Managing Change
- 3. Issues in Corporate Governance and Ethics
- 4. Sustainable Development

#### Term 3

- · Applied Data Analytics and Visualisation
- Data, Evidence and Managerial Decisions

#### How you will study

You will study in a contemporary university environment and experience innovative teaching methods that give you the chance to interact with industry. You will learn through a combination of theory and practice, taking the knowledge from the classroom to the workplace. A stimulating mix of workshops, seminars, case studies, group projects and business simulations will be further supported by online forums and additional learning materials and frameworks.

#### Your future career

MBA graduates are in high demand worldwide and our alumni have enjoyed much success with recent graduates going on to work in organisations such as Accenture, Bank of Scotland, Centrica, Citibank, KPMG, Shell and Standard Chartered Bank.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:

**abdn.ac.uk/tuition-fees** 

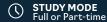
For details on entry requirements, please visit:

**N** abdn.ac.uk/pgt/mba-finance



















## MBA (Online)

Embark on a transformative journey with our exclusive 100% online MBA from the UK's only ancient university offering the MBA (Online) programme. The programme will challenge you to explore forward-thinking and disruptive approaches to business alongside your international peers – gaining skills in leadership, innovation, change management, strategy development, sales and marketing.

#### Why study this programme?

The MBA (Online) provides the opportunity to study for our MBA wherever you are, and at times that suit you. This MBA is delivered via MyAberdeen (our bespoke virtual learning environment) which offers all year round support and interaction. You will have opportunity to connect with faculty and peers during scheduled webinars for each course on the programme.

#### What will you gain?

This programme is focused on the real needs of business and provides an opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills required to succeed in today's challenging business world. This online MBA is delivered by high quality teaching faculty staff.

Explore innovative business approaches with international peers, honing skills in leadership, innovation, change management, strategy development, marketing, and accounting and finance. Excitingly, our MBA now facilitates a course swap/exchange with Curtin University, allowing students to broaden their academic horizons.

#### Why study with us?

This programme offers you the best of both worlds – study online, part-time, wherever you are – while gaining the same MBA award as on-campus students at the University of Aberdeen Business School. The two-year MBA (Online) programme starts in January and September each year with a focus on developing skills in all areas of business, from Leadership and Strategy Development to Marketing and Project Management.

- Gain insight into the innovation process, challenging current practice to remain relevant and competitive
- Manage projects, change and teams, developing the skills to excel in a variety of management roles
- Lead smartly and effectively, developing a strong leadership style
- Understand marketing and sales, and how to identify and satisfy your target markets
- Develop profitable strategies, analysing your current position, goals and routes to success

#### What you will study

#### Year 1

- · September December
- Leadership Challenge
- Managing Change
- · January April
- Future Thinking
- Leading and Managing High Performance
   Teams
- · May August
- Business Model Innovation
- Leading and Managing Projects

#### Year 2

- · September December
- Strategic Marketing
- Accounting and Finance for Managers
- · January April
  - Strategy and Pracitice in a Dynamic World
  - Research in Practice
- · May August
- Consulting Project

#### How you will study

The MBA (Online) is studied entirely online, but at all times you will be fully supported by faculty tutors and our student support service.

Our online learning portal enables you to engage with your studies wherever you are. Activities include investigating case studies, creating innovative business proposals, and completing reflective exercises – all designed to help you refine your understanding of best global business practices.

#### Your future career

Our students benefit from studying with a diverse cohort of students of different cultures, ages and levels of experience mirroring the vibrant atmosphere found in leading global organisations. Our alumni have enjoyed much success with recent graduates going on to work in organisations such as Accenture, Bank of Scotland, Centrica, KPMG, Shell and Standard Chartered Bank.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/tuition-fees

For details on entry requirements, please visit:

no.abdn.ac.uk/degrees/mba

















## MSc International Business Management

This programme enables you to build commercial awareness and gain a deep understanding of the challenges and trends facing global business leaders today. The world's economy is increasingly global and demand continues to grow for leaders of the future who clearly understand the international context of business.

#### Why study this programme?

This programme helps graduates and professionals from any background to develop a global career in business and management. By studying international business, you place yourself in a more marketable position because a broad knowledge of business practice around the world is highly relevant, becoming increasingly valuable to employers. Tailor your MSc International Business Management to your career goals by choosing from three strategic pathways-IBM Classic, IBM with Sustainability, or IBM with AI and Financial Technology—each designed to equip future business leaders with the skills and insights needed to drive impact in today's global economy. Please note that the Classic, Sustainability, and Al options are currently only available for September starts, but may be introduced for January starts next academic year.

- Develop a well-rounded skillset with the tools to succeed
- Strengthen your capacity for geographical and cultural mobility
- · Develop a truly international perspective
- Learn essential communication and professional skills

#### What will you gain?

Our unique blend of academic rigour and real-life activities aims to hone practical skills across various business domains, from finance and marketing to management and accounting. Explore these fields within a global context, delving into the impact of globalisation on the business landscape at local, national, and international levels. Challenge yourself and thrive in an environment that bridges theory with real-world business scenarios.

#### Why study with us?

The programme enables students to develop practical skills in designing effective risk management strategies and the ability to adapt to diverse market conditions. In particular, this programme helps students build up capacity to carry out independent learning and research, teamwork, and project work, and gain a wide range of skills, such as analytical skills, presentation skills, and computer skills, all of which are highly valued by employers.

#### What you will study

#### Term 1

- · The Leadership Challenge
- · Accounting and Finance for Managers
- Digital Marketing
- · Negotiation and Cross-Cultural Management

#### Term 2

- · Marketing Management
- · Human Resource Essentials
- Internationalisation
- · Research Practice

#### Term 3

- Performance Improvement in International Organisations
- New Venture Creation in an International Context

#### How you will study

You will be challenged to explore these fields within an international context to understand how globalisation impacts the business community at a local, national and international level. You will learn through a combination of theory and practice, taking the knowledge from the classroom to the workplace. A stimulating mix of lectures, tutorials, seminars, case studies, field work and business simulations will be further supported by online forums and additional learning materials and frameworks.

#### Your future career

After graduation, students have career opportunities not limited to the field of business and management. Considering their undergraduate degrees, students also encounter a wide variety of career opportunities. In addition, students can start their own business or pursue a PhD degree after graduation.

Alumni have gone to work in a wide variety of industries like investment banking, consultancy, renewable energy, education training, fast-moving consumer goods, real estate, new media, healthcare, and more. Some alumni have started their own companies like cross-border e-commerce and entertainment. Some are pursuing their PhD degrees in the UK, China, Korea, and Malaysia.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:

♠ abdn.ac.uk/tuition-fees

For details on entry requirements, please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/pgt/int-bus-mgmt

















## MSc International Human Resource Management



This CIPD accredited programme will provide you with an understanding of international human resource management – in an operational, economical, political and social context. It will deliver a learning experience designed to give you the confidence and the skills to add value to employers upon graduating.

#### Why study this programme?

This programme aims to develop knowledgeable practitioners with an appreciation of multicultural international practice. The programme will provide students with comprehensive knowledge and an in-depth understanding of the pivotal role played by HR in achieving business objectives.

This MSc will also equip you with the tools to critically examine and apply contemporary approaches to HR management within organisations that are operating in a global environment. Through a blend of theory and practice, our programme will provide students with a multi-disciplinary foundation in management, economics, psychology and ethics.

The University of Aberdeen is a leader in teaching and research in the field of business and management and this programme builds on our considerable strengths in these areas.

#### What will you gain?

You will be able to critically examine and translate your learning of organisations within a changing global environment using quantitative and qualitative skills. You will develop a deep understanding of the key issues, institutions, opportunities and managerial processes that are central to international human resource management.

#### Why study with us?

This MSc covers core areas in HR such as Resourcing and Talent Management, Managing Performance, Employment Relations and Negotiation and Cross-cultural management. You'll develop a thorough understanding of fundamental concepts, principles, theories, practices and legislative frameworks underlying international human resource management.

- Learn to effectively apply HR professional behaviours and values
- Analyse criteria and specifications appropriate to issues in leadership and management
- Understand global best practice across varied sectors and industries

#### What you will study

#### Term 1

- · Leadership Challenge
- · Negotiation and Cross-Cultural Management
- Learning Development and Knowledge Management Issues in International Management
- Employment Relations: The Domestic and International Context

#### Term 2

- · HR Essentials
- · Context of HRM
- Personnel Economics for International Human Resource Managers
- · Research Practice

#### Term 3

• Dissertation: Investigating a Business Issue from a Human Resource Perspective

#### How you will study

You will learn using a variety of engaging methods designed to increase your appreciation of current theory and practice. You will attend a variety of lectures, seminars and tutorials and your work will be assessed through a combination of assignments, case studies, projects and exams. By the end of the programme, you should be able to demonstrate a clear grasp of the concepts and an ability to link theory to practice.

#### Your future career

This MSc programme produces graduates who are capable of critically evaluating and applying current research and advanced thinking in international human resource management. You will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to engage within the international HR environment, and will have the potential to enter a wide range of industries around the world as an HR practitioner.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:

Nabdn.ac.uk/tuition-fees

For details on entry requirements, please visit:

Nabdn.ac.uk/pgt/ihrm



















### **MSc Marketing**

Convert your undergraduate degree into a specialist Master's qualification and boost your appeal to potential employers.

Our programme is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Marketing and will equip you with all the skills required for a successful marketing career.

#### Why study this programme?

This specialist Master's programme, accredited by the globally recognised Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM), adopts an innovative approach by integrating the latest insights from marketing research, expert perspectives, and hands-on experience. It offers the opportunity to attain a coveted professional qualification, ensuring you are well-prepared for a thriving marketing career. Students will develop advanced knowledge of marketing strategies, principles, models, theories, and practices that are directly applicable to the workplace across a wide range of sectors.

#### What will you gain?

Immerse yourself in industry-specific assignments, crafting solutions and recommendations for contemporary challenges. Experience teaching methods tailored to accommodate different learning styles, delivered by world-leading marketing researchers. The programme anticipates a diverse student body from around the globe, fostering interaction among peers and creating a rich and varied learning experience.

#### Why study with us?

The well-balanced curriculum includes marketing-focused modules, research skills, and finance and accounting – a unique feature not found in many other universities, which often focus solely on marketing subjects. Our approach to learning ensures that our MSc stays current with industry developments. The programme is built around the very latest marketing research insights into what employers need, current expert thinking and real-world practical experience.

- Appraise the marketplace for opportunities and threats
- Understand the role of marketing within an organisation
- Interpret, apply and adapt marketing theories for use in practical settings
- Think creatively to scope, refine and deliver practicable marketing solutions
- Translate marketing ideas, theories and plans into practice

#### What you will study

#### Term 1

- · Marketing Management
- · International Marketing
- · Marketing Communication
- · New Product and Service Development

#### Term 2

- · Consumer Behaviour
- Digital Marketing
- · Strategic Marketing
- · Research Practice

#### Term 3

· Marketing Dissertation

#### How you will study

The modules that you will study use a mix of highly effective learning techniques from modern to traditional, including small-group workshops, lectures, exams, computer-based simulations, interpersonal role-plays, negotiating workshops and marketing pitch presentations. Furthermore, all assessments are based on a portfolio of work-related assignments and your final dissertation/project.

#### Your future career

If you are looking for a challenging and exciting career in business that combines an entrepreneurial attitude with a results-driven, hands-on approach, then this is the programme for you. Marketing is a core discipline in virtually every organisation, both commercial and public, and our Master's degree has been designed to prepare you for a wide range of management roles in areas such as advertising, branding, CRM, marketing and market research. Students have gone on to take Internships with North Granite Gin, Aberdeen Performing Arts & Tedenka.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/tuition-fees

For details on entry requirements, please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/pgt/marketing-management

















## MSc Business Consulting and Psychology

The MSc Business Consulting with Psychology will build your professional consulting skills enhanced with a working knowledge of industry-leading psychology tools and workforce behavioural frameworks. Consulting is the fastest growing global professional occupation. Rapid changes in world business and advances in technology mean companies are seeking new ways to compete and innovate. Business consultants are the solution with unique industry and occupational understanding and expertise.

#### Why study this programme?

The programme offers an opportunity to study fundamental concepts of business management and psychology. The range of topics covered offered by both the Business School and the School of Psychology will include research and practice based elements, giving students extensive knowledge of industry practices, key theories and challenges in business consultancy.

#### What will you gain?

The programme will help you develop a range of transferable skills in understanding human behaviour in the workforce, problem identification, analysis and solving, project management, interpersonal communication including administering psychological analysis techniques and providing feedback, in depth operational analysis and business report writing.

#### Why study with us?

Our Business School is internationally recognised and plays a major role in industry through research, and consultancy. Not only will you acquire the business knowledge essential to success, you'll also develop the crucial characteristics – such as strong communication and interpersonal skills, quantitative knowledge and technical skills – most sought after in the highly competitive global business environment.

- Students will complete a consulting project where they will be given the opportunity to gain direct experience in applying the concepts and theories studied on the course
- The School of Psychology at Aberdeen is one the oldest academic psychology units in Britain and can lay claim to one of the earliest academic psychology appointments

#### What you will study

#### Term 1

- · Introduction to Business Consulting
- · Operations and Project Management
- · Organisational Culture and Conflict
- · Psychology at Work

#### Term 2

- · The Leadership Challenge
- Managing Change
- · Positive Psychology at Work
- · Psychology Toolkit for Consulting

#### Term 3

- $\cdot$  The Consulting Challenge OR
- Business Consulting Dissertation

#### How you will study

This MSc will be taught by practicing consultants and experienced academics, covering both theoretical as well as practical aspects of business and psychological tools used in consulting. The programme is also supported by off-campus supervised visits to active consulting projects across Scotland.

#### Your future career

Students who complete the Business Consulting MSc can go on to have careers as a consultant or providing consulting services and experience within traditional employment areas. The consulting service practice stretches across all industries and with increased specialisation of the workforce, SME and large consulting companies are in high demand. Students may also wish to go on to start their own business consultancy.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/tuition-fees

For details on entry requirements, please visit:

♠ abdn.ac.uk/pgt/bus-consulting



- On campus
- START MONTH
  September
- STUDY MODE Full-time
  - PENTRY
    REQUIREMENTS
    3rd OR 5 years
    professional
    workplace
    experience
- Q QUALIFICATION MSc





University of Aberdeen Business School

Business Postgraduate Guide 2026



## MSc Accounting and Finance



The Accounting and Finance MSc sets you on a path for a rewarding career in this highly skilled profession, whether you've recently graduated or are already working. Embark on a specialised one-year conversion programme that requires no prior experience in the field, offering you the opportunity to acquire essential skills for advancing your career in the financial and accounting sector.

#### Why study this programme?

Develop an in-depth understanding of accounting and finance theory, gain practical knowledge, and apply these concepts to real-world situations. Our curriculum ensures a comprehensive grasp of the subject matter. Master a diverse array of financial tools by accessing the latest financial research, software, and techniques. This will equip you with a robust foundation in accounting practices, ensuring you stay at the forefront of industry advancements.

#### What will you gain?

Enhance your professional network through strong connections to industry leaders. Your work will be showcased to eminent members of the profession, providing valuable exposure and recognition within the field. Join us and take a significant step towards a successful career in finance and accounting. You will also be exempt from the first four modules in the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants syllabus.

#### Why study with us?

Led by renowned academics and top industry practitioners, you will gain access to the latest finance research, software and techniques.

Gain access to premier global recruiters as part of our university programme. Benefit from employer-led skills sessions conducted by the renowned big four global firms - Deloitte, KPMG, PwC, and Ernst & Young. These sessions will equip you with the knowledge on how to distinguish yourself in interviews and assessment centres.

- Experience world-leading facilities with access to our virtual finance lab
- Connect with financial institutions and leading industry practitioners
- Develop a well-rounded skillset for careers in accounting and finance
- Build your business network and access top-tier recruiters around the world

#### What you will study

#### Term 1

- · Accounting for Business Decisions
- · Issues in Corporate Finance
- · Economic Analysis

#### Term 2

- · Financial Analysis and International Accounting
- · Portfolio Analysis
- Financial Markets and Regulation

#### Term 3

- · Business Analysis Project
- · Investment Project

#### How you will study

You will enjoy access to first-rate academic facilities, including our finance lab, powered by Bloomberg. This software platform gives you access to the same professional tools used by major international financial services companies. It provides real-time and historical data, market-moving news and analytics to help leading business and financial professionals make better informed investment decisions. You will attend a variety of stimulating lectures, seminars and tutorials. Your skills and competency will be assessed through a combination of presentations, traditional exams, essays and a dissertation.

#### Your future career

This programme caters to both self-starters and seasoned professionals, making it an excellent career decision for those fresh out of undergraduate studies or seeking to transition into a more senior role without prior managerial experience. For recent graduates, our programme serves as a direct pathway to kickstart a successful career journey. No previous managerial experience is required, ensuring accessibility for enthusiastic individuals ready to embark on a fulfilling career in accountancy. Professionals aiming for career enhancement will find our programme tailored to facilitate a smooth transition into more senior roles. Acquiring a recognised accountancy qualification through our programme opens numerous career doors, making it a strategic move for those aspiring to climb the professional ladder.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:

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For details on entry requirements, please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/pgt/accounting-finance





LEARNING MODE On campus



START MONTH
September or
January











## MSc (Econ) Finance and Investment Management

The Finance and Investment Management MSc provides a thorough grounding in this major growth area, enhancing your skills and expertise, and your appeal to employers. You will benefit from our world-leading facilities, including access to our trading platform, and gain hands-on practical experience to support an in-depth understanding of finance.

#### Why study this programme?

This programme covers a comprehensive mix of the theoretical and practical aspects of finance and investment for both early career finance professionals and those keen to enter a finance profession. You will acquire significant theoretical and practical knowledge in a wide range of finance disciplines. The programme will equip you with a solid background in finance, enhanced quantitative and analytical skills, and a strong understanding of financial modelling and investment decisions.

#### What will you gain?

Students benefit from employer-led skills sessions from big name global finance brands - Deloitte, KMPG, PwC and Ernst & Young - to explore how to stand out at an interview or assessment centre. The programme runs in parallel with the globally-recognised qualification CFA Level 1, so you have the opportunity to take this leading professional qualification as part of the MSc with 6 weeks dedicated study to maximise your chances of successful completion. CFA Level 1 will open up the investment management world in more depth and set a base for what you need to know at the beginning of your career as an investment professional.

#### Why study with us?

Our MSc is founded on years of financial and investment expertise within the Business School. It offers an excellent combination of academic rigour and specialist skills. We are also home to a Bloomberg finance lab which streams up-to-the-minute data, to enable would-be traders and fund managers to 'practice' investing. This is a hands-on opportunity for you to react instantly to live news feeds and gain practical skills required to work productively in the global financial sector before graduation.

- Expand your knowledge of financial modelling and investment decisions
- Employ advanced analytical tools and quantitative techniques relevant to the financial world
- Experience world-leading facilities with access to our Bloomberg finance lab

#### What you will study

#### Term 1

- Quantitative Methods
- · Issues in Corporate Finance
- · Accounting and Finance for Managers
- · Economic Analysis

#### Term 2

- · Portfolio Analysis
- · Empirical Methods in Financial Research
- · Financial Analysis and Markets

Students will have a choice between:

 Corporate Governance and Ethics or Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Forecasting (non-CFA)

#### OR

Professional Finance (CFA)

#### Term 3

 Master's Dissertation in Accountancy and Finance

#### How you will study

This programme combines the expertise of the University's Business School with the professional insights of finance practitioners from the city. Your work will be assessed through essays, exams and a summer dissertation.

#### Your future career

A qualification that's gaining momentum, aspiring financiers and junior bankers are taking Master's in Finance qualifications in increasing numbers. Hiring trends in investment banks are shifting, with sales and trading desks looking for a more technical skill set with a higher level of quantitative skills. Graduates of this programme typically aim for positions in the global corporate and financial sector as business analysts, asset managers, traders, brokers, hedge fund or investment advisors, credit controllers, treasurers, bankers, market specialist or accountants.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:

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For details on entry requirements, please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/pgt/finance-invest-cfa

















## MSc International Business and Finance

The world's economy is becoming increasingly global, and those who understand the international context of business and finance are in high demand. This programme combines a research-led approach with a practical focus to help you develop your knowledge and analytical skills in both the management and finance-related fields.

#### Why study this programme?

The International Business and Finance MSc offers a comprehensive exploration of the relationship between global management and finance, equipping you with essential financial expertise and its practical applications. This programme combines in-depth financial knowledge with international business training, covering international business theory and practice. You'll develop a strong understanding of economic fluctuations and gain the skills to interpret and utilise financial data effectively in real-world scenarios.

Tailor your MSc International Business and Finance to your career goals by choosing from three strategic pathways—IBF Classic, IBF with Sustainability, or IBF with AI and Financial Technology—each designed to equip future business leaders with the skills and insights needed to drive impact in today's global economy. Please note that the Classic, Sustainability, and AI options are currently only available for September starts, but may be introduced for January starts next academic year.

- Experience world-leading facilities with access to our in-house stock exchange
- Learn essential communication and professional skills

#### What will you gain?

You will develop practical skills in designing effective risk management strategies and the ability to adapt to diverse market conditions. In particular, this programme helps students build up capacity to carry out independent learning and research, teamwork, and project work, and gain a wide range of skills, such as analytical skills, presentation skills, computer skills, all of which are highly valued by employers. Students will benefit from our strengths in the fields of Business Management and Finance, which have been taught at the Business School for over 20 years.

#### Why study with us?

Designed for both non-finance graduates who are eager to enter into the lucrative finance world, and finance graduates who have the ambition to make themselves more marketable with a broad knowledge of international business. This programme meets the demand from students who want to be finance specialists, i.e., working in the banking industry, and caters for students who prefer a broad general management subject to prepare themselves for a wider job market. We invite external speakers from industry to enhance employability. These speakers bring real-world insights, experiences, and expertise, providing practical knowledge, inspiration, networking opportunity, and a deeper understanding of industry trends.

#### What you will study

#### Term 1

- · The Leadership Challenge
- · Accounting and Finance for Managers
- · International Finance for Business

#### Term 2

- · Empirical Methods in Finance Research
- · Portfolio Analysis
- · Financial Markets and Regulation

#### Term 3

Master's Dissertation in Accountancy
 & Finance

#### How you will study

Our high-quality programme develops skills valued by employers, including independent learning and research, group work, presentation skills and project work. You will use advanced tools and quantitative techniques to critically appraise financial opportunities. Although you don't need to have a background in this sector, it's an advantage if you are already confident and competent with numbers. This programme will take these strengths and enable you to embed them in a financial context.

#### Your future career

Graduates from this programme are highly sought after around the world in lucrative positions. Professional path: career in accounting and professional services, investment banking, consultancy, supply chain management, corporate mergers and acquisitions, and marketing. Academic path: a research career through to pursuing a PhD degree.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:

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LEARNING MODE On Campus



ENTRY
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STUDY MODE
Full or Part-time



QUALIFICATION MSc



DURATION
12 months full-time
24 months part-time



### **MSc Finance**

The MSc Finance is founded on the considerable financial expertise that exists within the Business School and on powerful global connections with the financial sector. Delivered online, the programme focuses not only on academic success, but also on helping you to build a broad range of specialist skills that will help advance your career.

#### Why study this programme?

Whether you have already embarked on a finance career or you aspire to enter a finance profession, the MSc Finance will provide you with a thorough grounding in theoretical and practical aspects of finance, economics and investment. Enhance your expertise in fundamental financial theory, processes, and techniques, paving the way for an in-depth exploration of rapidly evolving specialisations. Delve into cutting-edge areas such as the Fintech industry, Big Data applications, financial and banking regulations, and international financial markets.

#### What will you gain?

Enjoy the flexibility of learning from anywhere, without the need for a study visa. Manage your study hours according to your schedule with our convenient 2-year, part-time online format. Your degree title won't mention online or distance learning, ensuring the recognition of your academic achievements.

#### Why study with us?

This MSc programme includes two optional courses specifically crafted to prepare you for the CFA Institute's Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA) credential® programme exams, providing valuable mock exam opportunities. The CFA exams open up the investment management professional world and combined with the MSc Finance will provide you with the tools you need to embark on a successful career in financial management. There are alternative routes for those who do not wish to do CFA or decide to do only level 1.

- Expand your knowledge of financial modelling and investment decisions
- Acquire research skills and techniques that are relevant to finance
- Access sophisticated financial management technology and software
- Gain invaluable insights from employers and industry practitioners
- Develop essential communication and professional business skills

#### What you will study

#### **Term 1 - Fundamental Concepts**

- · Accounting for Finance
- · Corporate Finance
- · International Banking
- · Fintech and Big Data

#### **Term 2 - Advanced Topics**

- · Economics for Finance
- · Quantitative Methods for Finance
- · Derivatives and Risk Management
- · Option 1 Professional Finance 1
- · Option 2 International Finance

#### Term 3 - Specialised Topics

- · Financial Analysis
- · Asset Pricing and Portfolio Management
- · Fixed Income Analysis
- · Option 1 Professional Finance 2
- Option 2 Financial and Banking Regulation

#### How you will study

Our online MSc Finance commences in September or January, and is divided into three Semesters of approximately eight months of study. The programme takes two years to complete, dependent on your chosen start date and pathway. Learning is delivered via the University's bespoke online study environment, My Aberdeen. MyAberdeen is carefully designed to be secure, reliable and user friendly, and it is

where all learning materials are stored and where you will interact with your tutors and fellow students. If you choose to incorporate the CFA preparation into your studies, you will also benefit from training delivered by Fitch Learning via their own online learning platform.

#### Your future career

A growing number of aspiring financiers and junior bankers are pursuing MSc Finance qualifications. This surge is attributed to the evolving hiring trends within investment banks, particularly on sales and trading desks, where there's a heightened demand for professionals possessing advanced technical skills and a robust quantitative aptitude. Our MSc Finance programme caters to the changing landscape and prepares you for various roles, including but not limited to: Business Consultants, Financial Analysts, Asset Managers, Brokers and Traders, Hedge Fund or Investment Advisors, Credit Controllers, Treasurers, Bankers, Accountants. Equip yourself with the skills and knowledge required to thrive in the dynamic financial industry. Join the ranks of successful professionals who have leveraged our MSc Finance programme to propel their careers forward.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/tuition-fees

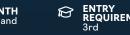
For details on entry requirements, please visit:

on.abdn.ac.uk/degrees/finance









STUDY MODE Distance



QUALIFICATION





Also delivered fulltime from 2025-26

## **MSc Financial Technology**

Jointly delivered by the University of Aberdeen Business School and School of Natural & Computing Sciences, this programme brings together expertise in mathematics, computer science, finance, and economics to deliver a fully integrated learning experience in Financial Technology.

#### Why study this programme?

FinTech is a continually growing industry in Scotland, with significant merging of finance and technology, but this also requires a varied skill set to succeed. The MSc Financial Technology offers a rigorous introduction to Python, the dominant programming language in FinTech as well as machine learning and data science. The programme also highlights the inherent risks to the industry such as security breaches and the effects these can have on banks and other financial service providers. This degree is open to people from any discipline and will provide students with an interdisciplinary learning experience in financial services and technology from experts in their respective fields.

#### What will you gain?

By bringing together students from both financial and computing backgrounds, students will benefit from a richer experience, learning from their peers and gaining an in-depth understanding of both sectors and how they interconnect.

#### Why study with us?

The Business School is internationally recognised and plays a major role in industry through research, and consultancy. Not only will you acquire the business knowledge essential to success, you'll also develop the crucial characteristics - such as strong communication and interpersonal skills, quantitative knowledge and technical skills - most sought after in the highly competitive global business environment. The School of Natural & Computing Sciences has a long-standing reputation in Intelligent Systems, with world recognised expertise in areas such as multi-agent systems, natural language generation, knowledge graph and semantic web. The department of Computing Science was ranked 16th in the UK for research intensity (REF, 2014), and 70% of research publications were classified as "internationally leading" or "internationally excellent".

- Cover a wide range of programming languages such as Python, quantitative finance, machine learning, cyber security, and applied econometrics
- Aberdeen is a financial hub with particular strength in asset management with demand for highly skilled graduates in FinTech
- Demonstrate critical thinking and interlink its evaluation with creativity

#### What you will study

#### Term 1

- · Introduction to Programming
- · Database Systems and Big Data
- Financial Mathematics I
- · Financial Mathematics II

#### Term 2

- · Advances in Machine Learning in Finance
- · Empirical Methods in Finance Research
- · Financial Crime and Cyber Security
- · Optional Courses:
- Portfolio Analysis
- Financial Analysis and Markets

#### Term 3

FinTech Dissertation

#### How you will study

The programme assesses the competency and skills that you will need in the computing and financial world in a number of ways. You will give individual and group presentations, prepare reports, sit assessments, write academic essays and complete the dissertation over the summer period.

#### Your future career

The MSc Financial Technology programme positions graduates for a variety of exciting FinTech career pathways with practical skills and expertise in mathematics, computer science, finance, and economics. This programme provides you with the technical and analytical skills needed to successfully adapt to a widerange of situations in the ever-changing world of computing and finance. Some become software developers, business analysts, consultants, data scientists, or follow other roles.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:

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For details on entry requirements, please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-taught/ degree-programmes/1891/financialtechnology/



















### MSc (Econ) Energy, Economics and Finance

The MSc in Energy, Economics and Finance is a programme highly regarded for being both intellectually challenging and for providing the career-ready credentials that are essential to increase your appeal with employers within an energy economics context.

#### Why study this programme?

Develop a robust understanding of economic theory tailored to the complexities of the global energy sector. This programme offers in-depth training in economic modelling and quantitative analysis, preparing you to tackle key challenges in energy economics, finance, and policy in a sector undergoing rapid transformation.

#### What will you gain?

Learn from leading experts in energy economics, including Professor Alexander Kemp OBE, Director of the internationally recognised Aberdeen Centre for Research in Energy Economics and Finance (ACREEF). All faculty members are active researchers and educators within ACREEF, ensuring that the curriculum is informed by cutting-edge research and real-world industry insights. You'll benefit from direct engagement with a broad network of energy industry partners, enhancing your understanding of the sector and expanding your professional connections.

#### Why study with us?

The University of Aberdeen has a long history of excellence in energy economics and finance. The programme is supported by two prominent research centres: the Aberdeen Centre for Research in Energy Economics and Finance (ACREEF), which focuses on high-quality research and policy analysis in energy economics, and the Scottish Experimental Economics Laboratory (SEEL), dedicated to experimental and behavioural economics research. You will engage with leading experts, and gain insights into critical topics such as the Hotelling model, oil price dynamics, OPEC's role, and the economics of global warming and renewable energy.

- Obtain insights into commerciallyoriented analysis
- Develop quantitative skills to better utilise data to inform strategic decisions
- Learn to analyse energy markets and the micro/macro impacts of various stimuli
- Network with employers from a range of national and multi-national companies
- Acquire the global perspectives essential to professional success

#### What you will study

#### Term 1

- · Economic Analysis
- Investment and Real Options Analysis for Energy
- · Contemporary Issues in Energy Economics
- · Quantitative Methods

#### Term 2

- Economics of Energy Transition
- Internationalisation
- · Empirical Methods in Finance
- · Resource Rent and Energy Policy

#### Term 3

· Dissertation in Energy Economics and Finance

#### How you will study

In the first semester you will study key modelling techniques and spend time understanding the critical aspects of financial analysis. You will also gain an in-depth understanding of energy and petroleum economics. In the second semester, the focus is on strategic thinking using game theory to develop your analytical skills and investment decision-making. Particular attention is paid to the analysis of renewable energy projects and their role in energy transition. During the summer term, you will complete a dissertation focused on a key topic in the petroleum and energy industries.

#### Your future career

If you are a professional already working in the energy sector, this degree provides a strong route to career progression. You will graduate ready to take up roles including: Commercial Analyst, Economist, Energy and Business Consultant, Market Analyst, Oil and Gas Associates, Project Manager, Strategy Analyst.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:

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For details on entry requirements, please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/pgt/eef

















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## MSc Energy Economics and Finance

Learn to analyse and understand world energy markets. From oil and gas to renewables, prepare for career success with our expert economists on this flexible degree you can study part-time.

#### Why study this programme?

Train in the economic principles that energy businesses and governments use to understand world energy markets. This flexible online degree can be studied part-time. You decide how many credits to study for each term, controlling the pace and cost of your degree term by term.

#### What will you gain?

This programme is designed to expand your knowledge of world energy markets and to develop an in-depth understanding of relevant economic theory. You will learn how to understand and analyse the drivers of energy demand and supply, how investment decisions are made, and how governments design and implement their energy policies.

#### Why study with us?

Our online Energy Economics and Finance degree is for anyone keen to understand the energy industry, how decisions are taken, and policies made. Professor Alex Kemp (OBE) will be teaching you on this programme, one of the world's best-known energy experts, Alex has been a specialist adviser to governments and energy companies, in the UK and globally, for decades.

- Develop quantitative skills to better utilise data to inform strategic decisions
- Learn to analyse energy markets and the micro and macro impacts of various stimuli
- Acquire the global perspectives essential to professional success in this sector
- Develop critical insights into current and emerging approaches to energy finance
- Strengthen your capacity for professional, geographical and cultural mobility

#### What you will study

- Investment Analysis for Energy
- Economic Analysis for Energy Markets
- · Quantitative Methods for Energy Economics
- · Offshore Oil and Gas Decommissioning
- Petroleum Economics and Policy
- · Accounting and the Energy Industry
- Data Analysis for Energy
- Business Strategy and the Energy Sector
- · Environmental Economics
- · Issues in Energy Transition
- · Resource Revenue Management
- · Advanced Corporate Finance for Energy

#### How you will study

Your teaching is delivered through MyAberdeen, our online Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). It holds all the materials, tools and support you will need in your studies. You can access your learning materials on a computer, smartphone or tablet. You will find a range of resources at your fingertips, including online access to our award-winning Sir Duncan Rice Library. Each course on this programme features live webinars with academic experts in energy economics. As well as interacting with leading researchers in the field, you will benefit from direct input from our significant range of energy industry partners.

#### Your future career

This programme is designed both for professionals in the energy sector and for others who want to develop a career in government, consultancy, or the environmental or regulatory departments of energy and other companies. The programme reaches beyond corporate interest alone to cover any career path that needs high quality graduates with an excellent understanding of the energy sector.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:



For details on entry requirements, please visit:

on.abdn.ac.uk/degrees/energy-economicsand-finance

















WORK EXPERIENCE Not applicable

## LLM/MSc Energy Economics and Law

This unique Master's programme combines the core disciplines of Economics and Law to equip you with the essential skills required to pursue a successful career either in the global energy industry or in related governmental organisations.

#### Why study this programme?

This interdisciplinary programme equips you with the economic and legal expertise essential for navigating the complexities of the global oil and gas sector. You'll study key influences such as government regulation of hydrocarbons, financial markets, oil price dynamics, taxation, and contractual frameworks. These elements are critical to investment decision-making and policy development. Combining academic rigour with real-world relevance, the programme prepares you for careers in energy law, financial analysis, and regulatory roles within the energy industry.

#### What will you gain?

This rigorous programme develops the analytical, legal, and economic skills essential for a successful career in the energy sector. You'll gain critical insights through direct engagement with professional practice, including interaction with multinational companies, regulatory bodies, and government agencies—bridging academic knowledge with real-world application in energy contexts.

#### Why study with us?

The University of Aberdeen is a global leader in teaching and research in the field of energy and this programme builds on our considerable strengths in these areas. Our University is home to two relevant and internationally recognised research centres: the Aberdeen Centre for Research in Energy Economics and Finance and the Aberdeen University Centre for Energy Law. Studying here, you will benefit from interacting with leading researchers in the field of energy economics and law – including one of the world's best recognised energy experts, Professor Alex Kemp (OBE) – and with a broad network of national and multi-national employers through our visiting speaker programme.

- Acquire the global perspectives essential to professional success
- Develop critical insights into current and emerging approaches
- Gain a well-rounded skillset with the tools to succeed
- Obtain insights into commercially oriented analysis
- Strengthen your capacity for social, geographical and cultural mobility

#### What you will study for the MSc

#### Term 1

- · State Control of Hydrocarbons
- · Contemporary Issues in Energy Economics
- Investment and Real Options Analysis for Energy

#### Term 2

- Economics of Energy Transition
- · Resource Rent and Energy Policy
- Contract Law Aspects of Oil and Gas Exploration

#### Term 3

- Dissertation in Energy Economics and Law

#### How you will study

You will have the opportunity to explore a range of themes to sharpen your critical analysis of key current global challenges and issues. These include Licensing and Upstream Taxation; Investment Appraisal Techniques and Risk Analysis; Health, Safety and Environmental Regulation; Crude Oil Market; Principles of Accounting; and Oil and Gas Contracts. You will take part in a broad range of stimulating lectures, seminars and tutorials with both lecturers and visiting industry practitioners.

#### Your future career

Career opportunities range from positions within oil and gas companies, international law firms or government ministries. Past graduates have gone on to be Commercial Advisers, Energy Consultants, Investment Analysts, Market Analysts, and Oil and Gas Associates. Others have gone on to complete a PhD, or to pursue careers in politics, business or international finance.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:

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### MSc (Econ) Sustainability Economics and Finance

This programme provides students a broad but rigorous training in the field of Sustainability Economics and Finance through a combination of relevant economics and finance-related courses in the context of environment, energy, natural resources, sustainability policies, and carbon management.

#### Why study this programme?

The world faces complex and interconnected challenges such as climate change, resource depletion, pollution, and environmental degradation. These issues cannot be effectively addressed without a solid understanding of both economics/finance and environmental sustainability. At the same time, there is a growing demand for professionals who can bridge the gap between economics, finance and sustainability. The MScEcon Sustainability Economics and Finance contributes to filling this gap. It will prepare students to become professionals who can navigate the intricate intersection of these domains.

#### What will you gain?

The MScEcon Sustainability Economics and Finance is designed to equip students with the relevant knowledge and skills needed to navigate the complex sustainability-economics-finance interface. It will help and enable students to gain expertise in analysing and designing economic strategies and solutions alongside a deep understanding of sustainability principles.

#### Why study with us?

With Scotland being an unquestionable leader in the field of sustainability, and Aberdeen being 'the energy capital of Europe', there is no better place to learn about sustainability than the North-East of Scotland. This degree equips you with economic theory, finance tools, data analysis, policy knowledge, and real-world experience—all framed around environmental and sustainability challenges.

- Our Business School is home to two very relevant and internationally recognised research centres: the Aberdeen Centre for Research in Energy Economics and Finance and the Scottish Experimental Economic Laboratory
- Former students have worked with organisations such as the Scottish Government, BP and Total to create their dissertations

#### What you will study

#### Term 1

- · Economic Analysis
- · Investment and Real Options for Energy
- Quantitative Methods
- Environmental Economics

#### Term 2

- Internationalisation
- · Sustainable Development
- Climate Change Economics and Carbon Finance
- · Resource Rent and Energy Policy

#### Term 3

Dissertation in Sustainability Economics and Finance

#### How you will study

You will learn using a variety of engaging methods designed to increase your appreciation of current theory and practice. You will attend a variety of lectures, seminars, workshops and tutorials and your work will be assessed through a combination of assignments, case studies and projects. By the end of the programme, you should be able to demonstrate a clear grasp of the concepts and an ability to link theory to practice.

#### Your future career

This programme will prepare students to become professionals who can navigate the intricate intersection of sustainability, economics and finance. On completion of this programme, students can be placed for work in governmental organisations, NGOs, as well as industry.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:

• abdn.ac.uk/tuition-fees

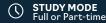
For details on entry requirements, please visit:

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### **MSc Finance** and Real Estate



The Finance and Real Estate MSc is focused on the real needs of business and will equip you with the knowledge and skills required to succeed in this competitive sector. With two leading industry qualifications built-in, this programme is your foundation in the highest standards of the real estate world.

#### Why study this programme?

This programme bridges the gap between undergraduate studies and employment combining the study of two complementary subject areas with leading industry accreditations and professional training to ensure you are industry-ready. The programme is designed to extend your capabilities in all financial aspects of real estate and property development with a particular focus on international real estate markets and commercial property valuation and investment.

#### What will you gain?

You will gain a deep understanding of the economics of land markets, commercial property valuation and development, portfolio investment and finance.

#### Why study with us?

This programme holds accreditation from Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), which allows graduates to go on to the RICS Assessment of Professional Competence. It also runs in parallel with the globally recognised qualification CFA Level 1, so you will have the opportunity to take this leading professional qualification as part of the MSc. The Investment Property Forum has included this programme on its selected list of graduate programmes that they consider to provide the relevant skills necessary for those operating in the property investment market. We are also home to the Centre for Real Estate Research, a focus for interdisciplinary research in the area of Real Estate Investment and Property Market Analysis.

- · Acquire multi-disciplinary skills in economics, quantitative methods, valuation and finance
- Develop key professional expertise and commercial knowledge
- Gives you the opportunity to study UK, European and Asian property markets

#### What you will study

#### Term 1

- Quantitative Methods
- · Issues in Corporate Finance
- · Valuation for Surveyors
- · Real Estate Economics

#### Term 2

- · Portfolio Analysis
- · Real Estate Investment and Appraisal
- · Real Estate Portfolio Investment
- Option 1: Sustainable Development (non-CFA)
- · Option 2: Professional Finance (CFA)

#### Term 3

· Dissertation in Real Estate

#### OR

· Asian Cities - Students choosing the Asian Cities option will visit a range of cities in Asia and submit associated reports based on learning from the trip. Students will incur the costs of this course plus the travel, accommodation and subsistence for their time in Asia.

#### OR

· Professional Work Placement - Students choosing the Professional Work Placement option will be responsible for finding their own work placement in a real estate organisation based in the UK or internationally. The student will be responsible for ensuring that they are eligible to work in the chosen country and comply with all Visa regulations. The professional work placement must be agreed by the Business School.

#### How you will study

The programme assesses the competency and skills that you will need in the financial and real estate world in a number of ways. You will give individual and group presentations, prepare reports, write academic essays and sit traditional exams. In the third semester you can choose to do a dissertation or travel to Asia and study property investment and development case studies.

#### Your future career

This programme provides a credible platform for both finance and real estate career options - preparing you for rewarding posts in real estate finance or real estate portfolio management.

Our graduates are employed in a wide range of professional organisations across real estate, finance, consultancy, research and the public sector.

#### What to do next?

For details on fees and funding, please visit:

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For details on entry requirements, please visit:

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**LEARNING MODE** 





**QUALIFICATION**MSc







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#### **MSc Real Estate**



The MSc Real Estate benefits from strong links with the economics, finance and management disciplines, and offers a particular focus and strength on commercial property valuation and investment and the study of international real estate markets.

#### Why study this programme?

This is a vocational MSc open to students from any discipline looking to kick start a career in the chartered surveying or real estate profession. Fully accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), this 12 month, full-time degree has been running for over 20 years and has established a strong reputation among employers with many past graduates employed in senior positions in the profession.

#### What will you gain?

This Master's degree is underpinned by the University's world-renowned strengths in valuation, property investment, economics and finance. Combining academic rigour with the professional edge, the degree has become highly regarded by employers throughout the world.

#### Why study with us?

Our Business School Real Estate Group is internationally recognised for research excellence in this specialist field - and gives our students the great advantage of accessing a wealth of powerful data. The International Real Estate module includes a week-long European field trip, while students on the international pathway can visit five cities in Asia as part of the Asian Cities module. Many of our staff are engaged in active research ensuring that the programme content remains at the forefront of current thinking. You can be confident that you are investing in a learning experience widely recognised as being at the cutting edge and learning from teaching staff who are seen as global leaders in the field.

- Acquire considerable quantitative skills in economics, finance and business
- Understand the institutional, legal and policy environment of real estate
- Learn about property management, investment and development
- Gain analysis and problem-solving skills in a strategic business context
- Network with employers from a range of national and multi-national companies

#### What you will study

#### Term 1

- · Corporate Real Estate
- · Property Law and Institutions
- Valuation and Finance
- · Real Estate Economics

#### Term 2

- Real Estate Development and International Investment
- · Valuation and Development
- · Strategic Residential Real Estate
- · Real Estate Finance

#### Term 3

· Dissertation in Real Estate

#### OR

 Real Estate Internship - Students choosing the Real Estate Internship option will be responsible for finding their own internship in a real estate organisation based in the UK. The student will be responsible for ensuring that they are eligible to work in the UK and comply with all Visa regulations.

#### OR

 Asian Cities - For those on the International Pathway there is an additional option.
 Students can choose to undertake our Asian Cities case studies and will travel to Asia to visit a range of cities and submit associated reports based on learning from the trip.
 Students will incur the costs of this course plus the travel, accommodation and subsistence for their time in Asia.

#### How you will study

An average cohort size of 15 to 25 students ensures an interactive, friendly learning environment. You can choose from a commercial UK-focused real estate pathway or an international pathway focused on real estate from a global perspective. Field trips to European and Asian cities (for the international pathway students) provide insights from key players in the international real estate business. Beyond the fieldwork, learning involves a mix of lectures, seminars, tutorials and research. Assessment is by coursework, by written examination, or by a combination of both.

#### Your future career

Our graduates achieve notable employment success with many enjoying lucrative careers spanning surveying, investment, property valuation, planning and development, and property management. From Edinburgh and London to Frankfurt and Shanghai, our former students are now forging strong, rewarding careers with major surveying firms across the globe.

#### What to do next?

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## **MSc Corporate Finance and Law**

#### Why study this programme?

With both an LLM and MSc exit qualification available, this is a unique opportunity to benefit from the expertise of staff from both the School of Law and the Business School. This programme has a practical and commercial focus and will appeal to those employed in or with an interest in commercial and professional services, within the legal and financial communities.

#### What you will study

Students will be expected to complete four Law focused courses and four Business focused courses, finalising their study with the dissertation. The dissertation will be on either a legal or financial topic.



LEARNING MODE On campus



STUDY MODE

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



QUALIFICATION



WORK EXPERIENCE Not applicable



DURATION 12 months full-time 24 months part-time

## **MSc Data Science and Business Management**

#### Why study this programme?

This Master's programme is designed to bridge the gap between data science and business management through an interdisciplinary approach that equips you with the critical business and data science skills necessary to establish or lead successful data science teams or enterprises.

#### What you will study

You will develop critical business and data science skills necessary to establish or lead successful data science teams or enterprises. This includes a comprehensive understanding of both business management principles-such as leadership, digital marketing, HR, and market strategy planning-and the technical intricacies of data science, including coding, data collection and storage, data preparation and exploration, modeling, and predictive analytics.







STUDY MODE



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



QUALIFICATION



**WORK EXPERIENCE** 



DURATION 12 months full-time 24 months part-time

### **MSc International Finance** and Political Relations

#### Why study this programme?

This programme combines the strengths of the School of Social Science and the Business School to explore the intersection between money, politics and power and the relationship between international finance and policymaking at the transnational level. Designed to train specialists for careers in the international finance or government/non-government (NGO) sectors.

#### What you will study

By combining the key theories and themes in the study of international political economy with corporate finance and investments, this Master's programme addresses the need, by teaching the advanced skills needed to gather, analyse and evaluate information on the politics of international finance and to enable you to communicate how international finance, banking, and stock markets intersect with national and international political events.



**LEARNING MODE** On campus



STUDY MODE Full or Part-time





**QUALIFICATION** 

**WORK EXPERIENCE** Not applicable



## **MSc International Relations** and Management

#### Why study this programme?

This Master's degree is delivered jointly by experts from the University of Aberdeen's School of Social Science and Business School to provide a thorough grounding in the technical aspects of business management alongside a wider understanding of the international political, economic and cultural forces that shape relations between countries and international organisations.

#### What you will study

You will develop a rigorous understanding of management theory, including business strategy, management, and leadership, while also engaging with topics such as terrorism, global security and globalisation in order to understand how global events impact on business in areas such as the availability of labour and raw materials, supply chain reliability, government regulations and changing market opportunities.



**LEARNING MODE** On campus



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

STUDY MODE



**QUALIFICATION** MSc



**WORK EXPERIENCE** 



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## MSc Strategic Studies and Management

#### Why study this programme?

This programme is taught by the School of Social Sciences and the Business School and provides a mix of in-depth business understanding combined with a strategic approach to understanding global threats, risk and growth. Delivering a clear understanding of the contemporary links between the various uses of coercion by states and non-state actors and the complexities of managing large and small organisations in the modern governmental, economic and business environment.

#### What you will study

You will develop a rigorous understanding of management theory, including business strategy, management, and leadership, while also engaging with topics such as terrorism, global security and globalisation in order to understand how global events impact on business in areas such as the availability of labour and raw materials, supply chain reliability, government regulations and changing market opportunities.



**LEARNING MODE** 



REQUIREMENTS

STUDY MODE



QUALIFICATION



**WORK EXPERIENCE** 



DURATION 12 months full-time 24 months part-time

## **MSc Politics, Public Policy** and Management

#### Why study this programme?

The MSc Politics, Public Policy and Management combines the expertise of the School of Social Science and the Business School to equip students with the necessary knowledge and skills for careers in politics and policymaking in government, business, third-sector organisations, the media, the research sector, finance, and international institutions.

#### What you will study

You will gain a deep understanding of key political and economic issues at a national and global level, the processes of policy making, the limitations of public policy responses, and how to bring about good public policy. You will have the unique opportunity to study specialist courses on political issues like migration and climate change, and courses which consider how campaigns and movements apply pressure on political systems to change.



**LEARNING MODE START MONTH** 

September or

January



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



QUALIFICATION

Not applicable

**WORK EXPERIENCE** 



DURATION 12 months full-time 24 months part-time

## **Coming Soon**

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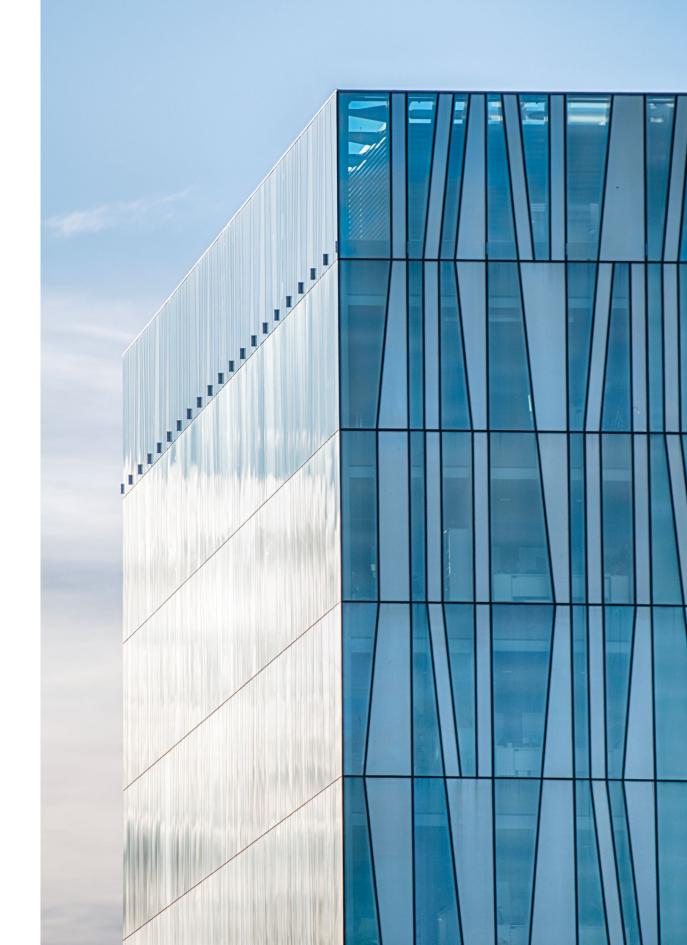
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