

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

This is a credit-based qualification.

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

## **MSc–FIN 1 DEGREE NAME**

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

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

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

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

## **MSc–FIN 2 REGISTRATION**

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

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

## **MSc–FIN 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT**

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

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

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

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

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

#### **MSc–FIN 4 CREDIT TRANSFER**

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

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

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

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

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

#### **MSc–FIN 5 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE**

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