



UNIVERSITY OF
LIVERPOOL

MSc

Finance and Investment Management

Study mode

Full-time

Duration

12 months

Apply by: **28 August 2026**

Starts on: **21 September 2026**

About this course

This programme will provide you with a solid understanding of the interaction of finance, financial markets and securities and investment analysis and draws extensively from the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) programme curriculum.

Introduction

You will also be trained in financial market applications of these theories and concepts in addition to learning how to use state-of-the-art industry analytics in your studies. On graduation, you will have a good understanding of contemporary financial principles and know how these apply to financial intermediation, savings and investment.

With a rigorous focus on both theory and application, you will benefit from leading-edge insight and global perspective from City practitioners, building on firm foundations in quantitative skills, corporate finance, financial analysis, portfolio management, financial instruments, regulation, ethics and other critical areas.

The MSc Finance and Investment Management has been accepted into the CFA Institute University Recognition Programme. This status is granted to institutions whose degree programmes incorporate at least 70% of the CFA Programme Candidate Body of Knowledge™ (CBOK), which provides you with a solid grounding in the CBOK and positions you well to sit for the CFA exams.

The CFA qualification is a globally recognised, postgraduate designation that provides a strong foundation of investment analysis and portfolio management

skills along with the practical knowledge required in the modern finance and investment industry.

The Management School has a range of additional funding opportunities for outstanding master's students, including the [Management School Excellence Scholarship](#) which offers tuition fee discounts of 50%. Eligibility and more information can be found on the School's [scholarship pages](#).

Who is this course for?

The Finance and Investment Management MSc is ideal for recent graduates from any discipline, as well as professionals seeking to enhance their financial expertise and advance within the industry. This programme is designed for individuals who aspire to build a successful career in the fast-paced world of finance, investment, and asset management. It offers a strong foundation in financial theory and practical investment analysis, and is closely aligned with the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) curriculum.

What you'll learn

- Corporate Finance
 - Financial Regulation and Investment Ethics
 - Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management
 - Financial Reporting and Analysis
 - Equity and Fixed Income Securities
 - Derivatives and Alternative Investments
 - Research Methods.
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Accreditation

The University of Liverpool Management School is one of an elite group of institutions worldwide to hold the gold standard 'triple-crown' accreditation from AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS.

MSc programmes in [Accounting and Finance](#), [Fintech](#), [Finance](#) and [Finance and Investment Management](#) have been officially recognised as academic partners of the [CQF Institute](#), the rapidly growing global organisation for professionals in quantitative finance and the awarding body for the Certificate in Quantitative Finance (CQF).

The Finance and Investment Management programme has affiliate status with the [CQF Institute](#), allowing our students to register for free membership and gain access to resources such as events, research, careers tools, workshops and thought leadership materials.

Accreditation in detail

AACSB

AACSB Accreditation Standards require a high quality teaching environment, a commitment to continuous improvement, and curricula responsive to the needs of businesses. This achievement means that the Management School meets specific standards of excellence. It also means it's committed to on-going improvement in delivering high quality education.

AMBA

[AMBA](#) is the highest standard of achievement in postgraduate business education. MBA students and graduates, business schools and employers all recognise it as a gold standard. AMBA's rigorous criteria and assessment process ensure that only programmes that demonstrate the highest standards in teaching, learning and curriculum design; career development and employability; and student, alumni and employer interaction achieve accreditation.

CQF Institute

The CQF Institute's Academic Partners represent the best in financial education around the world. The Academic Partnership Program is dedicated to supporting the professional development of students studying in the field of finance and quantitative finance.

Students can register as free members and will benefit from a wealth of resources at the Institute, including leading industry insights via technical conferences and talks, networking with key decision makers and career opportunities from top financial companies.

EQUIS

The School is also accredited by [EQUIS](#), which is the leading international system of quality assessment, improvement and accreditation of higher education institutions in management and business administration.

Institutions that are accredited by EQUIS must demonstrate not only high general quality in all dimensions of their activities, but also a high degree of internationalisation and corporate connections.

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Semester one

The 12-month programme consists of eight compulsory modules followed by a research project carried out over the summer period upon completion of Semester two.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ANALYSIS (BLIM501)</u>	15
<u>QUANTITATIVE METHODS AND ECONOMICS (BLIM502)</u>	15
<u>EQUITY AND FIXED INCOME MARKETS (BLIM504)</u>	15
<u>FINANCIAL REGULATION AND ETHICS (BLIM507)</u>	15

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Semester two

The 12-month programme consists of eight compulsory modules followed by a research project carried out over the summer period upon completion of Semester two.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>DERIVATIVES AND ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS (BLIM503)</u>	15
<u>CORPORATE FINANCE (BLIM500)</u>	15
<u>PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT (BLIM505)</u>	15
<u>RESEARCH SKILLS (BLIM508)</u>	15

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Final project

The 12-month programme consists of eight compulsory modules followed by a research project carried out over the summer period upon completion of Semester two.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>RESEARCH PROJECT-INDEPENDENT LEARNING (BLIM506)</u>	60

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

The integrated case study provides the opportunity for group work, discussion, self-evaluation, presentation skills, personal research and independent study.

As a traditional teaching method, interactive lectures provide students the opportunity to learn the subject with an in-depth input from the lecturers whereas

seminars and group work provide further avenues for interactive learning from other group members.

Following semester two you will complete a research project with the support of an academic supervisor.

Teaching time will account for an average of 10 hours per week and you should anticipate an additional 25 hours of self-directed study and group work.

How you're assessed

In semester one and two, you will take modules totalling 120 credits. The research project completed during the summer period is worth 60 credits and students will be supported by their academic supervisor.

Students are required to complete 180 credits to achieve a full MSc.

Subject to meeting specific criteria outlined by the University, students will graduate with a Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Assessment tasks are varied and some may be designed specifically to meet the learning outcomes of a particular programme of study, but students can expect to be assessed via coursework, essay, group work, presentations, case studies, negotiation exercises, reports and examinations. The weighting of individual components will vary from one module to another. All assessment information is included within the module specification.

Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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Careers and employability

Our MSc Finance and Investment Management integrates key elements of the globally recognised CFA qualification, enhancing your career prospects across the financial services sector.

It equips graduates for a wide range of roles, from security analysis to investment and wealth management. Successful students benefit from exposure to industry-relevant tools and insights, making them highly competitive in today's finance job market.

You'll also have access to dedicated one-to-one careers support, workshops, employability seminars, and guidance from our specialist postgraduate careers team.

Graduates from the programme have gone on to work in roles such as:

- Wealth manager
- Finance assistant
- Financial analyst
- Financial controller
- Associate wealth manager
- Regulation consultant
- Customer manager.

Employers include Standard Bank Group, Motilal Oswal, Croydon Council, Singapore Development Bank, Agricultural Bank of China, and KPMG. Employment locations include Liverpool, London, across the UK, India, and Dubai.

The combination of an MSc and CFA Level 1 exam preparation ensures that graduates are well-positioned for careers in investment management, analysis, and financial regulation, both in the UK and globally.

Career support from day one to graduation and beyond

Career planning

From education to employment

Networking events

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year – £14,750

International fees

Full-time place, per year – £33,500

Fees stated are for the 2025/26 academic year. Tuition fees for the academic year 2026/27 will be announced soon.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support.

- You can [pay your tuition fees in instalments](#).
- All or part of your tuition fees can be [funded by external sponsorship](#).
- International applicants who accept an offer of a place will need to [pay a tuition fee deposit](#).

If you're a UK national, or have settled status in the UK, you may be eligible to apply for a Postgraduate Loan worth up to £12,167 to help with course fees and living costs. [Learn more about paying for your studies](#).

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

Postgraduate entry requirements

We accept a 2:2 honours degree from a UK university, or an equivalent academic qualification from a similar non-UK institution. This degree should be in Finance, Accounting, Economics, Mathematics, Engineering, Science or Business.

A wide range of subjects is acceptable, but please contact us if you wish to check whether your degree subject is suitable. Candidates who do not meet these requirements will be considered on their individual merits and should discuss their particular circumstances with the Programme Director.

Non-graduates with very extensive professional experience and/or other prior qualifications may also be considered.

International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our entry requirements. Completing your Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the [University of Liverpool International College](#), means you're guaranteed a place on your chosen course.

English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a [majority English speaking country](#).

We accept a variety of [international language tests](#) and [country-specific qualifications](#).

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our [Pre-Sessional English courses](#) to achieve the required level.

IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0

TOEFL iBT

88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 19, writing 19, reading 19 and speaking 20. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

Duolingo English Test

125 overall, with writing not less than 125, speaking and reading not less than 115, and listening not below 110. For academic year 2025/26 only, we will also accept the production, literacy, comprehension and conversation score set: 120 overall, with no component below 105.

Pearson PTE Academic

61 overall, with no component below 59

LanguageCert Academic

70 overall, with no skill below 65

PSI Skills for English

B2 Pass with Merit in all bands

INDIA Standard XII

National Curriculum (CBSE/ISC) – 75% and above in English. Accepted State Boards – 80% and above in English.

WAEC

C6 or above

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with no component below 6.0	6 weeks	On campus
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	10 weeks	On campus and online options available
6.0 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0	12 weeks	On campus and online options available
5.5 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no more than one component below 5.0, and no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
4.5 overall, with no more than one component below 4.5, and no component below 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

If you’ve completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-sessional English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0, for further details.

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