



**HKUSPACE**  
 香港大學專業進修學院  
 HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education

Edinburgh Napier  
 UNIVERSITY



# Master of Science in INTERNATIONAL BANKING AND FINANCE\*

In Collaboration with  
 Edinburgh Napier University, United Kingdom

The University of Hong Kong  
 School of Professional and Continuing Education  
 College of Business and Finance

<http://hkuspace.hku.hk/cbf/>

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## Edinburgh Napier University

### Scotland, UK

Founded in 1964 and granted university status in 1993, Edinburgh Napier University has since become one of the largest universities in Scotland, with over 17,000 enrolled students. Edinburgh Napier Business School offers a comprehensive range of general and specialised business programmes at undergraduate and Masters levels. The Business School's reputation for academic excellence is enhanced and supported by considerable research and consultancy in business and the strong links it maintains with industry. Around 3,000 of the Business School's 7,500 students are in Hong Kong, where it is long-established and one of the top foreign partners for local universities.

The Business School, Edinburgh Napier University has been collaborating with the College of Business and Finance, HKU SPACE in offering a number of programmes at Bachelor's and Master's degree levels in Hong Kong for many years. All programmes lead to awards of Edinburgh Napier University.



## INTRODUCTION

This Programme is offered in collaboration with Edinburgh Napier University, UK. This Programme aims to:

- a) Familiarise students with the most current developments in global financial markets from the unique perspective of banking institutions.
- b) Prepare students for a career in banking and finance by enabling students to develop expertise in key areas of international banking institutions management.
- c) Equip students, through the range of module topics, with a critical understanding of current theories and empirical research in the fields of banking, finance and law from which student will develop the practical skills to apply this knowledge within an institutional framework.
- d) Offer students the academic preparation to evaluate alternative theories and methodologies in International Banking and Finance and to make critical judgments on their applicability to complex issues where there is incomplete information.
- e) Guide students in the process of appraising research methodologies and research techniques in preparation for your dissertation research.
- f) Prepare students for the intellectual, analytical, creative and interpersonal challenges of management in international banking organisations



## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Modules	Credit	Duration
1. Financial Management	20	1 trimester
2. Financial Markets, Institutions and Banking	20	1 trimester
3. International Economic Law	20	1 trimester
4. International Banking and Insurance	20	1 trimester
5. Strategic Management in Global Banking	20	1 trimester
6. Principles of Financial Regulation	20	1 trimester
7. Research Methods	20	1 trimester
8. Dissertation	40	2 trimesters

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should:

- a) hold an honours bachelor's degree with a lower-second class honours or above awarded by a recognized university or equivalent:
- OR
- b) hold an ordinary degree and a minimum of 3 years' relevant work experience.

Applicants for whom English is not a first language should have a TOEFL IBT of 75 or above, or IELTS test - a minimum score of 6.0 overall scores with no element below 5.5. Applicants who have been taught and assessed in English to UK degree or equivalent level will not be required to undertake the test.

Applicants with other qualifications and credentials will be considered on individual merit.

As the Programme is based upon the core principles of international financial institutions and markets, finance and law, allowing students from diverse backgrounds to develop an expertise in banking and finance, applications are welcome from students whose undergraduate degree is not in a finance-related subject.

## EXEMPTION

Students successfully completed the module "Financial Management" in Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Accounting programme with assessment performance over 50% is automatically exempted from the module "Financial Management" in MScIBF.

Exemptions to be granted to applicants with other qualifications are determined on an individual basis.

## ASSESSMENT

Apart from "Research Methods" and Dissertation", each module has one individual take-home essay or case studies, and one centrally planned examination. Individual critical review of prior research papers and proposal for dissertation topic are required in "Research Methods" while the assessment of "Dissertation" is 100% based on one's individual final report.

## Words from the Programme Leader

We are pleased to introduce the MSc in International Banking and Finance (MScIBF), which is a programme that has been running successfully in Scotland.

Hong Kong continues to grow and develop as a major financial centre, increasing demand for skilled, confident employees with a practical understanding of International Banking and Finance. The global financial sector is experiencing intense competition, unusually turbulent economic conditions and increasing scrutiny from domestic and international regulation. As such this programme will prepare students from a range of backgrounds – Finance, Banking, Accounting, Law, Economics and other disciplines, to tackle a wide range of challenging roles in the sector.

The MScIBF aims at providing you with the knowledge and tools to develop the necessary management skills to succeed professionally in a global banking institution. Students can expect to enhance their employment opportunities in the field of banking and finance by taking this Programme which focuses both on the strategic and operational sides of global banking. The Programme is appropriate both for students who have some prior experience of banking or finance and those who are new to the area.

The Programme has been designed to help you apply theoretical concepts, methods and techniques to practical financial and banking problems within international regulatory frameworks. It also provides you with the opportunity to analyse contemporary case studies in international financial organisations and markets as well as developing an awareness of how current events will affect the practice of international banking management.

### **Programme aims**

The MSc International Banking and Finance will familiarise you with the most current developments in global financial markets from the unique perspective of banking institutions. The Programme aims at preparing you for a career in banking and finance by enabling you to develop expertise in key areas of international banking institutions management.

Through the range of module topics you will acquire a critical understanding of current theories and empirical research in the fields of banking, finance and law from which you will develop the practical skills to apply this knowledge within an institutional framework. The specialist modules will offer you the academic preparation to evaluate alternative theories and methodologies in International Banking and Finance and to make critical judgements on their applicability to complex issues where there is incomplete information.

The staff of the School of Accounting, Financial Services and Law will expertly guide you in the process of appraising research methodologies and research techniques in preparation for your dissertation project.

In essence, this Programme was designed to prepare you for the intellectual, analytical, creative and interpersonal challenges of management in international banking organisations.

I look forward to welcoming you to this exciting and challenging Programme, and wish you every success in your learning



Stewart Falconer  
MA (Hons) Economics, MSc Marketing, FCIBS  
Head of School of Accounting, Financial Services & Law

# PROGRAMME DELIVERY

The Programme is offered in part-time mode and is scheduled on a trimester system with 6 consecutive trimesters, i.e. two years for this part-time Programme. Students are expected to take two modules in each trimester except for Research Methods, which is the only module in a particular trimester; and Dissertation, which is the only module in the following two trimesters.

Contact hours for each of the Modules 1 to 7 in the Programme Structure above is 30, of which 15 lecture-hours are conducted by lecturers from Napier and 15 tutorial-hours are conducted by local lecturers. All these lectures and tutorials are conducted in face-to-face manner.

The Dissertation module lasts two trimesters. There is a 3-hour face-to-face lecture. Supervision and consultations are conducted via phone calls, e-mails, teleconferencing or other means of communication. Students have to complete the dissertation writing in these two trimesters.

Medium of instruction is English.

## AWARD

A "Master of Science in International Banking and Finance" will be conferred by the Edinburgh Napier University to those who have successfully completed the Programme.

Exit awards are available at appropriate points from the course of study:

(i) Postgraduate Certificate in Banking Management and Practice

Students may exit with this postgraduate certificate having completed Modules 1, 2 and either 3 or 4 as listed in Programme Structure, i.e. 60 credits,

(ii) Postgraduate Diploma in International Banking and Finance

Students may opt to exit with this postgraduate diploma after having completed Modules 1 to 6, i.e. 120 credits.

## COURSE FEE

Please refer to the following programme's webpage for tuition fee:  
<https://www.hkuspace.hku.hk/prog/msc-in-intl-banking-n-finance>



## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Deadline: 1 Jun 2017 for June 2017 Semester

Please submit the completed application forms, supporting documents and payments specified in the above checklist in person to any of the following HKU SPACE Enrolment Center.

(i) HKU SPACE Admiralty Learning Centre  
3/F, Admiralty Centre, 18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong  
(Exit A, Admiralty MTR Station)  
Weekdays: 8:30 am to 7:30 pm  
Saturdays: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm  
Telephone: 3761 1111 Fax: 2559 4666

(iv) HKU SPACE Fortress Tower Learning Centre  
14/F, Fortress Tower, 250 King's Road, North Point  
Hong Kong (Exit B, Fortress Hill MTR Station)  
Weekdays: 8:30 am to 7:30 pm  
Saturdays: Closed  
Telephone: 3762 0888 Fax: 2508 9349

(vii) HKU SPACE Kowloon East Campus  
1/F, 28 Wang Hoi Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon  
(Exit B, Kowloon Bay MTR Station)  
Weekdays: 8:30 am to 7:30 pm  
Saturdays: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm  
Telephone: 3762 2222 Fax: 2205 5070

(ii) HKU SPACE HKU Campus  
3/F, T.T. Tsui Bldg, The University of Hong Kong  
Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong  
Weekdays: 8:30 am to 6:00 p.m  
Saturdays: Closed  
Telephone: 2975 5680 Fax: 2546 3538

(v) HKU SPACE Island East Campus  
2/F, 494 King's Road, North Point Hong Kong  
(Exit B3, North Point MTR Station)  
Weekdays: 8:30 am to 7:30 pm  
Saturdays: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm  
Telephone: 3762 0000 Fax: 2214 9493

(iii) HPCC Campus  
1/F, HPCC Campus, 66 Leighton Road,  
Causeway Bay, Hong Kong  
Weekdays: 9:00 am to 5:30 pm  
Saturdays: Closed  
Telephone: 3923 7171 Fax: 3923 7188

(vi) HKU SPACE Kowloon West Campus  
G/F, Nassau Street, Mei Foo Sun Chuen (Phase 6),  
Kowloon (Exit B, Mei Foo MTR Station)  
Weekdays: 8:30 am to 7:30 pm  
Saturdays: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm  
Telephone: 3762 4000 Fax: 2302 1609

## ENQUIRY

Tel: 2520 4612

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- Admitted       Rejected  
 Waiting List

**PERSONAL PARTICULARS**

Name in Chinese  Name in English   
 Title \* Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Miss

Date of Birth  \* HKID Card / Passport No.  Nationality

Correspondence Address

Home Telephone  Mobile Phone  Office Telephone   
 Email Address  Fax Number

Current Occupation  Position

Emergency Contact Person      In case of emergency, we may need to contact your family or friend. Please suggest.  
 Contact Person  Phone  \* Please delete the inappropriate

**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION (in reverse chronological order)**

Institution	Name of Award	Duration of Studies (From / To)	Part-time or Full-time

Name  
Full Postal Address

← Please also complete this part

**Note :** This application acknowledgment is not complete without validation by official printing machine entry of the details above at the University or Town Centre office of the School of Professional and Continuing Education, The University of Hong Kong.

Please see overleaf →

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (in reverse chronological order)

Name of Employer	Job Title	Date (From / To)

## APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTIONS

(Please put a tick in the relevant option below)

- Option 1: I do not claim exemptions from any modules in this Programme.
- Option 2: I wish to claim exemptions from the following module(s) in this Programme.

(Only a maximum of 2 modules' exemption will be granted)

(Please fill in the table below with course names and course codes of those equivalent courses as shown in your transcripts and submit along with the courses syllabuses/outlines of those equivalent courses.)

Exemption Claimed	Course names and codes of the equivalent courses in your prior studies
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Management	
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Markets, Institutions and Banking	
<input type="checkbox"/> International Economic Law	
<input type="checkbox"/> International Banking and Insurance	
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Management in Global Banking	
<input type="checkbox"/> Principles of Financial Regulation	

*\*It is applicants' responsibility to submit all relevant information (course syllabuses/outlines) for claiming exemption and the Admission Committee will only base upon information submitted before the application deadline in assessing exemption applications.*

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please submit the following documents along with your application:

- Completed and signed application form (including personal statement)
- Copies of ID card, academic certificates, transcripts and testimonials  
(Please bring along the originals to any HKUSPACE Learning Centres upon submission of application for certification purposes.)
- Copies of course syllabuses/outlines of equivalent modules in your prior studies for exemption purposes (Please specify the source of information or URL for verification.)  
(Not required for applicants who do not apply for exemption)
- A non-refundable application fee of HK\$200. Payment made by cheque should be crossed and made payable to "HKUSPACE".

## HKU SPACE ALUMNI

All new enrolled students in the School will automatically become ordinary members of the HKU SPACE ALUMNI. If you DO NOT WISH to be a member of the HKU SPACE ALUMNI, please check this box.

## Equal Opportunities for Learning at HKU SPACE

It is the School policy to offer equal opportunities to all applicants with or without disabilities. To enable us to meet the needs of all students, you are invited to indicate on this form whether you require any special assistance. If you do need such assistance, the School may approach you subsequently to obtain further details so as to facilitate our planning and assess how best we can help you. Special assistance required  Yes  No

## General Notes to Applicants

1. Applications can be done in person at any of the School's Enrolment Counters by completing this application form and submitting it with the appropriate fee and relevant documents.
2. Fees paid by crossed cheque or bank draft should be made payable to "HKU SPACE".
3. Admission is by selection, the official receipt is not a guarantee that your application has been accepted. We will inform you of the result as soon as possible after the closing date for application. Unsuccessful applicants will be given a refund of programme/course fee if already paid, but not application fee.
4. Course fees paid are not refundable except as statutorily provided or under very exceptional circumstances.

## Notes to Non-local Applicants

To study in Hong Kong, all non-local applicants are required to obtain a student visa issued by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR Government, except for those admitted to Hong Kong as dependants, who do not need prior approval before taking up full-time and part-time studies. Non-local applicants issued with a valid employment visa also do not need prior approval to pursue part-time studies. It is the responsibility of individual applicants to make appropriate visa arrangements. Admission to a HKU SPACE academic programme/course does not guarantee the issue of a student visa. Applicants may wish to note that part-time courses are generally not considered by the Immigration Department for visa purposes except for self-financed, part-time locally accredited taught postgraduate programmes awarded within the HKU System through HKU SPACE.

## Statement on Collection of Personal Data

1. It is necessary for applicants to supply their personal data and to provide all the information requested in the application documents, as otherwise the School may be unable to process and consider their applications.
2. The personal data provided in this form will be used for processing your application for admission, and for registration, academic and administrative communication, alumni management and contacts, research, statistical and marketing (including direct marketing) purposes. The data will be solely handled by staff of HKU SPACE and ENU Business School but may be transferred to an authorised third party providing services to the School in relation to the above purposes and prescribed purposes as allowed by the law from time to time.
3. When the processing and consideration of all the applications for a particular programme have been completed: (a) the application papers of unsuccessful candidates will be destroyed (if you have indicated to receive our promotional materials in Paragraph 6 then your contact details and related papers would be retained for such purposes); and (b) the application papers of successful candidates will serve as part of the applicant's official student records and will be handled by HKU SPACE staff or by staff of an authorised third party providing services to the School in relation to the stated purposes. In all such circumstances, please be assured that any personal information you supply will be kept strictly confidential.
4. Upon enrolment, applicants will be required to submit a recent colour photo for student identification purpose.
5. The School will send urgent messages to students via Short Message Services (SMS) and supplement by other means such as email (if the need arises). It is therefore important that the mobile phone and email address that the applicant provides are accurate. Any change should be reported to the School immediately. Those who have genuine difficulty in receiving urgent messages via SMS should contact the programme teams for separate arrangements.

### Use of Personal Data related to Direct Marketing

6. From time to time, the School will send the latest updates and promotional materials to applicants/students and alumni on the availability of the programmes and courses, seminars and events, discounts and offers, clinics and other services as well as the alumni events, privileges and offers, networking opportunities and fund-raising initiatives through various communication channels such as direct-mail, email and mobile phone, by using your personal data (including, but without limitation to, your name, contact details and other information collected in your pro-file such as the programme(s) you enrolled, your graduation year etc). You always have the right to make subsequent changes on your choice of receiving further marketing materials by sending a written unsubscribe request (by email or by post) to the School at any time.

**If you DO NOT WISH to receive our latest updates and promotional materials through the communication channels as stated above, including discounts and offers from time to time, please check this box.**

7. Under the provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, applicants have the right to request the School to ascertain whether it holds your personal data, to be given a copy, and to apply for correction of the data, if deemed incorrect. Applications for access to personal data should be made by using a special request form and on payment of a fee. Such applications for access of information should be addressed to the Data Protection Officer, HKU SPACE. For general requests of personal data amendment, please fill out the "Application Form for Personal Data Amendment" and submit it to HKU SPACE.
8. For details on the School's policy on personal data (privacy), please refer to the School Prospectus or Website.

## Declaration

1. I declare that all information given in this application form and the attached documents are, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete.
2. I authorise the School to obtain, and the relevant authorities to release, any information about my qualifications and/or employment as required for my application.
3. I consent that if registered, I will conform to the Statutes and Regulations of the University and the rules of the School.
4. I have noted, understood and agree to the contents of the above notes, Statement on Collection of Personal Data and HKU SPACE policy on personal data (privacy).

Signature

Date