

Programme Title: BSc (Econ) Economics, Finance and Management



Programme Specification (UG)

Awarding body / institution:	Queen Mary University of London
Teaching institution:	Queen Mary University of London
Name of final award and programme title:	BSc (Econ) Economics, Finance and Management BSc (Econ) Economics, Finance and Management with a Year Abroad BSc (Econ) Economics, Finance and Management with a Year in Industry
Name of interim award(s):	N/A
Duration of study / period of registration:	3
QMUL programme code / UCAS code(s):	UBCF-QMECON1 UMECNFMC LN12
QAA Benchmark Group:	Economics
FHEQ Level of Award :	Level 6
Programme accredited by:	Chartered Financial Analyst UK
Date Programme Specification approved:	
Responsible School / Institute:	School of Economics and Finance

Schools / Institutes which will also be involved in teaching part of the programme:

School of Business & Management

Collaborative institution(s) / organisation(s) involved in delivering the programme:

Programme outline

The aims of this degree are to provide the students a thorough training in the economics of finance; the source of finance; international trade and development; the evaluation of global financial markets and corporations; the management and measurement of financial risk in a domestic and, more specifically, an international environment. This will be done at both a quantitative and analytical level.

The programme contains a basic core of general economics, mathematics, and statistics. This leads on to more specialised modules in economics, econometrics, international trade, and especially in finance. It provides hands-on experience of using statistical packages and presentation of reports. Graduates of this programme obtain jobs requiring economic and statistical reasoning in diverse areas such as finance, international organisations, business and government. They may also be suited to further training in economics, finance, development, and econometrics.

Aims of the programme

To provide a challenging and friendly learning environment in which research of international standing informs and supports effective teaching;

To provide the students the basic tools in making the optimal finance and economic decisions in an environment of economic uncertainty;
To enhance their quantitative skills in the analysis and trading of financial markets;
To learn how financial institutions or corporations work;
To evaluate alternative investment strategies of corporations;
To understand how the global environment affects the decision making of managers in corporations;
To learn how the interactions of different national economies shape the worldwide pattern of economic activity;
To encourage students to develop the motivation and capacity to manage their own learning, and acquire a range of transferable skills valuable to them in employment or in continued education.

What will you be expected to achieve?

The degree will provide you with a thorough training in theoretical and applied economics. You will be confronted with the latest developments in the field and will develop an ability to provide critical and analytical interpretation of past and current economic events. You will be able to engage in policy analysis and you will be able to support it through a competent, informative and critical use of economic data, statistics and quantitative tools. Your ability to engage in economic and policy analysis will be supported by the development of communication, team-building, reflective and project management skills.

Please note that the following information is only applicable to students who commenced their Level 4 studies in 2017/18, or 2018/19

In each year of undergraduate study, students are required to study modules to the value of at least 10 credits, which align to one or more of the following themes:

- networking
- multi- and inter-disciplinarity
- international perspectives
- enterprising perspectives.

These modules will be identified through the Module Directory, and / or by your School or Institute as your studies progress.

Academic Content:	
A 1	Understand a core set of concepts in economics, international finance, and business management.
A 2	Understand some statistical methods that are applied to economic data and how to implement them in econometric software, where appropriate.
A 3	Understand how the legal system regulates and enables the conduct of business activities.

Disciplinary Skills - able to:

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B 1	Apply appropriate economic reasoning to a range of policy issues.
B 2	Apply appropriate statistical methods to analyse economic data.
B 3	Show knowledge and understanding of a number of specialised areas in economics, international finance, and business management.
B 4	Employ appropriate tools and strategies to inform and evaluate managerial decisions.

Attributes:	
C 1	Acquire and apply knowledge in a rigorous way, both individually and collaboratively.
C 2	Use quantitative data confidently and competently.
C 3	Solve problems, through conceptualisation and analysis.
C 4	Critically evaluate information for evidence-based decision-making and creative thinking.
C 5	Communicate effectively in spoken and written English.
C 6	Use appropriate technology and software to retrieve, share, store, analyse, and present information.
C 7	Achieve objectives by the relevant deadlines.
C 8	Connect information and ideas within their field of study.
C 9	Adapt their understanding to new and unfamiliar settings.
C 10	Acquire transferable key skills to help with career goals and continuing education.

How will you learn?

The learning outcomes for the programme are delivered by a range of modules across the programme. Students on economics programmes take a similar core in years one and two, enabling them to specialise in year three and adapt to different programmes as their interests change. Teaching and learning is mainly via lectures and seminars. Teaching and learning strategies vary from module to module. Core subject specific skills are introduced and developed via ECN113 Principles of Economics and then via ECN106 Macroeconomics 1, and via ECN111 Microeconomics 1, ECN214 Games and Strategies and ECN211 Microeconomics 2 (for the microeconomics strand). Mathematical competence is developed via the Mathematical Methods in Economics and Finance module, while statistical competence is developed via ECN121 Statistical Methods in Economics.

An intensive training in finance, accounting and management is achieved thanks to a rich stream of modules which include BUS001 Fundamentals of Management, ECN120 Elements of Accounting, BUS205 Business Law, BUS011 Marketing, BUS022 Managerial Accounting, ECN226 Capital Markets I, ECN302 Corporate Strategy, and BUS324 Managing Human Resources. Other modules in the programme also develop and assess core skills through lectures and seminars.

How will you be assessed?

Assessment is by a variety of methods including formal examinations, in-class tests, coursework of various forms, presentations, independent dissertation. Most modules will have two methods of assessment to test individual module learning outcomes.

How is the programme structured?

Please specify the structure of the programme diets for all variants of the programme (e.g. full-time, part-time - if applicable). The description should be sufficiently detailed to fully define the structure of the diet.

In Year 1, students must take the modules specified in the designated pathway below.

In Year 2, students must take the modules specified in the designated pathway below. 30 credits must be chosen from a list of level 5 Economics and Finance modules.

In Year 3 students on the 'with year abroad' route will spend the year studying at an institution overseas. Students on the 'with year in industry' route will spend a year on a professional placement.

In the final year, students must take Corporate Strategy (ECN302). In addition, students must take at least three electives from the following list:

- BUS324 Managing Human Resources
- ECN311 Industrial Economics
- ECN358 Futures and Options
- ECN361 Advanced Microeconomics
- ECN378 Corporate Finance

ECN384 Big Data Applications for Finance
ECN383 Economics of Inequality

In the final year students must take at least 105 credits at level 6. 15 credits can be at level 5 or 6. At least 90 credits at level 6 must be from SEF. The remaining 30 credits can be chosen from anywhere in the University.

Students take a compulsory non-credit bearing Personal and Career Development Plan module in year 1, year 2 and the final year.

Electives are subject to change.

Academic Year of Study FT - Year 1

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Personal and Career Development Plan 1	ECN004	0	4	Compulsory	1	Semesters 1 & 2
Principles of Finance	ECN103	15	4	Core	1	Semester 1
Fundamentals of Management	BUS001	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 1

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Principles of Economics	ECN113	15	4	Core	1	Semester 1
Mathematical Methods in Economics and Finance	ECN115	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 1
Macroeconomics 1	ECN111	15	4	Core	1	Semester 2
Microeconomics 1	ECN106	15	4	Core	1	Semester 2
Statistical Methods in Economics	ECN121	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 2
Elements of Accounting	ECN120	15	4	Core	1	Semester 2

Academic Year of Study FT - Year 2

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Business Law	BUS205	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 1
Microeconomics 2	ECN211	15	5	Core	2	Semester 2
Games and Strategies	ECN214	15	5	Core	2	Semester 1
Marketing	BUS011	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 2
Capital Markets 1	ECN226	15	5	Core	2	Semester 2
Managerial Accounting	BUS022	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 2
30 credits must be taken from SEF and be at level 5		30	5	Elective	2	Semester 1 or 2
Personal and Career Development Plan 2	ECN005	0	5	Compulsory	2	Semesters 1 & 2

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Academic Year of Study FT - Year 3

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Study Abroad Year (for students on "with year abroad" route)	ECN400	120	5	Compulsory	3	Semesters 1-3
Experience in Economics and Finance (for students on "with year in industry" route)	ECN227	120	5	Compulsory	3	Semesters 1-3

Academic Year of Study FT - Year 4

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Corporate Strategy	ECN302	15	6	Compulsory	3 or 4	Semester 2
Advanced Microeconomics	ECN361	15	6	Elective	3 or 4	Semester 1
Corporate Finance	ECN378	15	6	Elective	3 or 4	Semester 1
Industrial Economics	ECN385	15	6	Elective	3 or 4	Semester 1
Futures and Options	ECN358	15	6	Elective	3 or 4	Semester 2
The Management of Human Resources	BUS324	15	6	Elective	3 or 4	Semester 2
Students must take 105 credits at level 6 (90 from SEF)		105	6	Elective	3 or 4	Semester 1 or 2
at most 30 credits can be taken from anywhere within the university (15 at level 5)		15	5	Elective	3 or 4	Semester 1 or 2
Personal and Career Development Plan 3	ECN006	0	6	Compulsory	3 or 4	Semesters 1 & 2
Big Data Applications for Finance	ECN384	15	6	Elective	3 or 4	Semester 1
Economics of Inequality	ECN383	15	6	Elective	3 or 4	Semester 1

What are the entry requirements?

Our requirement for entry is AAA at A-level including grade A or above in Mathematics.

How will the quality of the programme be managed and enhanced? How do we listen to and act on your feedback?

Input from external examiners, students and regular internal discussion are the main channels through which the programme's quality will be managed and enhanced.

The Teaching and Curriculum Development (TCD) committee deals with all matters relating to the delivery of taught programmes at School level including monitoring the application of relevant QM policies and reviewing all proposals for module and programme approval and amendment before submission to Taught Programmes Board. Student views are incorporated in this Committee's work in a number of ways, such as through the SSLC, or consideration of module evaluation questionnaires.

All Schools operate an Annual Programme Review of their taught undergraduate and postgraduate provision. The process is normally organised at a School-level basis with the Head of School, or equivalent, responsible for updating the School's Taught Programmes Action Plan. Students' views are considered in this process through analysis of the National Student Survey (NSS) and module evaluations.

There are four subject based Teaching Review Groups (TRGs) (covering microeconomics, macroeconomics, quantitative and finance), membership of which includes all those who teach within that area, and these carry primary responsibility for monitoring modules, reviewing their effectiveness, and considering new developments. The TCD as a whole has responsibility for reviewing the overall structure of the UG degree programmes, ensuring their coherence and considering more general developments. It also considers any wider implications of subject specific recommendations of the TRGs. TRGs will keep learning outcomes under review, and develop the methods of assessment of these outcomes.

External examiners have the opportunity to comment both on individual module content and assessment and on the broader provision. They are asked to monitor fairness and consistency in assessment procedures and to scrutinise the effectiveness and appropriateness of the assessment.

The School welcomes feedback from students. This is usually collected through the Staff-Student Liaison Committee (SSLC), module evaluations, the National Student Survey (NSS) and UK Engagement Survey (UKES), and formal and informal discussions with the teaching team throughout the academic year.

The Staff-Student Liaison Committee (SSLC) provides a formal means of communication and discussion between a School and its students. The committee consists of student representatives from each year in the School together with appropriate representation from staff within the School. It is designed to respond to the needs of students, as well as act as a forum for discussing programme and module developments. Staff-Student Liaison Committees meet regularly throughout the year.

The School runs both a mid-term and end-of-term evaluation for each module. This allows both module convenors and the School to collect important information and feedback from students, and to make any relevant adjustments promptly if necessary. The evaluations are also discussed in the TCD committee and used to award the annual School prizes for best lecturer and class teachers.

What academic support is available?

Each student is allocated a personal academic adviser, who approves elective choices and provides support with any problems. Personal tuition is provided primarily through tutorial classes and visits to module organisers during their office hours, which are advertised on office doors and on the web. Programme induction for new students begins during the enrolment period and extends into the first semester; it includes a series of presentations organised by the Senior Tutor. The School organises the Peer Assisted Study Support (PASS) scheme and weekly mathematics and statistics support classes.

Additionally, there is an Academic Coordinator for the year in industry programme and one for the year abroad and all study abroad related matters who are actively involved in supporting students on both schemes.

Programme-specific rules and facts

In order to obtain an "Economics, Finance and Management" degree, a student may fail at most one core module. Students who fail more than one core module will get an "Economic Studies" degree provided the other requirements for such degree are satisfied.

A student who does not meet the requirements for a BSc (Econ) degree, but who meets the requirements for an exit award will be awarded an "Economics, Finance and Management" exit award, providing they have failed no more than one core module. Students who fail more than one core module will get an "Economic Studies" exit award.

For the "with year abroad" route: If a student does not complete, or fails to pass, the study abroad year, then the student will automatically transfer onto the Economics, Finance and Management degree, albeit with the Study Abroad Year showing on their transcript.

If a student is on the year in industry programme and is unable to find a suitable placement, or if the Experience in Economics and Finance module is failed or not completed, then the student will revert to the BSc (Econ) degree without year in industry, provided that all other requirements are satisfied.

Students on the year in industry programme will be supported by a dedicated placement officer. The placement officer will help with finding placements, vetting organisations, and ensuring the terms and conditions of the agreement between the student and the organisation are both clear and fair. All placements are expected to be paid in accordance with best practice within the sector in general and QM in particular, at or above the National Minimum Wage where possible. Students are not encouraged to, but can take an unpaid position provided that they submit a form stating that they recognise the financial impact of their choice. It is usual that a formal employment contract will be issued by the company to the student, however, where a company/institution has not undertaken such a placement previously, the SEF placement officer will work with the company in drawing up a contract, detailing the length of placement the amount of payment, details about termination, holidays etc.

Students will be required to produce a reflective report and give a presentation at the end of the placement. Students will be assessed on a pass/fail basis and the placement year is a 120-credit module. This module does not count towards the degree classification.

A dedicated Placement Handbook will be published providing all relevant information related to the placement for the students.

Specific support for disabled students

Queen Mary has a central Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) that offers support for all students with disabilities, specific learning difficulties and mental health issues. The DDS supports all Queen Mary students: full-time, part-time, undergraduate, postgraduate, UK and international at all campuses and all sites.

Students can access advice, guidance and support in the following areas:

- Finding out if you have a specific learning difficulty like dyslexia
- Applying for funding through the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)
- Arranging DSA assessments of need
- Special arrangements in examinations
- Accessing loaned equipment (e.g. digital recorders)
- Specialist one-to-one "study skills" tuition
- Ensuring access to course materials in alternative formats (e.g. Braille)
- Providing educational support workers (e.g. note-takers, readers, library assistants)
- Mentoring support for students with mental health issues and conditions on the autistic spectrum.

Links with employers, placement opportunities and transferable skills

Connections to the real world examples and case studies are regularly embedded within all modules and allow students to develop analytical and critical skills highly regarded by employers. The academic programme is complemented by an extracurricular set of career workshops aimed at maximising the students' opportunities to secure, progressively, places on insight weeks (year 1), internships (year 2) and eventually long term employment at the end of their studies. Social networking sites such as Linked-in support the School's employability strategy as well as the support provided by an extended alumni network.

Graduates of the programme have an excellent record in gaining employment. First destination statistics typically suggest around 65% going directly into employment within six months of graduation and another 25% going into postgraduate study. Curriculum development is informed by research active staff, some of whom also work for major employers of economics graduates (such as the Bank of England and the Treasury).

Programme Specification Approval

Person completing Programme Specification:

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Person responsible for management of programme:

Dr Rachel Male

Date Programme Specification produced / amended by School / Institute Learning and Teaching Committee:

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