

Masters in Banking for future leaders



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MSc in Banking Practice and Management and Chartered Fellowship

This is a specialised postgraduate qualification for aspiring senior managers in the financial services sector. Designed in collaboration with the industry, the Masters covers all topics essential for a successful leadership career in today's fast-moving and competitive banking arena.

With the busy banking professional in mind, this programme is delivered entirely online giving you flexibility in terms of where and how you study, enabling you to combine your personal commitments and the demands of a financial services management career with study towards the Masters.

The programme will support you to develop the necessary analytical tools to evaluate contemporary industry issues and demonstrate key strategic management skills which you will be able to use immediately in your work. By covering topics of most critical importance and relevance to the banking sector, you will be able to apply your knowledge to new, complex and unpredictable circumstances, thereby differentiating yourself from your peers.

Achievable in three distinct stages

There is the option to progress through the programme in three stages, each of which leads to the award of a recognised postgraduate qualification in its own right. This flexible approach provides a number of "stopping off" points on the way to achieving the full Masters.

A cohort experience

Masters students join as a group at one single entry point every September and progress through the programme as a distinct cohort, providing increased opportunities for peer interaction and team-building.

Support

The Course Director will be your main point of contact offering advice, guidance and tailored support on all non-academic matters such as navigating your studies, dealing with changing circumstances and taking a break from the programme.

Your online learning experience

As an online distance learning student, you will be encouraged to become part of the programme's vibrant learning community from day one. You will be supported by a programme team comprising a mix of highly experienced, senior industry practitioners and traditional academics with the world of banking and financial services.

Online discussions

Online discussion forums allow you to share your reflections, thoughts and critiques of directed academic readings with the group.

Online webinars

Taking place at regular intervals throughout each term, these "live" sessions ensure that you never feel too distant from us or your peers. The webinars cover key elements of the syllabus and provide tailored support for forthcoming assessments.

Tutorials

There are frequent opportunities for scheduled 1-2-1 tutorials with your module lecturer, normally by telephone or Skype. These relatively informal sessions provide you with the opportunity to hear feedback on your performance, discuss specific areas of the course and receive support as you prepare for assessments.

Guest videos

You can access exclusive videos of interviews and presentations with speakers from both the financial services industry and academia, enabling you to gain valuable insights into today's banking sector.



Hear from our students



Alec Bird

Relationship Director, Eastern Corporate Banking, Barclays

Studying for the MSc has significantly improved my understanding and appreciation of the banking industry. This has improved my ability to interact with clients and senior colleagues. The course has also played a key role in helping me secure a recent promotion...

Colin Storrier

Balance Sheet Manager, Global Transaction Banking, Lloyds Banking Group

My knowledge and skills are now much broader and it has really helped me to stand out amongst my peers, but has also opened up a whole range of new opportunities to me...



Kim Lewis

Senior Relationship Manager, NatWest

The course has proved invaluable and has definitely increased my standing both internally and externally. In the current climate where there is a greater focus on 'professionalising' the banking industry, I am sure that the MSc gives me a significant edge...

Maria Adamu-Zibo

Head of Business Development and Investor Relations, The Royal Bank Ltd, Ghana

I would never have been promoted to head the Business Development and Investor Relations in such a short period after joining my bank without my MSc in Banking Practice and Management...



Steve Wilson

Director, Corporate Banking (future Williams & Glyn Team), Royal Bank of Scotland

The achievement of an MSc will demonstrate to those in and outside of the industry your commitment, the fact that you remain a serious contender and, more importantly, are someone to be listened to and valued...

Amy Cookson

Decision Support Model Manager, Yorkshire Building Society

Having started the MSc in Banking Practice and Management with limited understanding of financial services, the insight and knowledge I gained as a result of the course have been invaluable as I have progressed in my career...



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Hear from our faculty



Peter D Hahn

Henry Grunfeld Professor of Banking

What will banking and finance look like in 10-20 years or for that matter in the next 5 years? Of course, no one knows but one certainty is that this industry won't look the same. For some people that is frightful leading to a great deal of concern about their career prospects, while for others the future represents opportunities to learn, do, and achieve more.

I started my career in banking and finance working with large businesses then smaller businesses, moving on to work with consumers, before working with securities and then returning to work with the largest businesses with various management roles along the way before working in regulation. This wasn't a planned career, but one where I was often ready to grasp the opportunities before me and this is what a postgraduate degree assists with. Opportunity rarely knocks at your door. It is your wider understanding and the investment you have made in that understanding that helps you to grasp it. I'm the leader of academic programmes and I have a background in the banking and finance industry and education, and that's a reflection of our commitment to mixing academic and practical excellence to the value of our students.

Karen Taylor

Course Director

As someone who spent many years in the banking industry and having completed a Masters via online distance learning myself, I know exactly what it is like juggling part-time study with existing personal and professional demands, particularly when working in such a dynamic, fast-paced and pressurised sector as financial services. Many of those teaching on the programme also share similar backgrounds meaning that we all understand and respect the determination and hard work our students invest in this qualification.

Our strategy centres on small class sizes, enabling us to provide an extremely high level of tailored academic and administrative support and, even though you may be studying at a distance, you will never feel too far away from **ifs University College**, your peers or the programme team. Undoubtedly, a Masters does require a big commitment, yet the rewards, knowledge and skills gained can be immense.

Dr Tony Gandy

Visiting Professor

Financial services are dynamic and vibrant. In what other industry is regulation not just important to that sector and its customers but also fundamentally impacts the economic well-being of the whole country? Banking is focused and detailed, but also big and important. In the Masters programme we explore the technical aspects of banking and relate this underlying knowledge more widely to the enterprise, to the economy and to society. Our approach is itself dynamic, building a deep understanding with students. Our student community on this programme brings an enormous array of knowledge and skills which supplement the concepts and frameworks which we, the lecturers, provide.



Meet the rest of our experienced team at ifsllearning.ac.uk/mastersteam.
We look forward to working with you as you progress through the programme.



FACTS AT A GLANCE

Next start date September 2016

Closing date 8 August 2016

Mode of study Online distance learning

Duration 32 months

Term length 15 weeks

Total study 150 hours per 15 credit module

Average class size Circa 15 students

MODULES

Year 1: Postgraduate Certificate in Banking Practice and Management (PGCert)

Bank Strategy and Competition
Bank Risk Management and Regulation
Financial and Bank Accounting

Year 2: Postgraduate Diploma in Banking Practice and Management (PGDip)

Banking and the Economic Environment
Research Methods (Dissertation preparation module)

Option modules:

Capital Markets and Bank Asset-Liability Management
OR Leadership in Banking
Commercial and Business Banking **OR** Marketing and Distribution of Financial Services

Year 3: MSc in Banking Practice and Management (MSc and CFIS)

15,000 word dissertation

Earn on average
£5,500
per year more than a
degree holder*

*Sutton Trust 2013



FEES

You can choose to study the programme and, therefore, pay your fees in one of two ways.

1. Register for the full MSc (32 months in duration).

Qualification	Credits	Fee
MSc and CFIFS	180	£8,950 £7,450 (for all <i>ifs University College</i> graduates*)

2. Progress through the programme in three stages.

Qualification	Credits	Fee
Stage 1 (PGCert)	60	£3,250
Stage 2 (PGDip)	60	£3,250
Stage 3 (MSc and CFIFS)	60	£3,250

By registering for the Postgraduate Certificate in September 2016, you will follow a flexible route which provides the option, if required, for you to take a break from your studies upon completion of Stages One and Two.

SCHOLARSHIPS

ifs University College offers a number of Masters entry scholarships which are open to both international and UK students.

The Global Masters Scholarship

Five scholarships each worth £5,000 are available to self-funded overseas students from any country.

The UK Masters Scholarship

Five scholarships each worth £3,000 are available to self-funded UK students.

ifs University College graduates

Scholarships of £1,500 are also available to all graduates of *ifs University College* (*already deducted).

Visit ifslearning.ac.uk/masters to find out more about scholarships and funding.

CHARTERED FELLOWSHIP

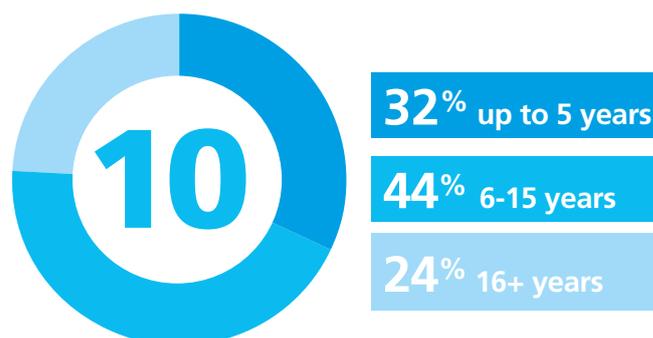
The MSc in Banking Practice and Management provides exclusive entry to the prestigious Chartered Fellowship of the Institute of Financial Services, the professional body of *ifs University College*.

As a recognised mark of senior status within the banking industry, Chartered Fellows are a select group of professionals representing the pinnacle of academic success, as well as a high standard of achievement in the industry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Normally a 2.1 Honours degree (or equivalent) in a banking, economics or finance-related discipline from a recognised institution.
- Candidates holding *ifs University College* Associateship (or ACIB) / BSc, or a comparably challenging relevant undergraduate qualification, are encouraged to apply even if they do not meet the above criterion.
- Demonstration of relevant professional experience. Applicants should either be currently working in, or have experience of working in, the financial services sector.
- Applicants for whom English is not their first language would be expected to demonstrate their competence through achieving an IELTS score of 7.0 or above with no element below 6.5 (or equivalent).

Average years experience of students



TO FIND OUT MORE AND TO APPLY

Visit ifslearning.ac.uk/masters or contact the Course Director, Karen Taylor, on **0207 337 6290** or email masters@ifslearning.ac.uk