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MSc Banking and Sustainable Finance

Postgraduate Diploma Banking and
Sustainable Finance

Postgraduate Certificate Banking and
Sustainable Finance

Programme Specification



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General Information

UCAS Code	Award	Programme Title	Expected Duration	Study Mode
N/A	MSc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSc Banking and Sustainable Finance 	12 Months 36 Months	Full-time Part-time
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postgraduate Diploma Banking and Sustainable Finance 	8 Months 24 Months	Full-time Part-time
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postgraduate Certificate Banking and Sustainable Finance 	4 Months 12 Months	Full-time Part-time
		Programme Code		
	Exit Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postgraduate Diploma Postgraduate Certificate 		

Credit Count	180 FHEQ credits
Awarding Institution	The London Institute of Banking & Finance
Teaching Institution	The London Institute of Banking & Finance
Delivery Modes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face-to-face Blended Online – Synchronous Online – Asynchronous

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Programme Overview

Programme Summary

This programme equips you with the skills and knowledge needed to address the challenges and opportunities arising from sustainable development in the banking and finance industry. The programme focuses on the integration of sustainable practices and principles in the banking and financial sector and discusses environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors that are increasingly shaping the financial industry. There is particular emphasis on providing you with a comprehensive understanding of the concepts, development, and transformation of sustainable finance practices. You will critically evaluate the impact of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors on financial decision-making, and explore innovative approaches to integrating sustainability within banking operations.

The programme uses a variety of assessment methods to help you develop practical skills in sustainable finance and banking. The programme emphasises the development of critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills. This programme not only provides academic rigour but also equips you with highly sought-after employability skills, which are in high demand by the financial services sector. This also prepares you for a range of roles, including sustainability analysts, responsible investment managers, green finance consultants, and sustainable banking specialists.

Programme Aims

The MSc Banking and Sustainable Finance programme aims to:

- equip you with a broad and comprehensive understanding of several key areas in sustainable finance, including environmental social and governance (ESG);
- provide an opportunity to analyse various financial industry issues from a sustainable finance perspective with a focus on responsible banking;
- develop your ability to apply knowledge creatively to new and unpredictable situations to enhance sustainable finance practices;
- enable you to evaluate the impact of sustainable finance from organisational, regulatory, and risk management perspectives, while also providing insights into global/local interactions in banking and finance as they relate to sustainable finance;
- enhance your critical thinking and problem-solving abilities to identify emerging trends and challenges in the sustainable finance industry and develop strategies to address them; and

- support your understanding of ethical and good governance issues within sustainable finance.

Employability

The programme is not limited to theoretical concepts only; it offers a comprehensive learning experience that will help you develop your problem-solving skills and provide you with the necessary tools to become a proficient and knowledgeable professional in a world that is rapidly changing. To ensure that you stay informed about the latest developments and trends in the industry, the programme provides you with access to a plethora of resources, such as case studies, articles, and recorded video discussions with industry experts.

The programme has a diverse range of assessments which includes articles, case studies, essays, reports, and portfolios, with a focus on employability skills, equipping you with highly sought-after competencies for the job market. This assessment strategy enables you to demonstrate your abilities and knowledge in a variety of formats, making you a valuable and versatile asset to any potential employer. By the end of the programme, you will have a deep understanding of sustainable finance and banking, and the tools necessary to navigate the complexities of the financial industry from a sustainability perspective. This programme will enhance your employability and suitability for a range of job roles in the sustainable finance areas and other roles in the financial services sector.

Intended Learning Outcomes of the Programme

This programme has been developed in accordance with the QAA Subject Benchmark Statement for Master's Degrees in Business and Management (BM) (2023).

On successful completion of this programme, you will be expected to:

For MSc Banking and Sustainable Finance:

- L01** Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of key concepts and theories of financial markets, institutions, and instruments, including their structure, functions, and role in the socio-economic environment and resource allocation.
- L02** Critically analyse the key concepts and theories of sustainable finance and banking, including the role of financial institutions in promoting sustainability, sustainable finance products and responsible investment practices.
- L03** Critically evaluate the concepts and developments in sustainable finance, global initiatives and treaties, including the integration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into banking.

- L04** Demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of current issues in sustainable finance and their impact on the financial services industry.
- L05** Demonstrate originality in the application of knowledge and techniques to create and interpret concepts and theories in the area of banking and sustainable finance.
- L06** Develop solutions to complex business problems through the application of appropriate theoretical models, frameworks, and decision-support techniques.
- L07** Critically analyse the political and regulatory environment governing sustainable finance and banking, the role of financial authorities and climate change on financial sector business risks.
- L08** Critically evaluate the impact of digital banking and finance on the financial industry, including the technological advancements, regulatory landscape, funding models, challenges, and opportunities it presents including its implications for financial services providers and customers.
- L09** Through an independent selection of an optional module, demonstrate a critical understanding of broader theories and concepts.
- L010** Critically evaluate current research and advanced scholarship in banking and sustainable finance.
- L011** Undertake in-depth research through design, data collection, analysis, synthesis and reporting to address complex problems.

For Postgraduate Diploma Banking and Sustainable Finance:

- L01** Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of key concepts and theories of financial markets, institutions, and instruments, including their structure, functions, and role in the socio-economic environment and resource allocation.
- L02** Critically analyse the key concepts and theories of sustainable finance and banking, including the role of financial institutions in promoting sustainability, sustainable finance products and responsible investment practices.
- L03** Critically evaluate the concepts and developments in sustainable finance, global initiatives and treaties, including the integration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into banking.
- L04** Demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of current issues in sustainable finance and their impact on the financial services industry.
- L05** Demonstrate originality in the application of knowledge and techniques to create and interpret concepts and theories in the area of banking and sustainable finance.

- L06** Develop solutions to complex business problems through the application of appropriate theoretical models, frameworks, and decision-support techniques.
- L07** Critically analyse the political and regulatory environment governing sustainable finance and banking, the role of financial authorities and climate change on financial sector business risks.
- L08** Critically evaluate the impact of digital banking and finance on the financial industry, including the technological advancements, regulatory landscape, funding models, challenges, and opportunities it presents including its implications for financial services providers and customers.
- L09** Through an independent selection of an optional module, demonstrate a critical understanding of broader theories and concepts.

For Postgraduate Certificate Banking and Sustainable Finance:

- L01** Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of key concepts and theories of financial markets, institutions, and instruments, including their structure, functions, and role in the socio-economic environment and resource allocation.
- L02** Critically analyse the key concepts and theories of sustainable finance and banking, including the role of financial institutions in promoting sustainability, sustainable finance products and responsible investment practices.
- L03** Critically evaluate the concepts and developments in sustainable finance, global initiatives and treaties, including the integration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into banking.
- L04** Demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of current issues in sustainable finance and their impact on the financial services industry.
- L05** Demonstrate originality in the application of knowledge and techniques to create and interpret concepts and theories in the area of banking and sustainable finance.
- L06** Develop solutions to complex business problems through the application of appropriate theoretical models, frameworks, and decision-support techniques.

The Structure of the Programme

The structure of the programme is set out below.

Table 1: MSc Banking and Sustainable Finance

Module Code	Module Name	Credit	Compulsory/ Option
7FMI	Financial Markets, Institutions, and Instruments	20	C
7SFB	Sustainable Finance and Banking	20	C
7SCD	Sustainable Finance: Concepts, Development and Change	20	C
7SFP	Sustainable Finance: Financial Policy and Regulation	20	C
7FDB	Digital Banking	20	C
7HRM	Human Resource Management and Leadership*	20	O
7RMB	Global Risk Management in Banking*	20	O
7CGB	Global Corporate Governance and Banking*	20	O
7RMD	Research Methods and Dissertation	60	C

Table 2: Postgraduate Diploma Banking and Sustainable Finance

Module Code	Module Name	Credit	Compulsory/ Option
7FMI	Financial Markets, Institutions, and Instruments	20	C
7SFB	Sustainable Finance and Banking	20	C
7SCD	Sustainable Finance: Concepts, Development and Change	20	C
7SFP	Sustainable Finance: Financial Policy and Regulation	20	C
7FDB	Digital Banking	20	C
7HRM	Human Resource Management and Leadership*	20	O
7RMB	Global Risk Management in Banking*	20	O
7CGB	Global Corporate Governance and Banking*	20	O

Table 3: Postgraduate Certificate Banking and Sustainable Finance

Module Code	Module Name	Credit	Compulsory/ Option
7FMI	Financial Markets, Institutions, and Instruments	20	C
7SFB	Sustainable Finance and Banking	20	C
7SCD	Sustainable Finance: Concepts, Development and Change	20	C

* 1 Optional module to be selected.

Teaching, Learning & Assessment

Information about teaching, learning and assessment can be found in the Teaching, Learning and Assessment Strategy.

Our programmes are designed to:

- integrate theory with practice;
- develop your ability to critique and challenge models and theoretical frameworks;
- stimulate debate, discussion, and research;
- foster a variety of academic skills;
- be accessible and inclusive; and
- develop global citizens.

You are expected to undertake a considerable amount of independent study: reading, industry-related research, and personal reflection.

Learning Resources

You will have access to a range of resources, which may include:

- Lecturer/Tutor
- Virtual Learning Environment
- KnowledgeBank, our online library

Assessment & Feedback

Regulations relating to progression and assessment, including information on late submissions, are as set out in The London Institute of Banking & Finance's General and Academic Regulations for Students.

Assessment strategies follow The London Institute of Banking & Finance's Higher Education Accessible and Inclusive Learning Policy.

Assessment consists of both formative and summative approaches, and feedback and feedforward are provided as outlined in the London Institute of Banking & Finance's Higher Education Assessing Learning & Feedback Policy. The different types of assessment used by the London Institute of Banking & Finance are described in the Higher Education Types of Summative Assessment Guidance.

Module assessment methods and assessment weeks are included in Module Specifications which are made available on the Virtual Learning Environment.

Assessment Matrix

Table 4: Assessment Matrix

Code	Assessment 1	Weight	Submission Week	Assessment 2	Weight	Submission Week
7FMI	E-Portfolio Plan	25%	6	E-Portfolio	75%	12
7SFB	Essay	40%	6	Report	60%	12
7SCD	E-Portfolio Plan	25%	6	E-Portfolio	75%	12
7SFP	Article	40%	6	Case Study	60%	12
7FDB	Essay	40%	6	Report	60%	12
7HRM	Article	40%	6	Report	60%	12
7RMB	E-Portfolio Plan	25%	6	E-Portfolio	75%	12
7CGB	Essay	40%	6	Case Study	60%	12
7RMD	Research Proposal	20%	4	Dissertation	80%	12

Credit and Award

Master's degree (MSc)	180 credits with a minimum of 150 at Level 7 FHEQ
Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip)	120 credits with a minimum of 90 at Level 7 FHEQ

Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert)	60 credits with a minimum of 40 at Level 7 FHEQ
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One credit approximates 10 student effort hours, therefore the total course requires an average of 1,800 hours of effort for an MSc, 1,200 hours for a PgDip and 600 hours for a PgCert.

Exit Award

In line with The London Institute of Banking & Finance's General and Academic Regulations for Students, the following applies:

- Students registered for the Masters who successfully complete one or more levels of the degree but, for whatever reason, do not complete the whole programme will become eligible for an exit award (i.e., Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma), as appropriate. In the event of subsequent achievement of a higher award, then the exit award may be withdrawn.
- Students who successfully achieve 60 credits with a minimum of 40 credits at Level 7 and meet the requirements of the MSc programme but who do not complete either the remaining taught modules or the dissertation will be awarded a **Postgraduate Certificate**.
- Students who successfully complete all taught modules of the MSc programme, achieve 120 credits with a minimum of 90 at Level 7 and meet the requirements of the programme, but who do not complete the dissertation, will be awarded a **Postgraduate Diploma**.
- Note: The London Institute of Banking & Finance does not award interim qualifications. For example, a student registered for the Master's degree will not automatically be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma on completion of the required number of credits.

Regulations

The London Institute of Banking & Finance's General and Academic Regulations for Students detail

- regulations governing the award of credit,
- how grades for awards are granted,
- time limits for completion of programmes of study,

- capping of marks and regulations relating to the resitting of assessment components,

Professional Recognition

On successful completion of this programme, you can follow the Professional Postgraduate Route to Chartered Associateship of The London Institute of Banking & Finance.

Criteria for Admission

- I. Normally a 2.1 Honours degree (or equivalent) from a recognised institution; **OR**
- I. The London Institute of Banking & Finance Chartered Associateship (through the 'qualification' route); **AND**
- II. Demonstration of relevant professional experience. Applicants should either be currently working in or have experience of working in, the financial services sector. Note: This criterion applies to candidates for the part-time programme only.

Applicants not possessing requirements I or II above (for example, holders of a 2.2 Honours degree with relevant financial sector experience or holders of Chartered Associateship status gained via the professional experience (non-qualification) route) may be considered if they can demonstrate their ability to achieve at this level and contribute to the debates, discussions and work of the learning set. In this case, applicants may be interviewed and/or required to submit a piece of written work in addition to their application to enable an assessment to be made of their suitability for the programme.

Applicants for whom English is not their first language would be expected to demonstrate their competence by achieving an IELTS score of 6.5 or above with no element below 6.0 (or equivalent).

Benchmarks

External

- QAA UK Quality Code, including:
 - Subject Benchmark Statement for Master's degrees in Business and Management (2023)
 - Level 7 descriptors in the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

- Masters degree characteristics
- Higher Education Credit Framework for England

Internal

- The London Institute of Banking & Finance Code of Practice
- The London Institute of Banking & Finance General and Academic Regulations for Students

Links

[Teaching, Learning and Assessment Strategy](#)

[The London Institute of Banking & Finance's General and Academic Regulations for Students](#)

[The London Institute of Banking & Finance's Code of Practice for Quality Assurance, Chapter 3: Accreditation of Prior Learning \(APL\)](#)

[Accessible and Inclusive Learning Policy](#)

[Types of Summative Assessment](#)

[Higher Education Assessing Learning & Feedback Policy](#)

[Subject Benchmark Statement for Business & Management \(Master's\)](#)

[Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland](#)

[Characteristics Statement: Master's Degree](#)

[Higher Education Credit Framework for England](#)

Curriculum Map of Modules Against Intended Learning Outcomes of the Programme

Table 1: Mapping of MSc Banking and Sustainable Finance

Code	Module title	C/O	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5	LO6	LO7	LO8	LO9	LO10	LO11
7FMI	Financial Markets, Institutions, and Instruments	C	✓										
7SFB	Sustainable Finance and Banking	C		✓		✓	✓	✓					
7SCD	Sustainable Finance: Concepts, Development and Change	C			✓	✓	✓	✓					
7SFP	Sustainable Finance: Financial Policy and Regulation	C				✓	✓	✓	✓				
7FDB	Digital Banking	C						✓		✓			
7HRM	Human Resource Management and Leadership	O									✓		
7RMB	Global Risk Management in Banking	O						✓			✓		
7CGB	Global Corporate Governance and Banking	O						✓			✓	✓	✓
7RMD	Research Methods and Dissertation	C				✓	✓	✓				✓	✓

Table 6: Mapping of Postgraduate Diploma Banking and Sustainable Finance

Code	Module title	C/O	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5	LO6	LO7	LO8	LO9
7FMI	Financial Markets, Institutions, and Instruments	C	✓								
7SFB	Sustainable Finance and Banking	C		✓		✓	✓	✓			
7SCD	Sustainable Finance: Concepts, Development and Change	C			✓	✓	✓	✓			
7SFP	Sustainable Finance: Financial Policy and Regulation	C				✓	✓	✓	✓		
7FDB	Digital Banking	C						✓		✓	
7HRM	Human Resource Management and Leadership	O									✓
7RMB	Global Risk Management in Banking	O						✓			✓
7CGB	Global Corporate Governance and Banking	O						✓			✓

Table 7: Mapping of Postgraduate Certificate Banking and Sustainable Finance

Code	Module title	C/O	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5	LO6
7FMI	Financial Markets, Institutions, and Instruments	C	✓					
7SFB	Sustainable Finance and Banking	C		✓		✓	✓	✓
7SCD	Sustainable Finance: Concepts, Development and Change	C			✓	✓	✓	✓