

**Durham University
Business School
(BSc Finance)**

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Durham University Business School



Durham University Business School

- Vibrant research-led School
- Over 180 members of academic staff
- Triple accreditation (EQUIS, AACSB & AMBA)
- Independently recognised excellence in teaching and research
- Excellent facilities in favourable locations
- Well-designed degree programmes
- Wide range of options in the various business disciplines
- Strong international links

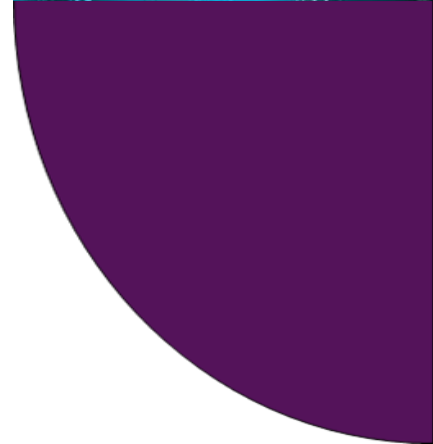


Durham University Business School?

- A challenging and stimulating learning environment
- High student satisfaction rates (independent surveys)
- Great career prospects
- Internal/ external opportunities to progress to postgraduate studies



BSc Finance



Admissions

What are we looking for?

- Interest in learning
- Positive contribution to University Life

Do we interview?

- No but we take the personal statement and references into consideration



Admissions: What our selectors consider?

- Prior and predicted grades
- Personal Statement
- Teacher's/ Academic Reference
- Contextual evidence of merit & potential
- Motivation for the degree programme
- Study & other skills

Find out more by attending '**Applying to Durham**' session in the **Teaching and Learning Centre** visit the **Admissions Desk** in the Teaching and Learning Centre/Business School



Admissions

- **BSc Finance - AAB**
 - **No specific A level requirements** but we do not accept General Studies
 - Plus for all: If not taken as an A level, a grade 7 (or grade A) in **Mathematics at GCSE**.
 - Also accept **Core Mathematics Qualification** Grade 5 (or grade B)

College Allocation and Preferences

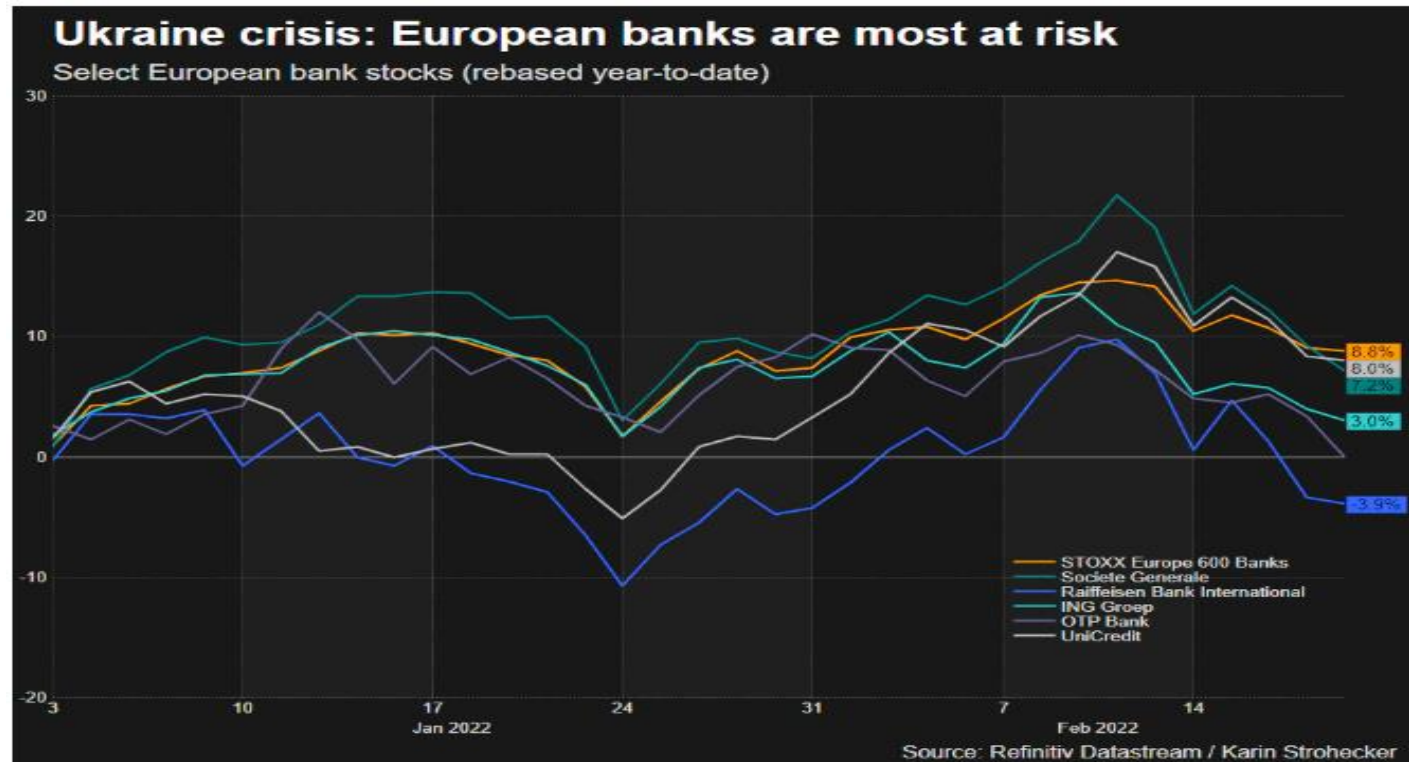
- We **no longer** ask you to **make a college preference on your UCAS Application Form**. The only option listed at UCAS is 'Durham City'
- Your college is **NOT linked to your degree subject**
- Before we allocate your college, you will be invited to **rank the colleges in the order of your preference**
- You will be **allocated your college in or around May**

To find out more visit the **Colleges Hub** on the top floor of the **Teaching and Learning Centre**



Is the BSc Finance for me?

- Interest in finance and financial markets?
- Comfortable with quantitative analysis?



Why BSc Finance?

- Our specialist BSc Finance degree places considerable **emphasis** on the key **quantitative** and **analytical skills** needed to pursue a career in finance and financial markets.
- **A technical curriculum** gives you the opportunity to develop a **critical understanding** of theories, empirical evidence and practical application concerning finance and financial markets.
- Opportunity to learn about **corporate finance, investments, financial institutions** and the **sophisticated financial products** traded in today's global **financial markets**, whilst acquiring the **quantitative skills** needed to analyse **financial data** and **securities**.

BSc Finance, Second Year - Application

Year 2 - Core modules

- Corporate Finance
- Intermediate Financial Economics
- Financial Econometrics 1
- Financial Markets and Institutions

Plus 2 Options from

- Banking and Financial Technology
- Corporate Financial Reporting
- Auditing and Assurance
- Taxation
- Language module

BSc Finance, Third Year - Research

Year 3 - Core modules

- Dissertation
- Security Investment Analysis

Plus 3 Options from

- Financial Derivatives and Financial Engineering
- Computational Quantitative Finance
- Financial Econometrics 2
- Behavioural Finance
- Islamic Economics and Finance
- Real Estate Finance
- Big Data Analytics
- Tax Planning for Business
- Corporate Governance
- Language module

How We Encourage Learning

- **Lectures** (Technology Enhanced Teaching)
- **Classes** (Seminars, Tutorials, Workshops, etc.)

- **Group work**
- **Private study** (Individual and Group)

- **Connection to the world of practice**



Assessment & Feedback Methods

- **Formative assignments:** 'Mock' assessments in all modules
- **Summative assignments:** Investigation and research projects, case studies, business reports, critical essays, presentations
- **Written examinations:** Both seen and unseen questions/cases
- **Dissertation:** Individually assessed original research
- **Feedback:** seminars, regular staff contact times, written and oral feedback, academic advisor

Resources and Student Support

- Excellent library and computing facilities
- New **Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)** learning support system
- **Bloomberg** Professional Terminals
- Regular staff **consultation hours**
- Support from **assigned academic staff**
- **Year Tutors**
- Support from **Colleges** and other **specialist staff** (e.g. L&T, Careers, Employability and Enterprise Centre)



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Careers, Employability
and Enterprise Centre

with Study Abroad
or
with Placement
Year



Study Abroad

- You can **apply directly for a study abroad programme** year or you can **opt for the study abroad during your degree**.
- Opportunities for study abroad in the past have been **available in:**
 - **Europe** (France, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Norway, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Poland, ect.)
 - **Asia** (Japan, China & Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore)
 - **North America** (Canada, USA)
 - **Australasia** (Australia, New Zealand)
- Our dedicated **DUBS Study Abroad website** has all the information DUBS students need regarding study abroad.
- Contact email: **business.international@durham.ac.uk**



Placement Year

- You can **apply directly** for a Placement year or you can **opt for a Placement year during your degree.**
- Minimum **40 weeks full time professional level work experience**
- Taken **between your 2nd and 3rd year**
- **20% Tuition fee**
- Students **source their own placements** but will be **supported fully in the process**
- Get an **assigned academic Placement Tutor**
- **Support with the recruitment process** from Faculty Placement Manager





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Have you considered a Placement Year?

Benefits include:

- Professional work experience
- Industry contacts/references
- A potential graduate offer
- Access to research for your dissertation topic
- Skills development
- Helping you decide a future career path
- A potentially higher classification of degree

If you are interested in learning more please come and talk to the Placement Team

Placement Year Drop in : TLC (50 on the map)

9:00-16:00

Placement Year Presentation: Chemistry Building, CG 91, Ground Floor (14 on the map)

9:30-10:30am or 12:10-13:10pm

Any queries – business.placements@durham.ac.uk



The Future



Great Employability

- In 2019 research from recruiter Robert Half found that **a financial background is one of the factors for success** for those that want to reach the top in Britain's biggest companies.
- A total of **52% of FTSE 100 CEOs have a background in finance.**
- The graduate prospects of Durham Finance students are extremely strong with **90% of leavers securing employment and/or going on to further study within six months of graduating.** This meant we were **ranked 2nd overall across the UK for Accounting and Finance** based programmes in the Complete University Guide 2022.

Great Employability

- The 2019 High Fliers Survey also found that Durham was among **the top ten universities** most-often **targeted by Britain's top graduate employers** in 2018-2019. With respect to vacancies for graduates across fifteen main employment areas, **14% were in the area of Banking & Finance/Investment Banking**.
- The **median graduate starting salary** on offer in 2022 from the UK's leading employers was **£32,000** but for **Investment Banking it was £50,000**.

Students' Destinations



Our students graduate from the magnificent 1,000 year old Durham Cathedral



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Q&A Session





**Thank you for your interest in
Durham University Business School**

**We look forward to receiving your
application!**

Any Questions?

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/study/askus/>