

# MSc Finance and Management

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## University of Central Lancashire

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# Ranking and Qualification

UK Ranking

# #75



QS World University Rankings 2023



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# MSc Finance and Management



## ■ Course Description

The Master's in Finance and Management is a 9-month Top-Up programme, consisting of the dissertation module only. Students are required to undertake independent research and produce a dissertation that demonstrates their ability to apply advanced research techniques to a finance-related topic. The dissertation module carries 60 credits and is designed to enable students to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and research skills in financial management.

Throughout the programme, students will be supported by experienced academics and industry professionals, who will provide guidance and feedback on their research project. The programme is delivered through a combination of online webinars, and independent study, allowing students to fit their studies around their work and personal commitments.

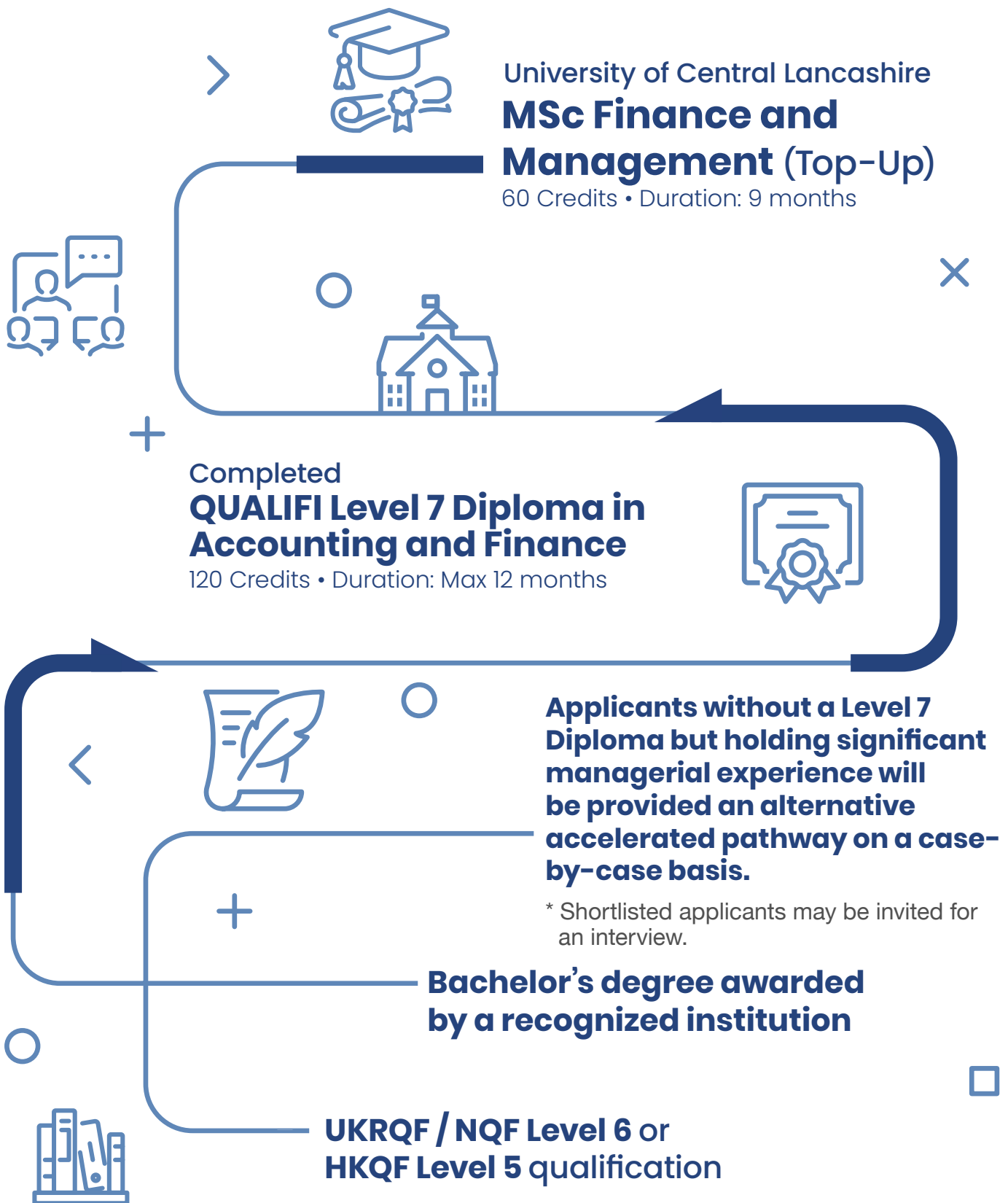
Upon completing the degree, graduates will have the skills and knowledge required to pursue a range of career opportunities in finance, including roles in Financial analysis, Investment banking, Risk management, Corporate finance, Financial planning

The programme also provides a solid foundation for those interested in pursuing further study or research in finance.

## ■ Course Content

Dissertation (Major Project)

## ■ Progression Pathways



The shortest time to complete the course:

**9 months**

(Completion time depends on student progress)

**180 credits required to complete the course**

## Programme Features

100% online learning, which can be accessed from your phone, pc or tablet at home or on the move. On successful completion of your studies, you'll be invited to attend a graduation ceremony on campus.

### Study Mode

Distance learning  
100% online

### Duration of Program

This program can be completed in 9 months.

### Assessment

Performance of students are assessed on a continuous basis through assignments and class participation.

### Entry Requirements

- A Postgraduate (Level 7) Diploma in Accounting and Finance or equivalent.
- Applicants without a Level 7 Diploma but holding significant managerial experience will be provided an alternative accelerated pathway on a case-by-case basis.

### English Language Requirements

- IELTS 5.5; Reading and Writing must be at 5.5 or
- HKALE Use of English at Grade E or above, or HKDSE Examination English Language at Level 3 or above or
- Satisfy the examiners in UK EDUCATION qualifying examination, if required.

### Medium of Instruction

All modules will be taught in English.

## ■ Programme Structure

This MSc course is divided into two parts, Postgraduate Diploma PLUS MSc Top Up.

Postgraduate Diploma (120 Credits)

### **QUALIFI Level 7 Diploma in Accounting and Finance**

<b>Start Date:</b>	Anytime
<b>Duration:</b>	12 months, course exemption will be provided base on experience
<b>Mode of Study:</b>	Distance Learning
<b>Structure:</b>	6 Mandatory only with no exam

#### **Mandatory Units:**

1. Strategy and Global Finance
2. Strategic Financial Management
3. Strategic Auditing
4. Ethical Behaviour and Corporate Governance
5. Corporate Reporting
6. Financial Analyst

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MSc Top Up (60 Credits)

### **University of Central Lancashire MSc Finance and Management Top-Up**

<b>Start Date:</b>	September / January / May
<b>Duration:</b>	9 months
<b>Mode of Study:</b>	Distance Learning
<b>Structure:</b>	One Dissertation only with no exam

The dissertation module aims to equip you to become a skilled and critical researcher in finance and management by undertaking an academic or practice-oriented research project. It will provide you with the knowledge and understanding, to plan and undertake an independent research project. The dissertation will help you to understand the impact of finance and management research on practice, people, organisations or policy, and your own practice.

In terms of coursework, you will be required to complete a brief on research methods (2,000 words), a major project (12,000 words) and a professional development report (1,000 words). The above details are meant for guidance only and is subject to change by the university.

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## ■ QUALIFI Level 7 Diploma in Accounting and Finance

### Unit AF701: Strategic and Global Finance

The aim of this unit is to ensure that the learner can exercise techniques and decide on decisions that add value in terms of corporate finance based on sound theoretical concepts. In addition, the unit helps the learner to present and interpret financial information in a recognised format and to work independently to solve the problems arising within the specified time given. It also endures that the learning can be applied to the practical context.

#### Learning Outcomes

- Identify the concept of globalisation and evaluate the investment process involved in relation to globalisation.
- Evaluate the impact of global business environment on the national and multinational organisations.
- Evaluate and recommend strategies which will result in the enhancement of the value on an organisation.
- Be able to evaluate the financial consequences of strategic decisions and presentation of report to the management.
- Identify appropriate sources of finance and evaluate the risk involved and the cost of in managing the global risk.
- Identify and explain suitable techniques to manage global risk.
- Critical assess potential investment decisions available and the strategies applied in the global environment.



## Unit AF702: Strategic Financial Management

The aim of this unit is to develop learner ability to exercise the techniques and to make value added decisions in terms of corporate strategy and finance based on sound theoretical concepts. Further it enhances the contribution to the formulation of business strategy, creation of comprehensive business development plans, bringing together their specialist accounting and finance skills as well as the strategic management learning of the unit.

### Learning Outcomes

- Understand and critically appraise the significance of strategic management and decision making to the performance of the organisation and apply and critique the various forms of internal and external business and strategic analysis and formulation.
- Understand and evaluate the key financial theories relevant to financial decision making and critical application of strategic implementation techniques inclusive of balance scorecard and portfolio management tools.
- Evaluate the role of culture on strategy, including managing change and be able to analyse the effects.
- Evaluate and apply stakeholder analysis.
- Critically evaluate corporate and business valuation techniques.
- Evaluate performance measurement systems for an organisation and application of problem solving and financial analysis techniques to strategic business problems.

## Unit AF703: Strategic Auditing

The aim of this unit is to help learners understand the ability to choose and apply suitable investigative techniques to a variety of situations that are simple and non-simple in the accounting environment. The unit provides an emphasis on the aims, objectives and methods of auditors and their contribution to the achievement of a true and fair view on the published accounts.

### Learning Outcomes

- Identify and evaluate the history and the current regulatory environment for auditing.
- Understand and critically apply the rules of professional conduct for the auditors.
- Evaluate the importance of legal and professional requirements when performing the audit.
- Critically analyse the effectiveness of audit monitoring processes.
- Identify the risk involved in an audit and the use of suitable measures to minimise the risk.
- Be able to identify and explain the linkage between accounts preparation and the conduct of audit.
- Identify and critically assess on the current developments in auditing.

## Unit AF704: Ethical Behaviour and Corporate Governance

The aim of this unit is to reveal the sequential development and guideline of accounting and the impact of accounting and finance on the environment, the various stakeholders and on society. The learners will be equipped with the knowledge and skills essential to act as an adviser in relation to the governing authorities in the private, public and charitable sectors.

### Learning Outcomes

- Explain what a profession is and identify the application of governance law and practices in the national and international context.
- Identify the nature and importance of corporate governance and ethical behaviour and critical evaluation of ethical issues in relation to corporate activity and recommend solutions.
- Assess the impact of financial reporting in relation to a wide range of stakeholders.
- Identify the principal approaches of governance, identifying and assessing how the risk should be managed in order to achieve good corporate governance.
- Research and communicate complex and leading-edge issues in CSR and governance, in an appropriate format.

## Unit AF705: Corporate Reporting

The aim of this unit is to help learners in the preparation and interpretation of financial statements for a group of companies where they are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and to understand and evaluate the key aspects of accounting theory. On completion of the unit learners will be able to communicate complex numerical and qualitative information effectively and solve problems in a selective and critical manner.

### Learning Outcomes

- Identify and understand the main sources of regulatory framework.
- Explain the significance and the general impact of regulatory framework on the businesses.
- Identify and assess accounting concepts and theories.
- Understand how to implement accounting calculations and information.
- Critically evaluate and interpret the accounting information.
- Be able to study and criticise on specific accounting regulations.
- Identify and appraise key accounting policies and practices within corporate accounting.

## Unit IBL706: Legal Research and Research Methods

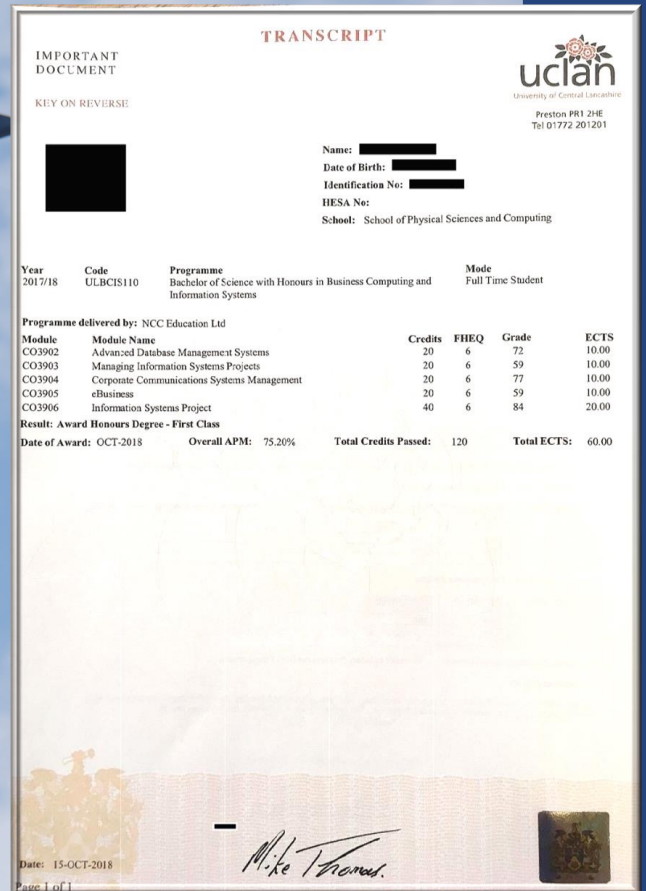
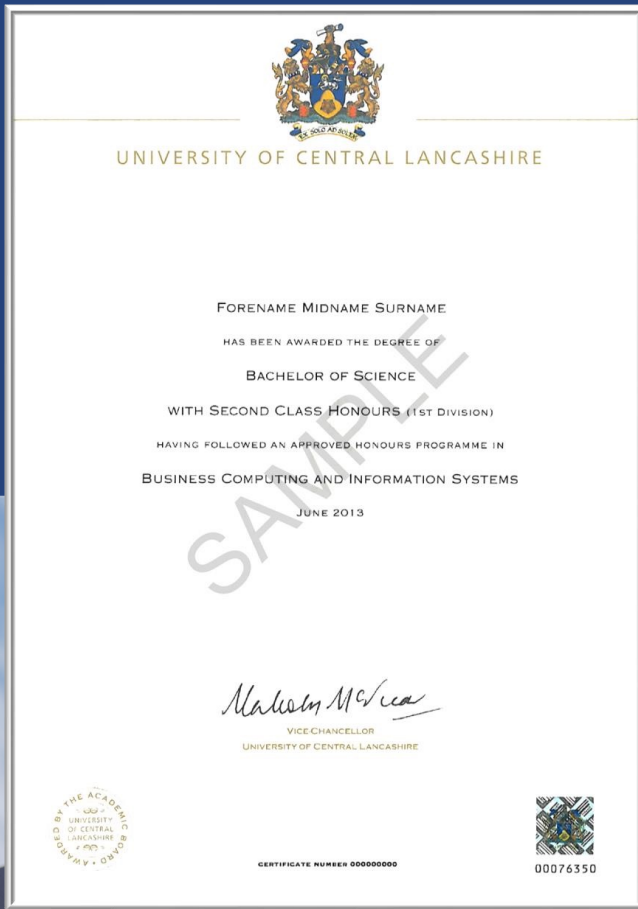
The purpose of this unit is to develop understanding of market equilibrium models, bond valuation and performance evaluation. At the end of this unit learners should be encouraged to make enquiries as to the cause and effect of the impact of current developments in the world's capital markets on the investment process and critically appraise current thinking on the theories and investments.

### Learning Outcomes

- Critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses the different types of securities.
- Analyse and explain the regulation of, and procedures relating to, the trading of securities and new issues in the world markets, including the London Stock Exchange (LSE).
- Know how to apply the principles of investment theory, security and market analysis and efficiency.
- Analyse the principles of taxation and their implications, including income tax, capital gains tax, inheritance and corporation tax.
- Critically evaluate the effectiveness of the law and regulation in controlling the financial services industry.
- Know how to plan, manage and review client portfolios according to customer profile and the needs in order to recommend and justify appropriate types of savings and investment.



# Samples of Certificate & Transcript



## About



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- Provides career path that support students who wish to develop their management skills, enterprise capabilities and opportunities in their chosen field
- Helps students to improve their understanding of any given business environments and organizations and how should they manage and develop in the given situation
- Helps students to develop skills and abilities, and support their professional development

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