

BSc (Hons) Banking and Finance - LM305

1. Objectives

This Programme is designed for those students seeking to embark on a career in the banking or financial services sector. Students will be provided with a sound theoretical and practical knowledge and skills base which are prerequisites to successfully embark on a career in the banking sector or within the larger finance environment. In addition, it will provide a stepping stone to students who are interested in enrolling on professionally recognised qualifications such as the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) programme.

2. General Entry Requirements

In accordance with General Entry Requirements for admission to the University for Undergraduate Degrees.

3. Programme Requirement

A Pass in Mathematics at Advanced Level.

4. Minimum Requirements for Awards

(i) Degree Award

Core & Elective Structure	Credits
CORE MODULES	
Finance & Accounting	93
Law	6
Management	6
ELECTIVES	0
Total	105

(ii) Diploma Award

The diploma is provided as a possible exit point in the programme at the end of Year 2. A student may opt for a **Diploma in Banking and Finance** provided s/he satisfies the minimum requirements, as specified below.

Core Structure	Credits
CORE MODULES	
Finance & Accounting	54
Law & Management	6
Total	60

5. Programme Duration

	Normal	Maximum
Diploma:	2 years	3 years
Degree:	3 years	5 years

6. **Credits per Year:** Maximum 48 credits, Minimum 18 credits subject to Regulation 5.

7. **Minimum Credits Required for Degree Award:** 105

For the award of the **BSc (Hons) Banking and Finance Degree**, the student must obtain at least 105 credits (see 4 above).

8. **Assessment**

Each module will be assessed over 100 marks (i.e. expressed as %) with details as follows (unless otherwise specified):

Assessment will be based on a written examination of 2-hour (for a semester module) or 3-hour (for a yearly module) duration and continuous assessment carrying a range of 20% to 30% of total marks for the following modules:

Module	Continuous Assessment	Written Examination
DFA 2034Y(3) - Investment and Security Analysis	30% (includes 15% for a class or lab-based test)	70%
DFA 3112Y(5) - Option Strategies and Applied Financial Modelling	30% (includes 15% for a class or lab-based test)	70%

Continuous assessment may be based on laboratory work and/or assignments and should include **at least one class test**. For all modules taught in semester 1, there will be a compulsory class test at the end of semester 1 of the given academic year unless stated otherwise in the Programme Structure. This is applicable to modules examined at the end of the academic year.

For a student to pass a module, an overall total of 40% for combined continuous assessment and written examination components would be required without minimum thresholds within the individual continuous assessment and written examination.

Most modules in the structure are **yearly modules** which are taught over a period of two semesters but examined at the end of the second semester only. There are continuous assessments over the period of two semesters and the written examination will be of a duration of 3 hours for a yearly module of 6 credits.

Some modules in the structure are run over 15 weeks and carry 3 credits. The assessment of such modules will consist of continuous assessment and an examination of a duration of 2 hrs at the end of the semester in which the module is run.

Practical Training (ACF 3000) of at least 3 months' duration must be satisfactorily completed for the award of the degree. Such requirement may be waived for part-time students currently in employment.

Submission Deadline for dissertation: Final copy: End of March in the final year of the programme.

9. Termination of Registration

If the CPA of a student is < 40 at the end of academic year, s/he will have to repeat the entire academic year, and retake modules as and when offered. However, s/he will not be required, if s/he wishes, to retake module(s) for which Grade C or above has been obtained.

Students will be allowed to repeat only once over the entire duration of the Programme of Studies. Registration of a student will be terminated if

- (i) the CPA < 40 at the end of an academic year and the student has already repeated one year of study; or
- (ii) the maximum duration allowed for completion of the Programme of Studies has been exceeded.
- (iii) If s/he is a year 1 student who has scored a CPA <25% at the end of an academic year (for yearly programmes).

10. List of Modules – BSc (Hons) Banking and Finance

CORE MODULES

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk	Credits
		L+P	
DFA 1100Y(1)	Business Accounting	3+0	6
DFA 1254Y(1)	Business Environment	3+0	6
DFA 1216(1)	Financial Markets and Intermediation**	3+0	3
DFA 1005Y(1)	Fundamentals of Finance and Banking	3+0	6
LAWS 1108(1)	The Mauritian Legal System and its Legal Process	3+0	3
DFA 1233(1)	Quantitative Finance I**	3+0	3
DFA 2038Y(3)	Banking Operations	3+0	6
DFA 2035Y(3)	Business Finance Decision-Making and Applications	3+0	6
DFA 2225(1)	Introduction to Fintech	3+0	3
DFA 2034Y(3)	Investment and Security Analysis	3+0	6
LAWS 2232(3)	Laws Related to Financial Services*	3+0	3
ACF 2006(3)	Principles of Taxation*	3+0	3
DFA 2033Y(3)	Quantitative Finance II	3+0	6
DFA 2022Y(3)	Research Methods and Data Analysis in Finance	3+0	6
DFA3351Y(3)	Corporate Governance	3+0	6
DFA 3099Y(5)	Dissertation	-	6
DFA 3239(3)	Financial Reporting and Analysis for Bankers**	3+0	3
DFA 3055 (3)	Internal Control Systems in Banking**	3+0	3
ACF 3105(5)	International Banking*	3+0	3
MGT 3059Y(5)	International Business and Management	3+0	6
DFA 3006Y(5)	International Finance	3+0	6
DFA 3112Y(5)	Option Strategies and Applied Financial Modelling	3+0	6
ACF 3000	Practical Training	-	0

11. Programme Plan - BSc (Hons) Banking and Finance

Note for modules carrying asterisk(s):

* These are 3-credit modules, which will be run during and examined at the end of the first semester.

** These are 3-credit modules, which will be run during and examined at the end of the second semester.

YEAR 1

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
CORE			
DFA 1100Y(1)	Business Accounting	3+0	6
DFA 1254Y(1)	Business Environment	3+0	6
DFA 1216(1)	Financial Markets and Intermediation**	3+0	3
DFA 1005Y(1)	Fundamentals of Finance and Banking	3+0	6
LAWS 1108(1)	The Mauritian Legal System and its Legal Process	3+0	3
DFA 1233(1)	Quantitative Finance I**	3+0	3
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YEAR 2

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
CORE			
DFA 2038Y(3)	Banking Operations	3+0	6
DFA 2035Y(3)	Business Finance Decision-Making and Applications	3+0	6
DFA 2225(1)	Introduction to Fintech	3+0	3
DFA 2034Y(3)	Investment and Security Analysis	3+0	6
LAWS 2232(3)	Laws Related to Financial Services*	3+0	3
ACF 2006(3)	Principles of Taxation*	3+0	3
DFA 2033Y(3)	Quantitative Finance II	3+0	6
DFA 2022Y(3)	Research Methods and Data Analysis in Finance	3+0	6
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YEAR 3

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
CORE			
DFA3351Y(3)	Corporate Governance	3+0	6
DFA 3099Y(5)	Dissertation	-	6
DFA 3239(3)	Financial Reporting and Analysis for Bankers**	3+0	3
DFA 3055 (3)	Internal Control Systems in Banking**	3+0	3
ACF 3105(5)	International Banking*	3+0	3
MGT 3059Y(5)	International Business and Management	3+0	6
DFA 3006Y(5)	International Finance	3+0	6
DFA 3112Y(5)	Option Strategies and Applied Financial Modelling	3+0	6
ACF 3000	Practical Training	-	0
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Note 1: It is compulsory for students to complete a dissertation of 10,000 to 12,000 words. This dissertation should start in Year 3, carrying 6 credits.

Total Number of Core Yearly Modules: 13

Total Number of Core Semester Modules: 9

As follows:

	CORE	
	Yearly	Semester
Year 1	3	3
Year 2	5	3
Year 3	5	3
TOTAL	13	9