

# **BSc (Hons) International Business Finance – LM306**

## **1. Context and Objectives**

This Programme is designed for those students seeking to work in the fields of business finance and financial services as well as the global business sector. The forces of globalization have rendered more complex and competitive the industries in which firms are operating. Consequently, it is vital that students are able to identify, analyse and solve the problems, as future managers or consultants in multinational companies.

In this respect, the aim of this programme in International Business Finance is to provide students the basic skills and knowledge to embark on a finance-oriented career in the growing global economy. As such this programme will help students to understand how international business is conducted, with a focus on developing the managerial skills needed in an interconnected world. Students will learn how to develop their problem-solving and critical thinking skills within the context of trading across national boundaries. 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. Learning Outcomes**

Students graduating from the Bachelor in International Business Finance will be able to:

- Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of key financial concepts and techniques that can be applied within the international financial as well as the global business sectors.
- Apply their knowledge gained on different financial securities and design appropriate trading strategies related to investment portfolio management.
- Critically evaluate accounting concepts and principles and their application in solutions to practical accounting problems on an international front.
- Interpret and evaluate different international tax systems that impact on international businesses
- Relate to or / and utilize the different trade financing instruments used in international trade while having a thorough understanding of international commercial terms governing cross border trade
- Discriminate among the different modes through which businesses go international
- Discuss trends in countries engaging in varying degrees of market economic integration as well as the relevant international economic legislations related thereto, in view of facilitating international trade though regional blocks
- Develop a broad and coherent knowledge of the theoretical principles and practices pertaining to cross border management of human resources as well as international marketing
- Integrate the use of new technologies such as fintech in their workplace especially in the ever dynamic global business environment

## **3. Teaching and Learning Methods**

The Programme consists of a combination of teaching, self -study and other learning activities which altogether promote independent learning, critical thinking and above all nurtures student-centric learning across both semester and yearly modules. Teaching methods may include face to face lectures, online delivery, tutorials or practical sessions. Other learning activities can be wide-ranging and may include, amongst others, assignments, class tests, group work, presentations, guest lectures and fieldwork.

A typical semester module will carry 6 LCCS Credits which represent 180 notional learning hours broken down as follows: 30 hours of teaching, 60 hours of self-study and 90 hours of other learning activities.

A typical yearly module will carry 12 LCCS Credits which represent 360 notional hours broken down as follows: 60 hours of teaching, 120 hours of self-study and 180 hours of other learning activities.

#### 4. Entry Requirements

- *General Entry Requirements*

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

- *Programme Requirement*

*A Pass in Mathematics at Advanced Level.*

#### 5. Programme Duration

	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Diploma	2 years	3 years
Degree	3 years	5 years

#### 6. Minimum LCCS Credits Required:

(i) Degree Award\*

<b>Core &amp; Elective Structure</b>	<b>LCCS Credits</b>
<b>CORE MODULES</b>	
Finance & Accounting	180
Law	18
Management	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>210</b>

(ii) Completion of each year of the programme

<b>Core &amp; Elective Structure</b>	<b>LCCS Credits to complete</b>		
	<b>year 1</b>	<b>year 2</b>	<b>year 3</b>
<b>CORE MODULES</b>			
Finance & Accounting	42	72	66
Law	12	0	6
Management		0	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>84</b>

**LCCS Credits per Year:** Minimum 36 Credits, Maximum 96 Credits subject to Section 5.

(iii) 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 International Business Finance provided s/he satisfies the minimum requirements, as specified below.

<b>Structure</b>	<b>LCCS Credits</b>
Finance & Accounting	108
Law and Management	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>

## 7. Assessment and Deadlines

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

Each module will carry 100 marks and will be assessed 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 40% to 50% of total marks.

For all modules taught in semester 1, there will be a compulsory class test during the semester unless stated otherwise in the Programme Structure.

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 3 hours duration for a yearly module of 12 LCCS Credits.

The assessment of semester modules will consist of continuous assessment and an examination of a 2 hours duration at the end of the semester in which the module is run.

Practical Training (ACF 3000) of at least 4 months' duration must be satisfactorily completed for the award of the degree. This training will be in the form of an industry placement which will expose the students to a work environment setting that will inculcate work place skills and team work which are important in nurturing the employability of graduates.

### **Submission Deadline for dissertation**

Final copy: Not later than the last working day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays) of March of the academic year by 4.00 p.m. at latest as per regulations.

### **Termination of Registration**

If the CPA of a student is < 40 at the end of an 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.

8. List of Modules - BSc (Hons) International Business Finance

Code	Module Name	L/T/P	Contact Hours	Self-Study Hours	Other Learning Hours	LCCS Credits
DFA 1100Y(1)	Business Accounting	2+1	60	120	180	12
DFA 1254Y(1)	Business Environment	2+1	60	120	180	12
DFA 1002Y(1)	Financial Theory and Practice	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 1007Y(1)	Foundations of Mauritian Law	D.E.O.L	60	120	180	12
DFA 1232(1)	Quantitative Finance I**	2+1	30	60	90	6
DFA 2035Y(3)	Business Finance Decision-Making and Application	2+1	60	120	180	12
DFA 2137(3)	International Trade Financing*	2+1	30	60	90	6
DFA 2225(1)	Introduction to Fintech**	2+1	30	60	90	6
DFA 2034Y(3)	Investment and Security Analysis	2+1	60	120	180	12
DFA 2036(3)	Multinational Enterprise*	2+1	30	60	90	6
DFA 2033Y(3)	Quantitative Finance II	2+1	60	120	180	12
ACF 2006(3)	Principles of Taxation*	2+1	30	60	90	6
DFA 2022Y(3)	Research Methods and Data Analysis in Finance	2+1	60	120	180	12
ACF 3004(5)	Business and International Taxation	2+1	30	60	90	6
DFA 3351Y(3)	Corporate Governance	2+1	60	120	180	12
DFA 3099Y(5)	Dissertation	-	-	-	-	12
DFA 3200(5)	International Accounting for Business**	2+1	30	60	90	6
MGT 3059Y(5)	International Business and Management	2+1	60	120	180	12
LAWS 3103(5)	International Economic Law*	2+1	30	60	90	6
DFA 3006Y(5)	International Finance	2+1	60	120	180	12
DFA 3112Y(5)	Option Strategies and Applied Financial Modelling	2+1	60	120	180	12
DFA 3136(5)	Regionalism and Developing Countries*	2+1	30	60	90	6
ACF 3000	Practical Training					

**Note:** All 6 LCCS credit modules are run over 10 weeks and exams are scheduled at the end of the semester in which the module is run.

9. Programme Plan - BSc (Hons) International Business Finance

YEAR 1				
Code	Module Name	L/T/P	Contact Hours	LCCS Credits
<b>CORE</b>				
DFA 1100Y(1)	Business Accounting	2+1	60	12
DFA 1254Y(1)	Business Environment	2+1	60	12
DFA 1002Y(1)	Financial Theory and Practice	2+1	60	12
LAWS 1007Y(1)	Foundations of Mauritian Law	D.E.O.L	60	12
DFA 1232(1)	Quantitative Finance I**	2+1	30	6
<b>Sub Total</b>				<b>54</b>
YEAR 2				
Code	Module Name	L/T/P	Contact Hours	LCCS Credits
<b>CORE</b>				
DFA 2035Y(3)	Business Finance Decision-Making and Application	2+1	60	12
DFA 2137(3)	International Trade Financing*	2+1	30	6
DFA 2225(1)	Introduction to Fintech**	2+1	30	6
DFA 2034Y(3)	Investment and Security Analysis	2+1	60	12
DFA 2036(3)	Multinational Enterprise*	2+1	30	6
ACF 2006(3)	Principles of Taxation*	2+1	30	6
DFA 2033Y(3)	Quantitative Finance II	2+1	60	12
DFA 2022Y(3)	Research Methods and Data Analysis in Finance	2+1	60	12
<b>Sub Total</b>				<b>72</b>
YEAR 3				
Code	Module Name	L/T/P	Contact Hours	LCCS Credits
<b>CORE</b>				
ACF 3004(5)	Business and International Taxation	2+1	30	6
DFA 3351Y(3)	Corporate Governance	2+1	60	12
DFA 3200(5)	International Accounting for Business**	2+1	30	6
MGT 3059Y(5)	International Business and Management	2+1	60	12
LAWS 3103(5)	International Economic Law*	2+1	30	6
DFA 3006Y(5)	International Finance	2+1	60	12
DFA 3112Y(5)	Option Strategies and Applied Financial Modelling	2+1	60	12
DFA 3136(5)	Regionalism and Developing Countries*	2+1	30	6
DFA 3099Y(5)	Dissertation	-	-	12
ACF 3000	Practical Training			-
<b>Sub Total</b>				<b>84</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>210</b>

Note for modules carrying asterisk(s):

\* These are 6 LCCS credit modules which will be run during and examined at the end of the first semester.

\*\* These are 6 LCCS credit modules which will be run during and examined at the end of the second semester.

Total Number of Core Yearly Modules:	13 (12 LCCS credits per module)
Total Number of Core Semester Modules:	9 (6 LCCS credits per module)

As follows:

	<b>CORE</b>	
	<b>Yearly</b>	<b>Semester</b>
Year 1	4	1
Year 2	4	4
Year 3	5	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>