

## CONTACT INFORMATION FOR

### MSc. Banking and Finance

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

# MSc. Banking and Finance

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# PROGRAMME SUMMARY

The MSc. Banking and Finance provides exposure to advanced banking and finance concepts, knowledge and skills, which are academically rigorous and offer practical application in the workplace, in a highly competitive and rapidly changing sector. The programme seeks to develop a formally trained cadre of banking and finance industry professionals, specifically targeting persons who desire formal academic qualifications to bolster their work experience and advance their technical competencies. However, interested persons in related fields who meet matriculation standards can also be accommodated.

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To develop well-rounded professionals who have a sound and comprehensive knowledge of critical issues important in the banking and financial services sector, but also business environment in general;
- To enable students to develop knowledge and skills in specialist areas, such as Real Estate and Corporate Finance;
- To develop advanced capacity for critical analysis and research; and
- To enhance the technological culture of the financial community.

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The programme will be delivered in twelve (12) months of fulltime study, including the taught courses, the practicum and the dissertation. The teaching of the ten courses will span two semesters, inclusive of coursework assignments and end of semester examinations. The three-month practicum component will commence after participants have completed the first semester's courses, therefore allowing for the application of the knowledge and skills acquired from the latter.

In semester one of the masters programme, students will complete four of the five core courses in preparation for the practicum component during the three month summer period. In semester two students take the remaining core course, four electives and start their research projects. Following is an outline of the proposed study programme

### Semester One

Financial Analysis  
Caribbean Business Environment  
Corporate Finance and Capital Markets  
Research Methods  
One elective

### Semester Two

Quantitative Methods  
Research Project  
Four electives  
Practicum (Summer)

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates seeking to gain a place in the full-time programme should possess a good honours degree in Banking and Finance or a related area from internationally accredited universities.

Mature students and applicants from all academic backgrounds will be given special consideration. Applicants falling into this category will have to demonstrate their academic potential and career experience as it relates to the programme. Applicants will be judged on the basis of the likelihood of their eventual success in the programme, as well as transcripts of grades from prior undergraduate or graduate experiences, letters of reference and prior work experience. Although prior work experience in the banking and financial services sector is an advantage, it is not necessary for acceptance in the programme. Creativity, initiative, willingness to work independently, and overall interest in financial topics are important characteristics of applicants will be considered.

# COURSE OF STUDY

The MSc. Banking and Finance spans twelve (12) months of full-time study. Students are expected to gain forty-five (45) overall credits – 10 courses (3 credits per course), a practicum (6 credits) and a dissertation (9 credits).

### Core Courses

- Financial Analysis
- Corporate Finance and Capital Markets
- Caribbean Business Environment
- Quantitative Methods
- Research Methods

### Electives

- Project Management
- Treasury, Foreign Exchange and Trade Finance
- Theory of Risk and Insurance
- Insurance Law
- Insurance Markets and Strategy
- Risk Management of Financial Institutions
- Derivatives
- Advanced Financial Engineering
- Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management in the Caribbean
- Advanced Corporate Finance
- Entrepreneurial and Small Business Finance
- Statutory Valuations
- Land Economics and Planning
- Property Law – Landlord and Tenant
- Bank Financial Management
- Information Technology Management

### Electives – 3 credits each

- Managerial Finance
- Behavioural Sciences
- Human Resource Management
- Methods of Policy Practice
- Social Work Supervision

### Practicum

Students will be expected to complete a practicum component at a relevant institution, which would allow them to utilize the theoretical skills they would have acquired. The practicum covers a minimum six-week period and students will be expected to prepare a written report of their attachment experiences of no more than 15,000 words. Students will, be expected to make critical linkages between the practical and the theoretical and offer a critical analysis complete with recommendations. Supervisors of students will be required to write a report to be used in the determination of the student's final grade for this component of the programme.

### Programme Regulations

The programme will be delivered over one calendar year (three semesters), using a model of evening lectures, weekend workshops, web-based courses, and week-long seminars for the delivery of courses. The taught component of the programme will span two semesters. Examinations will be held at the end of each semester. The course-work complement of the programme will be reinforced by the summer field placement during which students will be supervised in agencies by senior professional staff.

### Programme Faculty

A team of lecturers drawn from the Cave Hill, St. Augustine and Mona campuses, as well as international adjunct faculty will deliver the programme.

## PROGRAMME COST

Payable in full or per course on registration.

**Tuition Fee:** BDS\$25,000 (US\$12,500)

### Annual University Registration Fees

University Registration Fees are NOT included in the cost of the tuition fee. These fees are as follows:

Amenities Fees – BDS\$700.00 (US\$350.00)  
Guild Fees – BDS\$120.00 (US\$60.00)  
ID Card\* – BDS\$25.00 (US\$12.50)

Students enrolled in this self-financed programme are billed for the courses for which they register each semester. Fees are payable immediately on registration. University fees are additional to the programme fees and are billed on registration every semester until the degree has been awarded. *Programme Costs and University Registration Fees are subject to change in 2011/2012. \*(First year only)*