



**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES  
CAVE HILL CAMPUS**

**THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES  
GRADUATE AND SPECIAL PROJECTS SECTION**



**M.Sc. FINANCE**

**2020-2021**

## **PROGRAMME SUMMARY:**

The M.Sc. Finance programme is specifically geared towards Finance professionals who desire formal academic qualifications to bolster their work experience and advance their technical competencies. It combines a variety of courses which cover a significant amount of the content found in the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK), such as quantitative methods, corporate finance, equity and fixed incomes, derivatives and alternative investments.

Upon successful completion of this programme, graduates will be equipped with the practical and technical skills necessary to provide practical financial advice to their current and future employers, develop and conceptualize research in the area of finance, and to obtain gainful employment within the finance industry.

The programme will be delivered on a full-time basis over 18 months, or on a part-time basis, over a maximum of four years.

## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREED APPLICANTS**

Applicants under this category should have:

i. A Bachelor's degree from a university or college acceptable to the University of the West Indies, with at least lower second-class honours.

- Students with pass degrees will be considered on the following conditions:

- o they are currently working in the field, or have adequate work experience, related to the programme, and
- o they are successful at an interview conducted by the Entrance Committee within the Department.

ii. Two letters of recommendation.

## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-DEGREED APPLICANTS**

The entry criteria for these students is as follows:

- i. Technical certificates, diplomas or professional designations that can be assessed by The University of the West Indies.
- ii. At least five years' experience in a related field at a Supervisory or higher level.
- iii. A successful interview conducted by a selected panel determined by the Campus Committee on Graduate Studies and the Department of Management Studies.
- iv. Two strong letters of recommendation.

### **PROGRAMME COST**

Programme costs of BDS \$30,000 (USD \$15 000) include required books, a laptop plus applicable University Registration fees, which include:

Amenities Fees	BDS \$960.00
Guild Fees	BDS \$120.00
ID Card (first year only)	BDS \$30.00

## **COURSE OF STUDY**

The M.Sc. Finance programme, will consist of 45 credits, to be completed in a minimum of 18 months. It will comprise twelve (12) core courses (3 credits each), one (1) elective course (3 credits) and an Applied Research Project (6 credits). These core courses will cover the basic tools and techniques required by a finance professional. In addition to this, the programme will consist of two mandatory not-for-credit workshops. The course structure for the M.Sc. Finance is as follows:

### **CORE COURSES**

- Corporate Finance
- Equity and Fixed Income Securities
- Alternative Investments
- Quantitative Methods for Management
- Applied Research Paper
- Asset Pricing
- Financial Reporting and Statement Analysis
- Portfolio Management and Wealth Planning
- International Finance
- Derivatives
- Advanced Financial Engineering
- Ethical and Professional Standards for the Finance Professional
- Financial Econometrics

### **ONE ELECTIVE FROM:**

- Advanced Corporate Finance
- Risk Management of Financial Institutions
- Behavioural Finance
- Computational Finance
- Financial Analysis and Modelling

## **WORKSHOPS**

- Bloomberg 1
- Bloomberg 2

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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