



# Master in Banking and Finance



## Overview

**The Master's degree in Banking and Finance prepares students for global careers in Banking and Finance by highlighting the substantial range of wealth management issues.**

This degree introduces the students to the core frameworks of the global economy and global institutions which will improve their awareness about the theoretical models of economics, pricing securities, capital markets and treasury management at both microeconomic and macroeconomic levels, and the impact on policy issues. Programme content also includes banking regulations, monetary policies during the different phases of the business cycle.

The course structure is designed to ensure that students will emerge as skilful thinkers and problem solvers with strong communication, negotiations and decision-making abilities. The combination of intensive learning and practical application will sharpen skills, boost performance and ensure students are well positioned for a rewarding career.

Supported by Paris–Descartes University professors and external working professionals, this Master's degree in Banking and Finance, allows students to gain access to faculty and professionals who have achieved worldwide acclaim. Beyond lectures and seminars, students can participate in workshops organised by industry professionals and prominent personalities from the finance departments of distinguished corporations.



## Programme highlights



*Student career options include a variety of opportunities working as a financial analyst or a consultant in multinational corporations, investment houses and brokerage firms to supervisory roles in public utility companies, regulatory agencies and federal government agencies*

### **CROSS DISCIPLINE PROGRAMME PLUS INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC VISION**

This programme provides a broad perspective and fundamental managerial competencies vital for career advancement. Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi places equal emphasis on the general theories of finance and its significance with organisational efficiency, the technical areas of economic theory analysis of financial markets and the institutional frameworks of international financial and banking sectors.

### **INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION**

Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi provides the combined experience of three globally renowned French universities including Paris-Sorbonne University, Paris-Descartes University and Pierre and Marie Curie University. This rich heritage of joint excellence is now available in Abu Dhabi under the Ministry of Higher Education and is recognised worldwide.

### **NETWORKING**

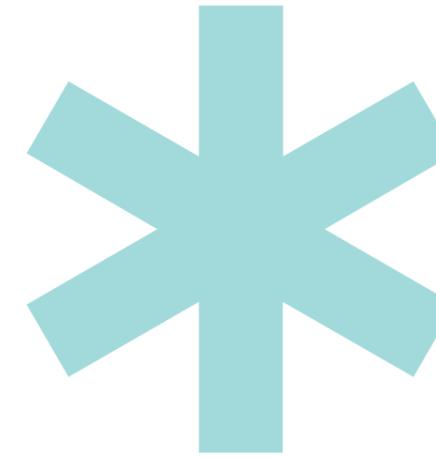
Each class will have a reduced number of students from different countries. A strict entry selection procedure will guarantee the quality of the degree and will allow you to expand your personal network with high potential peers.

# Structure

The degree in Banking and Finance is taught in English and covers a total of four semesters across two years. At the end of this degree, you will have 120 credits. The exclusively designed course schedule includes classes over short periods in consideration of students who intend to combine their studies with their work.

YEAR 1	
MODULES	COURSES
Financial Analysis and Strategy	Financial Analysis and Strategy 1
Management	Management and Strategy, Project Management
Introduction to Research	Initiation to Research
Professional Competencies	Job-Oriented Career Course, Business English 1, Professional Software
Quantitative Methods 1	Quantitative Methods of Management 1, Economic Calculus, Public Policies Assessment
Quantitative Methods 2	Decision-Making Tools, Forecasting Techniques
Insurance and Finance	Financial Analysis and Strategy 2, Theory and Modeling in Finance and Insurance, Health System, Insurance, Prevention, International Financial Management
Job Integration	Business English 2, Internship

YEAR 2	
MODULES	COURSES
Role of Financial Institutions	Banking Regulations and Administration Corporate Finance
Markets and Institutions	International Financial Institutions Regional Context - Investments Financial Markets Theory Financial Markets Practice 1 Financial Markets Practice 2 Financial Markets Practice 3
Language	English for Banking and Finance
Banking Management	Introduction to Banking Management Banking Risk Management Marketing for Banks and Financial Institutions
Banking and Financial Law	Islamic Banking International Financial Law Banking Law
Internship and Thesis	Research Methodology Master's Thesis



## MASTER'S THESIS

Students will be required to submit an extended essay based on their internship by the end of the first year. For their second year, students will be required to submit a research based thesis.

## INTERNSHIP

For nonworking students, Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi has integrated a mandatory internship in the first year. The internship will encourage critical thinking and improve students' reasoning abilities by blending academic theory with real life work experience. Students will benefit from a greater depth of experience working in a professional environment.

The internship also provides an excellent opportunity to gain crucial insights and improve access to various career opportunities in the region and beyond. Students will discover that this collaborative learning process can lead to enduring professional relationships, which will open doors and forge new career paths.



## Assessment & graduation requirements

Throughout the year, there will be frequent assessment and evaluations. Students will be evaluated on individual assignments, internships presentations, reports and examinations, which usually take place towards the end of every semester. Attendance to all classes is mandatory and it is important that students are punctual and observe university regulations at all times.

## Career prospects

Employment in the financial sector is notably competitive and graduates with a specialisation in Banking and Finance are highly sought after. For emerging and experienced finance professionals, career prospects are remarkably high and vary from senior positions in investment and commercial banking, asset management, risk management, financial services and consultancy or positions in multinational companies.

For fresh graduates, student career options include opportunities working as a financial analyst or a consultant in multinational corporations, investment houses and brokerage firms and supervisory roles in public utility companies, regulatory agencies and federal government agencies.

With this degree you will deepen your expertise and build a foundation to think beyond your job's functional limits and position yourself to become an important partner in implementing plans that deliver the best results. When you earn a Master's degree from Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, you will join a network of successful business executives who have advanced their careers by developing their leadership and management potential.

# Admission requirements

Admission to our Master's Programmes is selective and competitive and each applicant will be considered on his/her own merit. Our admissions process ensures that every course has an ideal mix of people with talent, impressive interpersonal skills and a positive attitude.

## General Entry requirements:

Candidates must complete an online application and upload the following items:

- A copy of the bachelor degree earned in a discipline appropriate for the programme
- A copy of the high school diploma
- A detailed curriculum vitae\*
- A personal statement (not exceeding one page)
- For non-native English speakers an EMSAT – English - minimum score of 1400 or a TOEFL score of 550, 213 CBT, 79-80 iBT or an IELTS score of 6.0, valid for at least two years
- Official academic transcripts, official test scores

\*The admission committee might grant direct entry into Year 2 of the programme for outstanding applicants with extensive related work experience.

Shortlisted candidates might be asked to attend an interview to assess the candidate's motivations, careers expectations and relevant professional experience in the degree area.

# Why Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

In today's fast-paced and globalised economies, knowledge and languages both serve an important role in creating progressive and vibrant societies. The French education system is known for its high level of rigorous critical thinking and debating skills, which play a significant role in developing future pioneers and leaders.

Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is a globally recognised education institution that serves as a bridge between civilisations by offering a multicultural environment, which promotes and develops a strong culture of tolerance, curiosity, harmony and cultural awareness for today's modern economy. Students have access to internationally acclaimed faculty, world-class facilities and internationally certified degrees, which places them firmly on the right path in preparation for a successful career.

This degree is officially accredited by the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation ([www.caa.ae](http://www.caa.ae)).

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