



SORBONNE  
UNIVERSITY  
ABU DHABI

# *Master in* **BANKING AND FINANCE**

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# overview

The Master's degree in Banking and Finance degree is awarded by Paris Cité University in Paris and delivered by world-class academics in Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. The programme 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 Université Paris Cité 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*

## → Cross discipline programme plus international strategic vision

This programme provides a broad perspective and fundamental managerial competencies vital for career advancement. 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

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi provides the combined experience of Sorbonne University and Université Paris Cité. 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 work.

## Year 1

### COURSES

- Office Software
- Choice between Economic Calculus or Advanced Contract Law
- Financial and Strategic Analysis
- Project Management
- Management and Strategy
- Advanced Internship Support
- Public Policies Assessment
- Communication in banking and finance
- Quantitative methods of management
- Communication in banking and finance
- Financial and Strategic Analysis
- Theory and Modeling in Finance
- Internship
- Account-Financial Tools
- International Financial Management
- Data Analysis Applied to Economics
- Forecasting techniques
- Initiation to Research

## Year 2

### COURSES

- Corporate Finance
- Introduction to Banking (Bank strategy)
- Regional context
- Financial Markets Theory
- Financial Markets Practice
- Financial Markets Regulations
- ADGM Regulations
- Communication in banking and finance
- Moot court arbitration and dispute resolutions
- Thesis methodology
- Banking Risk Management
- Banking Marketing
- Banking Law
- Insurance (UAE and EU regulations)
- Islamic Banking
- Master 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, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi has integrated a mandatory internship in the first year.

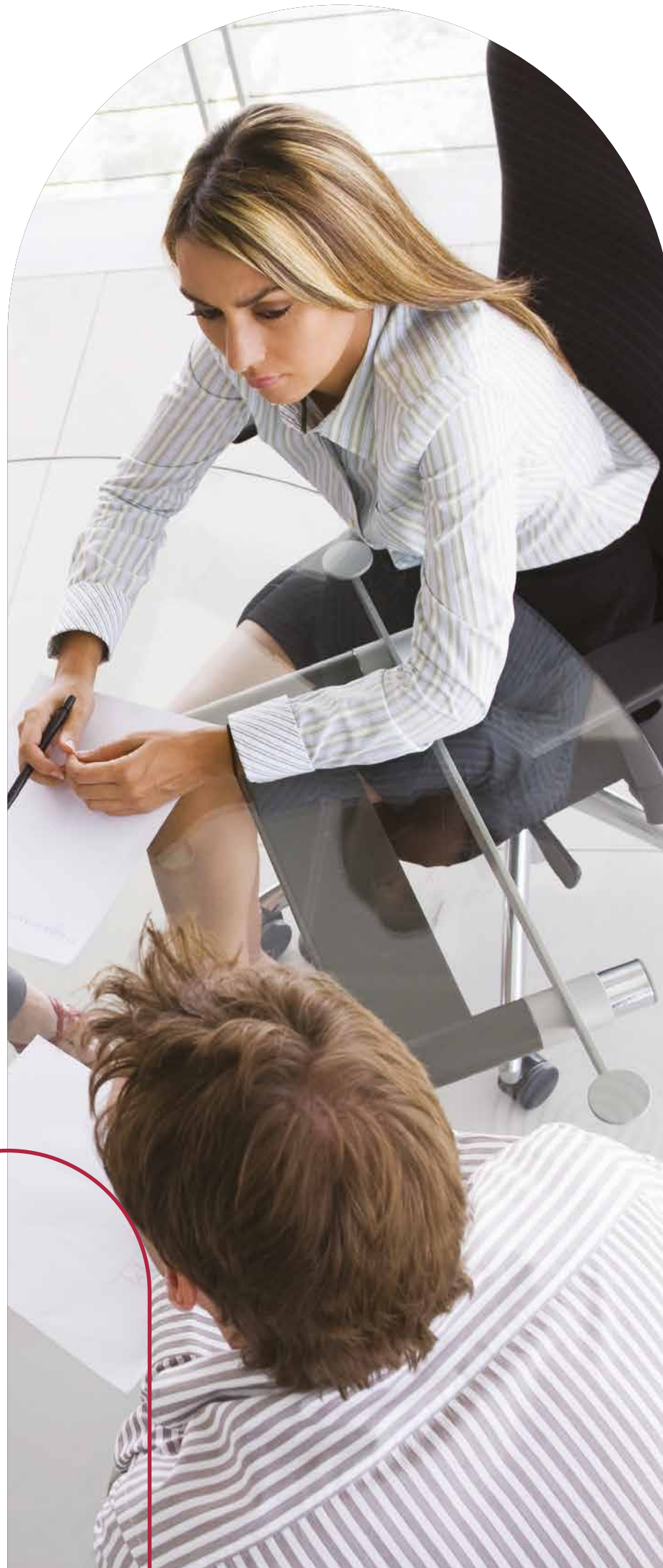
The internship will encourage critical thinking and improve students' reasoning abilities by blending academic theory with real life work experience. Students will benefit from a greater depth of experience working in a professional environment.

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 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 prospects

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

- Bachelor in a relevant field with a CGPA of 3 out of 4 or equivalent. Candidates with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.99 (or equivalent scores as per the equivalency table) may be conditionally admitted under probation during the first semester. The student will be authorised to continue in the programme only if they secure an average of at least 12 out of 20 which is obtained by the end of the first semester. The decision is based on academic performance and will be made official after the completion of the first semester
  - or Bachelor with minimum of 2nd class honours
  - or Bachelor with an average of 12 out of 20
  - Bachelor students with a GPA below 3 may be admitted on the ground of their professional and/or personal experience, in case they are granted a VAPP by SU's or UP's VAPP commission
  - IELTS certificate with minimum overall band of 6.0 with a validity of 2 years or TOEFL certificate with minimum score of 79 (or equivalent) with a validity of 2 years, or Native English speaker who completed 3 full years in an English-medium institution within a maximum period of 3 years or equivalent
- Shortlisted candidates will be asked to attend an interview to assess the candidate's motivation, career expectations and relevant professional experience in the degree area. Applicants who earned their undergraduate degrees from universities outside the UAE must present a Certificate of Equivalency

for their graduation certificates from the UAE Ministry of Education. Applicants, who are holders of undergraduate degrees issued by a licensed higher education institution in the UAE, are required to submit a copy of their degrees attested by the UAE Ministry of Education. For details on requirements, kindly visit the Ministry's website: Ministry of Education.

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is committed to considering applications from all students regardless of their country of origin, income, gender, religion or physical condition. For details on requirements, kindly visit the Ministry's website:

[www.moe.gov.ae](http://www.moe.gov.ae)

## Tuition Fees

**AED 166,400 (approximately US\$ 45,344)**

Scholarships are available for this programme\* :

- 20% alumni discount
- 25% academic excellence scholarship
- 25% discount upon enrolment on a second master's degree
- 5%-15% corporate offer

Visit our website for more information.

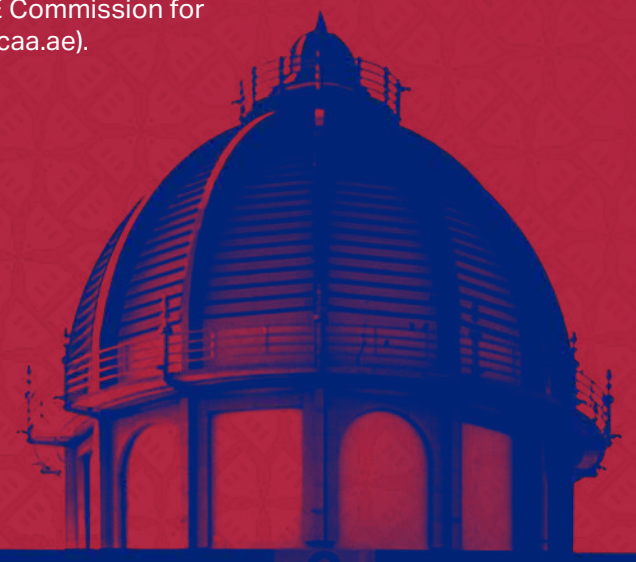
\*Conditions apply

# Why 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.

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 awarded by Université Paris Cité and officially accredited by the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation ([www.caa.ae](http://www.caa.ae)).







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