Stage 1 (Pre-Master’s) - Finance

Duration: 1 semester

Intakes: January and June

The University of Portsmouth’s teaching is informed and guided by our research activity that spans from, for example, innovative empirical and theoretical work in the banking and financial services markets of Europe, through to economic analyses, informed by fieldwork, of poverty alleviation strategies, corruption and wildlife conservation in developing country contexts.

Graduates wishing to enter the financial sector will be eligible for direct entry into associate membership of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment (CISI) on satisfactory completion of the MSc Finance or the MSc Financial Decision Analysis (where finance options have been selected).

The Pre-Master’s has been designed for students who wish to study one of the following University of Portsmouth Master’s degree courses:

* [MSc Accounting](http://www.port.ac.uk/courses/business-and-management/msc-business-and-management/) and Finance

*Based on practical skills and reflection, this course will introduce you to the key principles and practices of accountancy and finance, giving you a foundation of business knowledge and personal transferable skills. It is particularly relevant if you have completed an undergraduate degree course in a business-related discipline.*

* [MSc Economics](http://www.port.ac.uk/courses/business-and-management/msc-human-resource-management/), Finance and Banking

*This course will help you deepen your knowledge of economics and finance, and develop your understanding of the financial services sector.*

* [MSc Finance](http://www.port.ac.uk/courses/business-and-management/msc-international-human-resource-management/)

*This course is aimed at graduates who are looking to pursue careers in investment analysis, stock broking, securities trading, fund management, banking and investment banking in financial institutions. It is also suitable for those who are aiming for careers in corporate financial management in large non-financial companies. The curriculum covers the three key areas of finance: investments, corporate finance, and financial markets and institutions, with a focus on financial investments.*

* [MSc Financial](http://www.port.ac.uk/courses/business-and-management/msc-innovation-management-and-entrepreneurship/) Decision Analysis

*If you are from a non-financial background, this course provides a viable route to financial management roles in a variety of organisations.*

**Course information**

One credit is equivalent to 10 hours of learning. This programme is comprised of 80 credit points, equivalent to 800 notional hours comprised of 216 contact hours and 584 self-directed hours. You will study the following modules over one semester:

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| **Module Name** | **Module Code** | **Core/ Option** | **Credit** | **Assessment Type** | **Weighting (%)** |
| Research Methods for PG Study  **Contact hours per week:** **6h** | PGMB101 | Core | 20 | (A) Protocol for mini-dissertation | 30 |
| (B) Final 2 hour closed book exam | 70 |
| Principles of Finance and Investment  **Contact hours per week:** **6h** | PGMB101 | Core | 20 | (A) Finance report (2000 words) | 40 |
| (B) Final 2 hour closed book exam | 60 |
| Interactive Learning Skills and Communication  **Contact hours per week:** **6h** | ILSCPGB | Core | 20 | (A) Comparison of two opposing theoretical positions | 30 |
| (B) Chairing a meeting to secure productive outcomes | 20 |
| (C) Critique of a published academic paper in the relevant subject domain | 40 |
| (D) 2 hour closed book exam | 10 |
| Mini Dissertation  **Contact hours per week:** **3h** | PGMB103 | Core | 20 | (A) Dissertation | 100 |

You will be required to pass all modules (80 credits) in order to successfully complete Stage 2 (Master’s Degree).