

## Programme Specification

### Award and title:

**BSc (Hons) Economics and Finance**

**BSc (Hons) Economics and Finance (with Placement)**

<i>School:</i>	York Business School
<i>Subject area:</i>	Management, Accounting and Economics
<i>Entry from academic year:</i>	2020/2021
<i>in the month(s) of:</i>	September
<i>Entry from academic year:</i>	2022/2023
<i>in the month(s) of:</i>	September and January (Level 6)
<i>Awarding institution:</i>	York St John University
<i>Teaching institution:</i>	York St John University
<i>Delivery location:</i>	York St John University
<i>Programme/s accredited by:</i>	
<i>Exit awards:</i>	BA (Ord) Economics and Finance BA (Ord) Economics and Finance (with placement) Diploma of Higher Education Economics and Finance Diploma of Higher Education Economics and Finance (with placement) Certificate of Higher Education Economics and Finance
<i>UCAS code / GTTR / other:</i>	L2N4
<i>Joint Honours combinations:</i>	
<i>QAA subject benchmark statement(s):</i>	Economics (2015) Finance (2016)
<i>Mode/s of study:</i>	<a href="#">Undergraduate periods of study</a> <sup>1</sup> for full time
<i>Language of study:</i>	English
<i>Paired with foundation year</i>	Yes
<i>Study abroad opportunities:</i>	Yes
<i>Placement year opportunity:</i>	Yes

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### Introduction and special features

As the global economic and financial environment continues to become increasingly competitive and challenging the need to be able to analyse economic and financial information has never been more important than it is now.

This degree will give you the opportunity to develop those skills and perspectives, focussing on the economic and finance arena. The BSc (Hons) Economics and Finance awards aim to provide you with a critical understanding of the role of economics and finance in contemporary society and the impact on the commercial activities within the economy.

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Studying the BSc (Hons) Economics and Finance award is a great opportunity to gain a degree that is clearly focused on your long-term career prospects in a wide variety of contexts. Whether you are thinking of setting up your own business, working in a large corporation (or small business) or the public sector you will need to possess an understanding of how businesses operate and the economic environment in which they exist.

If you are studying on the BSc (Hons) Economics and Finance with placement variant you will undertake a Year in Industry (also known as a sandwich year or placement year), in between your second and third year.

## Special features

- A focus on the economic and financial environment
- Application of economics and finance to practical real world situations, rather than purely theoretical based situation
- Access to a range of specialist resources including, Financial Information Database (FAME) and Financial Times Interactive to support learning and research.
- Opportunity to study abroad without extending the length of your degree
- A 'Year in Industry' (sandwich year) for those on the 'with placement' variant
- Use of 'real life' (live) projects in assessments giving you practical application of the theory
- Opportunity to compete in business simulation competitions both within the University and on national / international scales
- Opportunity to qualify as a Microsoft Office Specialist
- Systematic development of employability skills through a Continuing Professional Development framework

## Admissions criteria

You must meet the University's general entry criteria for [undergraduate](#) study. In addition, you must have:

- GCSE Mathematics at grade 4 / C or above

If your first language is not English, you need to take an IELTS test or an equivalent qualification accepted by the University (see [English language requirements](#)).

If you do not have traditional qualifications, you may be eligible for entry on the basis of [Recognition of Prior Learning](#). We also consider applications for entry with advanced standing.

## Programme aim(s)

1. Prepare you for a career in a rapidly changing economic and financial environment with the skills needed to adapt and develop as the environment changes;
2. Provide a challenging, integrated programme of study that equips you with a sound general knowledge of organisations and the financial and economic environments in which they operate, within the context of the guiding principles of the Principles of Responsible Management Education (PRME);

## Programme learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of the programme students will be able to:

### Level 4

#### Knowledge and Understanding

- 4.1 Describe and explain a range of relevant concepts, theories and statistical and mathematical techniques to the solution of economic and finance problems.

4.2 Describe and identify the impact of economic and finance theories and their impact on the broader economy.

### **Cognitive and Thinking Skills**

4.3 Demonstrate the ability to apply a range of academic and intellectual skills relevant to Level Four study including, information gathering, analysis and problem identification.

### **Practical/Professional Skills**

4.4 Explain the importance of effective cross-cultural communication within diverse organisations.

4.5 Effectively communicate with a culturally diverse audience in order to find solutions to common problems

4.6 Demonstrate the use of research skills to gather information.

### **Key Transferable Skills**

4.7 Demonstrate own learning with guided support to explore a wide variety of learning sources and opportunities.

## **Level 5**

### **Knowledge and Understanding**

5.1 Compare and Contrast a range of relevant concepts, theories and statistical and mathematical techniques to the solution of economic and finance problems.

5.2 Analyse and discuss the impact of economics and finance theories and their impact on the broader economy.

### **Cognitive and Thinking Skills**

5.3 Demonstrate the ability to apply a range of academic and intellectual skills relevant to Level Five study including, information gathering, problem solving, analysis, and evaluation.

### **Practical/Professional Skills**

5.4 Exhibit the development and achievement of skills in relation to communication, organisation and working with others from organisational and national cultures and backgrounds.

5.5 Demonstrate the use of research and enquiry to further your understanding.

### **Key Transferable Skills**

5.6 Demonstrate independence in learning to explore a wide variety of learning sources and opportunities.

## **Level 6**

### **Knowledge and Understanding**

6.1 Apply a range of relevant concepts, theories and statistical and mathematical techniques to the solution of economic and finance problems.

6.2 Synthesise and evaluate the impact of economics and finance theories and their impact on the broader economy.

6.3 Consider the interaction of economics and business through an extended piece of research.

### **Cognitive and Thinking Skills**

6.4 Apply a range of academic and intellectual skills relevant to level 6 study including, information gathering, problem solving (incorporating creativity and innovation) and the skill to critically analyse,

synthesise, and evaluate information and data to aid business decision making.

### Practical/Professional skills

6.5 Exhibit the development and achievement of skills in relation to communication, organisation and working with others from organisational and national cultures and backgrounds in a professional manner.

6.6 Conduct research and enquiry to further your understanding and to inform financial and economic decision-making.

6.7 Demonstrate the application of economic and financial concepts.

### Key Transferable Skills

6.8 Manage own learning to explore a wide variety of learning sources and opportunities.

### Programme structure

Code	Level	Semester	Title	Credits	Module status	
					compulsory or optional to take <b>C or O</b>	non-compensatable or compensatable <b>NC or X</b>
BMB4001M	4	1	Practicing Responsible Business Behaviours	20	C	X
BMI4001M	4	1	Principles of Applied Economics	20	C	X
BMI4005M	4	1	Perspectives on Economic Growth and Development	20	C	X
BMF4002M	4	2	Developing Analysis Techniques	20	C	X
BMI4003M	4	2	Economic Policy and Practice	20	C	X
BMF4003M	4	2	Bond and Equity Markets	20	C	X
BMF5002M	5	1	Econometrics Modelling	20	C	X
BMF5001M	5	1	International Finance	20	C	X
Choose 1 module from the following 2 for semester 1						
BMI5006M	5	1	Labour Economics	20	O	X
BMI5004M	5	1	Industrial Economics	20	O	X
BMR5003M	5	2	Research Methods	20	C	X
BMF5003M	5	2	Corporate Finance	20	C	X
Choose 1 module from the following 2 for semester 2						
BMW5001M	5	2	Professional Placement	20	O	X
BMW5002M	5	2	Business, Creativity and Opportunism Skills for the Workplace of Today	20	O	X
<b>For students taking the 'with placement' programme</b>						
BMB5009P	5P	Y	Placement Year	0	C	NC

BMR6001M	6	1&2	Research Investigation	40	C <sup>1</sup>	NC
BMF6001M	6	1	Strategic Corporate Finance	20	C	X
BMI6001M	6	1	Contemporary Business Economics	20	C	X
BMF6003M	6	2	Corporate Reporting and Analysis	20	C	X
Choose 1 module from the following 2 for semester 2						
BMI6007M	6	2	Managerial Economics	20	O	X
BMI6003M	6	2	Beyond Economics: Understanding the Changing Global Economy	20	O	X

### Continuing Professional Development

You are strongly encouraged to undertake Continuing Professional Development throughout your studies to prepare you for the world of work. You will be able to develop a range of academic and professional skills through a range of activities, exercises and events under the guise of 'Success Lab' which will help you to progress through the course and into the job market and provide the work-based skills employers require.

### Study Abroad

You have the opportunity (subject to meeting the University Threshold Standards) to undertake a semester or full year abroad<sup>2</sup> as part of your studies during your second year.

### Learning, teaching and assessment

All modules are delivered utilising a range of teaching, learning and assessment strategies including lectures, seminars, live projects, guest speakers, tutorials, practical sessions, workshops and a range of events and learning activities.

You are supported initially in the use of guided learning strategies in Level 4 developing towards autonomous, well-judged use of collaborative and independent learning strategies in Levels 5 and 6.

Throughout the programme you will be introduced to a range of different teaching and learning strategies. For example, in Level 4 you will undertake simulation-based learning (Bond and Equity Markets) in which you will use investment platform to develop your investment portfolio. This will help you in developing your awareness of market forces, investment analysis and the decision-making process you may require in future roles. At Level 5 (for example) you will learn how to analyse different current issues in finance and/or economics by using econometric modelling. This involves practice-based learning (Econometrics Modelling) in which you will be expected to engage in practical-based activities as you develop your skills, while also developing skills in managing projects (Research Methods). Finally, at Level 6 (for example) you will demonstrate your skills through practice and enquiry-based learning giving you the opportunity to develop creative and innovative solutions to problems through Strategic Corporate Finance and Corporate Reporting and Analysis.

You will undertake a variety of assessments which include the use of written assignments (often in the form of reports), individual and group presentations, exams and tests, and practical activities. An essential part of the assessment is to encourage both learning and the development of skills as well as preparing you for the requirements of the workplace.

You will have opportunities for formative assessment and feedback to inform your work prior to submission and you will receive detailed feedback on assessments to help you develop and continuously improve your performance whilst on the programme. Advice will be provided in relation to development, further areas for research and guidance on how to enhance your knowledge of finance and investment.

You will have the opportunity for study support including academic writing, research skills and interview skills to enhance employability and career development in the field of Economics and Finance.

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<sup>2</sup> If you are taking the placement award you are only eligible for one semester abroad.

## **Progression and graduation requirements**

The University's general [regulations](#) for undergraduate awards apply to this programme.

Any modules that must be passed for progression or award are indicated in the Programme Structure section as non-compensatable.

## **Internal and external reference points**

This programme specification was formulated with reference to:

- [University mission and values](#)
- [University 2026 Strategy](#)
- [QAA subject benchmark statements](#)
- [Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications](#)

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