

Changes to previous information

During the global COVID-19 pandemic, we prioritised the health, wellbeing and safety of our students and staff.

As we start the new academic year, your health, wellbeing and safety remains our top priority. This means when we return to our campuses and buildings in September 2020 social distancing and other health and safety measures will be in place. This is to help keep you, and others around you, safe. We will respond to the requirements of vulnerable students regarding their personal safety on an individual basis.

We remain committed to delivering an outstanding education and student experience both on campus and online. Like most universities, we'll be providing a mix of on-site face-to-face and digital learning and teaching. The exact mix will vary between courses and course modules taking into account teaching requirements and other considerations such as meeting the safety of vulnerable staff.

It is important to emphasise that a face-to-face, on-site experience will be delivered within the Government and Public Health England guidance and providing there are no serious unforeseeable public health issues that result in the Government introducing further lockdown measures.

Our response to the pandemic means we may have made changes to your course. This is to take account of these important health and safety measures.

We ask you to read the information provided about course changes carefully. We detail what we include in our online prospectus and explain what has changed.

You should read our statement of changes alongside any information provided in videos, at open days or in other promotional materials. This is because the information may also have been affected by the changes we had to make. We are providing this information so you can make an informed choice about whether the course remains suitable for you.

When you register for your course, you will be asked to confirm you have read about our changes and you agree to them. It means that by choosing to continue with your application, and register with us, you accept these changes and are happy to study your course with us.

We really look forward to seeing you in the next academic year. In the meantime, if you want to find out more about University life from this September, and being part of our supportive and welcoming community, please visit our [September 2020 web pages](#).

Current published course related information		
Course title	Finance	No change
Award level	BSc - Single/combined honours	No change
How do you want to study?		
Start Date	Sept 2020	No change
Modes of study	Full-time Full-time with professional placement	No change
Duration	-- 4 years with professional placement	3 years – full-time 4 years – full-time with professional placement 6 years – part-time
UCAS code	N300 N301 – with professional placement	No change
Location	Canterbury	No change
Partner institution	N/A	No change
Available with a Foundation Year	Yes	No change
Overview		
	<p>Build your knowledge ready for a career in financial services, banking and accounting or in wider business.</p> <p>With financial issues regularly making headline news, there is no better time to study finance. On our Finance course you'll analyse and explore contemporary developments and innovation in corporate finance, econometrics, financial decision making, financial analysis and financial markets.</p>	No change
Why study Finance?		
	<p>Our experienced team has created an engaging course which captures the diversity of finance, so you can develop an understanding of the national and global dimensions of this discipline.</p> <p>Through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops and assessments, you'll be able to expand your knowledge and build your confidence in critical thinking</p>	No change

	<p>and communicating to help set you apart from other graduates.</p> <p>You'll have the opportunity to learn the language of finance, discover the inner workings of the markets, and stand out to recruiters with "Bloomberg Certification" Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC) on your CV. This is free for our students and you can take this during your studies.</p> <p>During the course, you'll be able to choose from a range of business-related optional modules to give you the flexibility to pursue a range of roles requiring an understanding of finance.</p> <p>You'll learn from and meet with industry experts during our guest talks and employability events, and will have opportunities to undertake work experience through our industry networks.</p>	
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Entry requirements	A typical offer would be 88-112 UCAS Tariff points. GCSE mathematics at grade C, or above (or equivalent) is required for single honours entry.	No change
About the course		
	<p>Year 1 provides a broad introduction to specialisms in finance. Year 2 builds on the concepts and practices learned in Year 1, exploring a variety of subjects that include econometrics, foundations of finance and financial accounting. Year 3 focuses on strategic issues and introduces the global dimension.</p> <p>You'll explore areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • business information and analysis • financial accounting • economics. <p>You'll have the opportunity to spend a year on professional work placement, which is supported by a dedicated placement officer within the Business School. You can also take the Employability Skills module in Year 2 to help develop your skills in seeking and obtaining a work placement or internship.</p>	No change
Module information Please note that the list of optional modules and their availability may be subject to change. We continually review and where appropriate, revise the range of modules on offer to reflect changes in the subject and ensure the best student experience. Modules will vary when studied in combination with another subject.		
Core year 1		
	<p>Academic and Professional Skills for the Business Context Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module provides you with an introduction to business concepts and models, and the information sources needed to research, analyse and apply these concepts to the practice of business. It includes an overview of contemporary and emerging business themes including the changing macro-environment, emergence of new economies and inter-relatedness of the global trade, the structure and organisation of different industry sectors e.g. services, SMEs. You'll learn about sustainability, enterprise, innovation, corporate social responsibility and the impacts of globalisation on</p>	No change

	different business sectors.	
	<p>Introduction to Financial Accounting Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module provides you with an understanding of accounting with a focus on limited liability companies. You'll be introduced to key accounting topics including double entry and you'll learn how to prepare financial statements for private limited companies.</p>	No change
	<p>Business and Information Analysis Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module is designed to help you develop a range of statistical and computing skills.</p>	No change
	<p>Economics Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll explore the fundamental economic issues stemming from the scarcity of resources. The relationship between business and the economic problem is analysed by means of micro and macroeconomic models to equip you with an understanding of decision-making at the levels of the market, the firm and the nation.</p>	No change
	<p>Introduction to Management Accounting Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to develop an understanding of the sources and uses of accounting information within organisations. You'll develop a sound understanding of the cost accounting and decision-making techniques of management accounting and the role of accounting control systems in organisations.</p>	No change
	<p>Managing People in Organisations Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module focuses on the behavioural aspects of people management in organisations. By the end of the module, you'll be able to evaluate objectively and understand organisational behavioural situations and determine the best course of action from a range of perspectives.</p>	No change

Optional year 1		
	N/A	No change
Core year 2		
	<p>Foundations of Finance Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll examine how practical techniques and tools are used within a corporate setting. This will involve exploring the principles of financial management in maximising shareholder wealth. You'll focus on the sources of finance and appraisal techniques of investment projects. You'll also learn how decisions on capital structure and management, along with dividend policy, impact on company valuation.</p>	No change
	<p>Excel in Finance Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of this module is to bridge the gap between theory and practice in finance-related topics. You'll study the theory of a set of specific financial topics, and the quantitative implementation of these topics using Microsoft Excel. Topics covered may relate to domains of statistics, time series analysis, portfolio management, capital budgeting and financial statement analysis.</p>	No change
	<p>International Financial Reporting Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll study advanced topics in financial accounting and will develop knowledge and skills in understanding and applying accounting standards, particularly in the preparation of financial statements of entities, including groups.</p>	No change
	<p>Employability Skills Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module develops your skills in seeking and obtaining a work placement or internship of a minimum of three weeks' duration. The overall aim is for you to develop skills to help you succeed in a graduate role.</p>	<p>Employability Skills Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module develops your skills in seeking and obtaining a placement or graduate job in a range of organisations and sectors. It looks at what employers are expecting and requiring for different job roles and how you can demonstrate this across a range of media platforms.</p>

Optional year 2		
	<p>Human Resources Management Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module aims to equip you with the ability to understand and analyse core human resource management concepts, operational human resource activities and responsibilities, and relate these to a range of organisational contexts.</p>	No change
	<p>Digital Business Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll explore the impact of emerging information and communication technologies on business activities. You'll study how technologies, and in particular data, can be deployed to enhance business activities.</p>	No change
	<p>Project Management Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll critically examine the role of project management within a contemporary business context. You'll learn how specific project management applications play an important role in producing successful business outcomes, and you'll study the philosophies, principles, structures and methodologies of project management.</p>	No change
	<p>Operations Management Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll critically evaluate the role of operations management within business and other organisations such as not-for-profit and public bodies. You'll learn about the role and function of operations management in contributing to an organisation's competitiveness. This will include analysing the design and delivery of products and services, the management of quality and the management, control and improvement of the operation.</p>	No change
	<p>Business and Sustainability Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll explore the relationship between business and global sustainability challenges.</p>	No change
	<p>Managing not for Profit Organisations and</p>	No change

	<p>Social Enterprises Optional module - (20 Credits) You'll explore the diverse organisational forms not-for-profit and social enterprises have taken. The focus will be on understanding not-for-profit and social enterprises as standalone organisational and business models. You'll also undertake an experiential learning activity on how to start up a social enterprise, exploring relevant internal organisational processes (e.g. teamwork, organisational culture, decision making processes, information system and management) and their various dimensions.</p>	
	<p>Research Methods Optional module - (20 Credits) This module is designed to enable you to develop skills and expertise in quantitative and qualitative data analysis, and to independently design and conduct an effective piece of research.</p>	No change
	<p>Management Accounting Optional module - (20 Credits) You'll study the fundamental concepts and techniques of management accounting and how to apply these techniques in an appropriate way. You'll also learn how to critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of these techniques. You'll explore how management accounting information may be used for the purposes of planning, decision making, performance measurement and control within organisations, to further the organisation's strategic objectives.</p>	No change
	<p>Corporate and Business Law Optional module - (20 Credits) You'll learn about the general legal framework, and specific legal areas relating to business, so you're able to recognise when it is necessary seek further specialist legal advice. You'll also explore compliance with the codes of ethics for professional accountants.</p>	No change
	<p>Innovation and Enterprise Management Optional module - (20 Credits)</p>	No change

	<p>The aim of the module is to provide you with an understanding of creativity, innovation and problem-solving processes in organisations, and how these contribute to business sustainability and competitiveness. You'll develop an awareness of how entrepreneurial skills and capabilities impact on and relate to business start-up, development and management.</p>	
	<p>Management and Leadership Optional module - (20 Credits) You'll explore: the context within which management and leadership takes place; the historical context within which the fundamental principles of management arise; the context of the external environment which impacts on organisational strategy and may cause ambiguity in relation to organisational objectives, policies, working practices, ethical considerations and management approaches. You'll also explore a range of different perspectives on management and leadership with focus on particular managerial/leadership issues that lead to ambiguities and problems.</p>	No change
Core year 3		
	<p>Financial Markets and Risk Management Core module - (20 Credits) This module aims to develop your understanding of the role of securities in the financial markets and how the economic environment impacts the value of financial securities. It introduces you to the special regulatory requirements and the accounting implications into being an investor in those securities. You'll be exposed to the importance of identifying the greatest source of risk and how this risk can be managed using derivative instruments and how different investment products are tailored to the needs of different clients.</p>	No change
	<p>Portfolio Management Core module - (20 Credits) You'll critically evaluate the principles of modern portfolio theory and the key</p>	No change

	<p>components in constructing a portfolio. You'll begin with studying the application of theory to the development of equity-based portfolios. This will then be extended by further diversification of portfolios to include other asset classes such as currency and bonds. You'll examine the role of derivatives in portfolio management and will analyse different methods of active portfolio management. You'll then undertake an analysis of portfolio performance using various industry recognised performance attribution measures.</p>	
	<p>International and Multinational Finance Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to address the theory and application of international and multinational finance. It introduces you to the international financial markets activities and the fundamental frameworks based on which they operate. Within this context, you'll explore the issue of international financial markets, the theories of interest rate and foreign exchange rate markets, models of exchange rate determination. You'll also explore the risks of interest rate and exchange rate faced by multinational corporations. You'll learn about the financial markets and financial products that a multinational company could use to manage interest rate and exchange rate risks. You'll also examine some of the consequences and applications of these findings to international financial management through the use of case studies and recent events during the financial crisis.</p>	No change
Optional year 3		
	<p>Audit and Assurance Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module introduces you to key auditing techniques. You'll explore the importance of the audit function and the independent examination of financial information of any entity, whether profit oriented or not, and irrespective of its size or legal form.</p>	No change
	Contemporary Accounting Issues	No change

	<p>Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll study developments in company accounting and disclosure from a critical perspective, and will explore the evolution of international accounting standards and their implications for users. You'll review controversial issues in the treatment of accounting transactions and will develop the skills required for the interpretation of accounting and other relevant information.</p>	
	<p>Strategic Management</p> <p>Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to provide you with an understanding of the impact of the business environment and the resources of the organisation, both human and material, on strategic planning and choice. This will enable you to consider strategic alternatives, evaluate their suitability and become aware of the complex issues involved in implementing strategy and managing strategic change.</p>	No change
	<p>Business Ethics</p> <p>Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll study the nature of ethics, exploring traditional and postmodern ethical theories, and how they are applied in modern business processes. You'll study topics such as corporate social responsibility, sustainability and the environment, professionalism and integrity, ethics and technology, financial scandals, whistle blowing and other emerging issues, by reference to case studies.</p>	No change
	<p>Individual Study</p> <p>Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to provide you with the opportunity to undertake an in-depth study in an area of your choice related to a business.</p>	No change
	<p>Financial Management for Accountants</p> <p>Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of this module is to build up an understanding of the treasury function and corporate financial strategy, and to develop the practical skills for dealing with the corporate financial issues. The module</p>	No change

	covers corporate financial issues related to: financial management function; financial management environment; investment appraisal; business finance; business valuation; working capital management and risk management.	
	<p>Taxation Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>Taxation plays an important role in society. This module provides an introduction to the most common taxes in the UK: income tax, corporation tax, VAT and capital gains tax. You'll study the basic rules of taxation and you'll explore taxation in government policy.</p>	No change
	<p>International Business Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The fast-changing domestic and global environments put constant pressure on organisations and their managers to find new and improved ways to maintain and increase performance. This module is designed to provide you with a critical understanding of the strategic issues in a global business environment. It offers a global perspective with a focus on understanding the global economy, the globalisation process, and its impact on international organisations. It will enable you to evaluate and contrast the opportunities and constraints facing businesses in different areas of the world. The module also aims to develop a deeper understanding of the issues faced by businesses in emerging and developing markets.</p>	No change
	<p>Service Management Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll learn about the complex demands made on service management organisations and the challenges that staff within them face. You'll develop an understanding of the environments in which they operate and the different constraints placed on them. You'll also study the process of servitisation, managing the service encounter, service quality, service level, customer</p>	No change

	<p>management and capacity management. Knowledge Management Optional module - (20 Credits) This module aims to provide you with an understanding of the main concepts and theories of business and organisational knowledge. You'll develop a practical perspective on knowledge management in the private and public sectors.</p>	
	<p>New Venture Creation Optional module - (20 Credits) You'll gain a practical perspective on the development and planning processes involved in the creation of a new venture, either as a new business start-up or as a new product or service development within a public or private organisation setting. You'll develop an understanding and awareness of business models underlying successful new business ventures, and the potential of business model innovation.</p>	No change
	<p>Public Relations Optional module - (20 Credits) You'll develop a theoretical and practical understanding of the role of PR in building relationships with stakeholders and you'll gain an appreciation of the strategic and specialist roles of PR.</p>	No change
	<p>Dissertation Optional module - (40 Credits) The aim of the module is to provide you with the opportunity for the practical application of theory to a business-oriented problem and to develop your research skills.</p>	No change

How you'll learn

Teaching

Our teaching team will share with you their expert knowledge, experience and research insights during stimulating lectures, seminars and practical workshops. You'll typically have around 12 contact hours per week, depending on your module choices, in addition to independent learning.

Seminars in smaller groups will enable you to discuss and develop your understanding of topics covered in lectures and you'll also be supported by your academic personal tutor.

In Year 2, you'll undertake a minimum of 4 weeks or 120 hours placement with an external organisation as part of the compulsory Work-based Learning module. Your final year project will be based on a live brief from a relevant industry. All courses are informed by the University's [Learning and Teaching Strategy 2015-2022](#).

Our teaching team will share with you their expert knowledge, experience and research insights during stimulating lectures, seminars and practical workshops. You'll be taught over two semesters each year, taking three modules per semester. Typically, you'll have around 12 contact hours per week, depending on your module choices, in addition to independent learning. The Business School will be delivering your course using a 'blended' approach using range of teaching methods. This potentially offers the best of both worlds: great face-to-face teaching in small groups, including seminars, workshops and tutorials, support by a mix of online interactions to help you understand and explore your subjects. We will be using Collaborate (accessed through our virtual learning environment - Blackboard) and exploring the use of Microsoft teams as well. This blended approach will be flexible so we can meet your individual needs and adapt as the world around us changes. We will still be covering the same content as we would have done under normal circumstances and will be assessing you against the same learning outcomes. Seminars in smaller groups will enable you to discuss and develop your understanding of topics covered in lectures and you'll also be supported by your academic personal tutor.

Contact hours are defined as hours in which a student interacts through thoughtfully structured activity to include:

- On-site face-to-face teaching
- Synchronous live digital teaching
- Asynchronous digital activities as part of structured learning (for example, running a discussion activity regarding an aspect of the current topic through

		<p>Blackboard Collaborate, Padlet or Blackboard Discussion Boards). A pre-recorded lecture presentation provided via ReCap can also be included in this definition provided it is part of a broader structured activity.</p> <p>Between Years 2 and 3 you'll have the opportunity to gain work experience on a year-long placement with an external organisation, although because of Covid-19 such experience may be restricted and entail working from home, depending upon the external organisation's policies at the time. All courses are informed by the University's Learning and Teaching Strategy 2015-2022.</p>
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<p>Independent study</p>	<p>When not attending lectures, seminars, workshops or other timetabled sessions you'll continue learning through self-study. Typically, this involves reading journal articles and books, undertaking research in the library, working on projects, and preparing for coursework assignments/examinations, workshops and seminars. Your module tutor will direct you towards specific readings and/or activities to complete before class. You'll also undertake independent research during Year 2 for an Extended Essay and in Year 3 for your Dissertation. You'll work under the supervision of a member of the course team, who you'll meet with regularly.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>How you'll be assessed</p>		
	<p>The course provides you with opportunities to test your understanding of the subject informally before you complete the formal assessments that count towards your final mark. Each module normally contains at least one piece of practice or 'formative' assessment for which you receive feedback from your tutor. Practice assessments are developmental and any grades you receive for them do not count towards your module mark.</p> <p>There is a formal or 'summative' assessment at the end of each module. Assessment methods include written examinations and a range of coursework assessments such as essays, reports, portfolios, performance, presentations and your final year major project. The grades from formal assessments count towards your module mark.</p> <p>The balance of assessment by examination and assessment by coursework depends on the optional modules you choose. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework is as follows:</p>	<p>The course provides you with opportunities to test your understanding of the subject informally before you complete the formal assessments that count towards your final mark. Each module normally contains at least one piece of practice or 'formative' assessment for which you receive feedback from your tutor. Practice assessments are developmental and any grades you receive for them do not count towards your module mark.</p> <p>There is a formal or 'summative' assessment at the end of each module. Assessment methods include written examinations (these may be delivered as Take-Home exams) and a range of coursework assessments such as essays, reports, portfolios, performance, presentations and your final year major project. The grades from formal assessments count towards your module mark.</p> <p>The balance of assessment by examination and assessment by coursework depends on the optional modules you choose. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by</p>

		coursework is as follows:
Year 1	Coursework 40% Written exams 45% Practical exams 5% Presentation 10%	No change
Year 2	Coursework 40% Written exams 50% Presentation 10%	No change
Year 3	Coursework 40% Written exams 40% Presentation 20%	No change
Fees		
UK/EU	Full-time – Foundation Year 0 £7,050 Full-time – years 1-3 * £9,250 Full-time – placement year * £1,850	No change
	Part-time – years 1-3*£4,625	No change
Overseas	Full-time – Foundation Year 0 £9,910 Full-time – years 1-3 *£13,000 Full-time – placement year * N/A	No change
	Part-time - years 1-3 * N/A	No change
	Tuition fees for all courses are payable on an annual basis, except where stated. * The tuition fees of £9,250 / £13,000 / £4,625 / £1,850 relate to 2020/21 only.	No change
Course specific costs		
Professional Body Registration	Professional Body qualification is optional and fees range between approximately £100 and £200 depending on the Professional body, the subject and the level of the award.	No change
Other important information		
	Your future career Finance is the gateway to careers and further study at professional or Master's level in a range of areas such as banking, financial services, and accounting. You'll develop a range of transferable business skills including communication, IT, research and team working, which are essential for any career in any organisation. With a focus on employability, the Business School has established links with professional and industrial specialists to enrich the course and provide essential support and advice to our students. Excellent mentoring by our experienced	No change

	<p>team will guide and prepare you for the challenges and demands of working in the financial services.</p>	
	<p>Professional accreditation Finance students at Christ Church can gain Affiliate membership of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI) following successful completion of the Introduction to Securities and Investment exam by the CISI. Christ Church is one of the accredited test centres and our Finance students have the option to take this exam after taking the Financial Markets and Risk Management module in their final year. We also hold all available exemptions from Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), CPA Australia and the majority of exemptions from Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) and Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). If you plan to pursue a professional accounting qualification post-graduation, the exemptions expedite your chosen professional qualification and appeal to prospective employers. We also offer modules accredited by the Association of Project Management (APM). Our Project Management module was the first from a university to gain accreditation and exemption for its teaching and assessment. The Business School has accreditation with the Chartered Management Institute (CMI). The year two modules of Project Management and Human Resource Management are accredited by the CMI and on successful completion, you will be eligible for CMI Level 5 qualifications in Leadership and Management.</p>	<p>Professional accreditation Finance students at Christ Church can gain Affiliate membership of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI) following successful completion of the Introduction to Securities and Investment exam by the CISI. Christ Church is one of the accredited test centres and our Finance students have the option to take this exam after taking the Financial Markets and Risk Management module in their final year. Our finance course also holds some exemptions through accredited modules from the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), CPA Australia and Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). If you plan to pursue a professional accounting qualification post-graduation, the exemptions expedite your chosen professional qualification and appeal to prospective employers.</p>
	<p>Industry links We work with industry stakeholders who support the continued development of our teaching, research and knowledge exchange. Some of these stakeholders come in as guest lecturers and we also have masterclasses delivered by visiting professors who are chosen for their</p>	<p>No change</p>

	<p>continuing expertise in business and management. These established links have helped some of our students to secure placements. A Business School Advisory Board has been established which includes representatives from across the private and public sector. This encourages employer engagement as The Board engages in discussion about technical content of the curriculum and the development of wider employability skills, the provision of work placement opportunities, guest speakers, live case studies, and workplace visits.</p>	
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