



SOFIA UNIVERSITY "ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI"

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration

CURRICULUM

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Professional Field: 3.8 Economics

Educational and Qualification Degree: Master

Major: Economics and Finance

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Master's Programme: International Financial Management in English

Mode of study: Full-time

Duration (number of semesters): 3 (three)

Professional Qualification: Master In International Financial Management

Qualification Description

Major: Economics and Finance

Master Programme: International Financial Management in English

Terms of acceptance

Economists: Students holding a bachelor's or a master's degree in professional field 3.8 Economics, or 3.7 Management and business administration could apply for the Master's in International Financial Management programme. The admission follows a three stages process including:

- Acceptance of the application documents consisting of; a motivation letter, a copy of the transcripts of the academic records and the copy of the diploma, if available. Upon reception of the documents and If accepted, the applicant is invited for an interview;
- A joint-admission committee of University of Bordeaux and Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" conducts the interview. The main purpose of the interview is to appreciate the motivation of the student of joining the programme and their capabilities of continuing a career in the field of applied finance.
- Classification of the applicants is based on the general average grade formed by the average grade from the previous degree (bachelor's or master's), the grade from the bachelor's or master's thesis defense, if any, and the grade from the interview.

Admission is executed in winter semester.

Non-economists: Students holding a bachelor's or a master's degree in professional field different than 3.8 Economics, or 3.7 Management and business administration could apply for the Master's in International Financial Management programme. The admission follows a three stages process including:

- Acceptance of the application documents consisting of; a motivation letter, a copy of the transcripts of the academic records and the copy of the diploma, if available. Upon reception of the documents and If accepted, the applicant is invited for an interview;
- A joint-admission committee of University of Bordeaux and Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" conducts the interview. The main purpose of the interview is to appreciate the motivation of the student of joining the programme and capabilities of continuing a career in the field of applied finance.
- Classification of the applicants is based on the general average grade formed by the average grade from the previous degree (bachelor's or master's), the grade from the bachelor's or master's thesis defense, if any, and the grade from the interview.

Admission is executed in winter semester.

Accepted students are enrolled simultaneously in the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria and at the University of Bordeaux, France.

1. Educational objectives:

The main goal of the Double Degree Master of International Finance Programme is to give students in-depth knowledge and prepare to develop skills covering different aspects of company financial activities such as; investing, financing, accounting, manager-owner-lender relationship, risk management, business restructuring, strategic policies, globalizing economies, challenges in managing international capital and money flows, behavioural aspects of financial decisions, etc.

The duration of studies is 3 (three) years and covers:

- The core training in compulsory courses, which build the professional specialization in financial analysis, Advanced Management Accounting, International Portfolio Management and Investments Analysis, International Marketing and Behavioral Finance, Decision Making and Corporate Finance, an in-depth analysis of the financial position of the enterprise and the organization, Supply Chain and Project Management, and others
- Proficiency training with elective courses in Fintech and Digital Banking, Electronic Payments, Business Law, Practical Cases in Sustainable Finance and Investments, contemporary approaches in international financial management, etc.
- Optional training based on the background and the desire of the student in Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Business Information Systems Foundation, Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Innovation Management in the Organization, etc...
- Practical training in the form of internship in a company, a financial institution, or any organization.
- The master programme ends with the defense of a master thesis in April or November.
- The education in the master is entirely paid programme. The fees are announced each year by both universities

2. Description

The Master of International Financial Management is double Degree programme prepared jointly with Bordeaux University School of Management of the University of Bordeaux, France. It covers both theoretical and practical of various aspects of financial management.

The lectures and seminars are provided by professors from University of Bordeaux, Sofia University and other professionals holding high level financial positions in multinational companies.

As part of the classes are provided at University of Bordeaux, students will have the opportunity to spend an academic month in Bordeaux during the second semester.

Successful students receive two (2) diplomas: one from Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" and one from the University of Bordeaux

3. Professional Qualifications

In the theoretical-applied aspects

Although, the main method of teaching is based on real case studies, students are given a strong background in all aspects of the modern financial theories. The programme's primary goal is to provide students with a qualitative high-level education in the field of financial analysis and thus enhance their international competitiveness in the highly competitive market of financial professionals. Upon graduation, students should be able to:

- Know the use of the financial statement analysis and financial accounting
- Understand the specifics of the financial risk management, fintech and the digitalization of financial processes
- Develop skills in the use of the European economic policy
- Know the nature of financial markets, portfolio management and international investments
- Understand the specifics of organizational management, international marketing, supply chain management

- Understand the actual behaviour of investors on financial markets, and international financial transactions.

In a practical-applied aspect

The Master of International Financial Management is after all a practice orientated master programme. It combines the best aspects of the theories and their applications in the real life. Therefore, upon completion, the graduates are well demanded in the job market. Practically, after graduation students should be able to:

- Apply financial and organizational theories in practical cases
- Analyze financial and accounting cases
- Investigate economic issues and apply them to portfolio construction
- Independently work with objective financial information for the purpose of the company management
- Develop skills in international financial decision-making.

4. Professional Realization

The career paths of most of the graduates are primary related to different departments of the administrative and financial management of industrial, commercial enterprises, and financial analysis in financial institutions. Successful graduates can be employed as financial experts in state, regional and international organizations. Most of the graduates of the Master Programme are at managerial positions in many multinational companies in many European and non-European countries.

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major code

Economics and Finance Major/Master's Programme International Financial management in English

academic year beginning from 2022/2023

№	course code	Course Title	Type - R, E, O	Term	ECTS credits	Number of Classes - total				Weekly load	Type of Grading* - e, ca, m, a
						Total	Lectures	Seminars	Practical classes / practice		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Compulsory courses											
1	R 9 2 7	Financial Accounting and Analysis	R	1	5	150 (45/105)	45	0	0	3+0	E
2	R 9 1 8	Corporate Finance and Decision-Making	R	1	6	180 (45/135)	45	0	0	3+0	M
3	R 9 2 2	International Financial Markets	R	1	3	90 (30/60)	30	0	0	2+0	E
4	R 9 2 3	Applied Organisational Behaviour	R	1	3	90 (30/60)	30	0	0	2+0	E
5	R 9 1 5	Financial Statement Analysis	R	1	5	150 (45/105)	45	0	0	3+0	E
6	R 9 1 9	European Economic Environment	R	1	3	90 (30/60)	30	0	0	2+0	E
7	R 9 2 6	Finance and Risk Management	R	2	4	120 (30/90)	30	0	0	2+0	E
8	R 9 1 7	Business and Strategic Policy	R	2	3	90 (30/60)	30	0	0	2+0	E
9	R 9 2 8	Supply Chain Management	R	2	5	150 (60/90)	30	30	0	2+2	M
10	R 9 2 4	International Investment and Portfolio Management	R	2	5	150 (45/105)	45	0	0	3+0	E

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11	R	8	2	5	Project Management	R	2	5	150 (45/105)	45	0	0	2+0	M
12	R	9	1	6	Business Game	R	2	2	60 (15/45)	15	0	0	1+0	CA
13	R	9	2	0	International Marketing	R	2	3	90 (30/60)	30	0	0	2+0	E
14	R	9	2	5	Advanced Managerial Accounting	R	3	6	180 (45/135)	45	0	0	3+0	M
15	R	9	2	1	International Behavioural Finance	R	3	4	120 (30/90)	30	0	0	2+0	M

Elective courses – a minimum of 8 ECTS credits for the entire period of study

1	R	7	3	4	Fintech and e-Banking	E	1	5	150 (45/105)	45	0	0	3+0	M
2	R	8	0	4	Electronic Payments	E	1	5	150 (45/105)	45	0	0	3+0	M
3	E	9	6	6	Environmental Reporting and Analysis	E	1	3	90 (30/60)	30	0	0	2+0	CA
4	E	9	6	7	Business Law	E	2	3	90 (30/60)	30	0	0	2+0	CA
5	E	7	6	0	Contemporary Methods in International Financial Management	E	2	3	90 (30/60)	30	0	0	2+0	CA
6	E	7	1	7	Digital Business Models and Processes	E	2	3	90 (30/60)	30	0	0	2+0	E
7	E	9	6	8	Practical Cases in Sustainable Finance and Investments	E	3	2	60 (15/45)	0	15	0	0+1	E

Elective courses, compulsory for students whose prior background is not in economics or business administration

1	R	8	0	9	Microeconomics	E	1	4	120 (45/75)	30	15	0	2+1	CA
2	R	8	0	6	Macroeconomics	E	1	4	120 (45/75)	30	15	0	2+1	CA
3	R	8	2	8	Finance	E	2	3	90 (45/45)	45	0	0	3+0	CA
4	R	8	2	0	Accounting	E	2	5	150 (45/105)	30	30	0	2+2	CA

Optional (Facultative) Courses

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The credits of the optional courses are not taken into account for the implementation of the curriculum.

1	R	8	0	3	Business Information System Foundation	F	1	5	150 (45/105)	45	0	0	3+0	M
2	E	8	2	4	Innovation Management in the Organisation	F	2	5	150 (60/90)	30	30	0	2+2	M
3	E	8	1	6	Entrepreneurship	F	3	5	150 (45/105)	30	15	0	2+1	M

Study practice and course work

№	code	Title	Type - C, E, O	Semester	ECTS - credits	Weeks	Number classes	Type of course completion - e, ca, m
	P 9 0 1	Practise in Business, Financial and any other Organisation	C	3	5		150	CA

Students must prepare a course project in the following disciplines: Corporate Finance and Decision-Making, Supply Chain Management, Project Management, Advanced Managerial Accounting, International Behavioural Finance, Fintech and e-Banking, Electronic Payments, Business Information System Foundation, Innovation Management in the Organisation, and Entrepreneurship

Graduation

Mode of graduation	ECTS credits	First exam session	Second exam session
Master's Thesis Defence	15	April	November

The curriculum was adopted at a Faculty council meeting with protocol №11/07.06.2022

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Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"																
Curriculum Reference Statement																
Economics and Finance Major / Master's Programme "International Financial management" in English																
Mode of study: full-time; Length of study: 3 (three) semesters																
ECTS: 90																
Load, ECTS credits and grades by semester																
Type of activity	Semester I			Semester II			Semester III						Total			
	Load (h.)	ECTS credits	number of grades	Load (h.)	ECTS credits	number of grades	Load (h.)	ECTS credits	number of grades				Load (h.)	ECTS credits	number of grades	
Compulsory courses	750	25	6	810	27	7	300	10	2				1860	37	9	
Min. elective courses	150	5	1	90	3	1	0	0	0				240	3	1	
Study practice	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	5	1				150	5	1	
Master's Thesis defence	0	0	0	0	0	0	450	15	1				450	15	1	
Total	900	30	7	900	30	8	900	30	4				2700	90	19	
of which auditorium	270			285			75						630			
Mode of graduation						ECTS credits		Number of hours for preparation			First exam session			Second exam session		
Master's Thesis Defence						15		450			April			November		

Professional qualification acquired:
Master In International Financial Management

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