

Finance and Management Studies

Our degree programmes provide theoretical understanding of finance and management that extends beyond conventional analysis of the US and Europe to include specialist knowledge of economies, organisations and businesses in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. This makes for a truly international experience and gives a deeper understanding of global issues in finance and management, which is one of the reasons why our graduates go on to make a real difference in the world.

Programmes are delivered by a multicultural and international teaching body, who regularly publish in top international journals and use research to inform their teaching. Studying management and finance at SOAS will allow you to develop a truly international perspective and an unrivalled understanding of key issues shaping international business strategy, the performance of companies and the growth of economies in today's interconnected global economy.

Structure and assessment

Students take taught modules to the value of 120 credits per year – unless stated otherwise

Minimum entry requirements

A-Levels: AAB-ABB (from three A-levels excluding General Studies)

IB: 35 points with 6/6/5 at Higher level

Plus a minimum of Grade 6 (B) at GCSE Mathematics for those without A-Level Mathematics

See p160 for more on entry requirements, application assessment, Widening Participation and joint degrees.

English language requirement

Overall IELTS grade of 6.5 with 6.5 in writing and speaking and 6.0 in reading and listening. Visit www.soas.ac.uk/english-requirements for alternative acceptable qualifications

Duration

Three years, or four years when combined with a year abroad

Skills gained

A degree in Financial and Management Studies prepares you to work in the private and public sectors in professional and managerial careers. Graduates have entered a range of careers from accountancy and marketing through to event management and merchandising. A number of graduates have also established their own businesses.

The international focus at SOAS provides an insight into the economics, organisations and businesses in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. In addition, students acquire a broad portfolio of skills which can be applied to a future career, including:

- Researching, interpreting and utilising financial and business data
- Commercial awareness and an understanding of organisational behaviours
- Communicating complex information effectively both in writing and orally
- Critical thinking and analysis including applying knowledge and ideas to different scenarios
- Understanding and interpreting numerical data

What do Finance and Management graduates do?

Business Relationship Manager
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Events Manager
Financial Analyst
Foreign Exchange Trading Business Manager
Management Consultant
Market Research Executive
Trainee Chartered Accountant
Vice-President

Employers include

Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ
Deloitte
Euro Monitor International
HM Treasury
Investec
KPMG
Nomura
Santander
UBS
Western Securities Co. Ltd



Taught Programmes

- BSc Accounting and Finance
- BSc International Management
- BSc International Management Year Abroad
- BSc Management

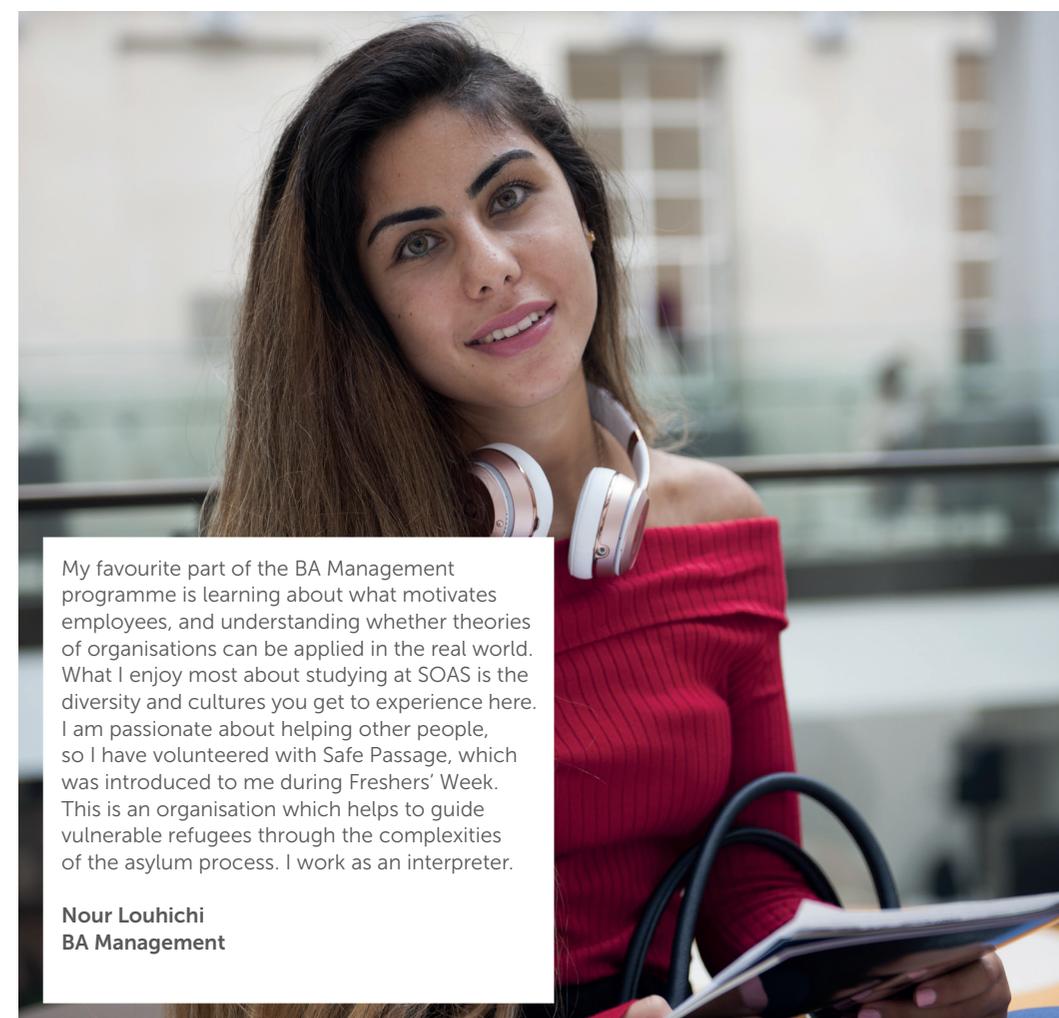
Related Programmes

- BA International Management and South East Asian Studies
- BA South Asian Studies and International Management (3 years)
- BA South Asian Studies and International Management (4 years)



More Information

www.soas.ac.uk/finance-and-management



My favourite part of the BA Management programme is learning about what motivates employees, and understanding whether theories of organisations can be applied in the real world. What I enjoy most about studying at SOAS is the diversity and cultures you get to experience here. I am passionate about helping other people, so I have volunteered with Safe Passage, which was introduced to me during Freshers' Week. This is an organisation which helps to guide vulnerable refugees through the complexities of the asylum process. I work as an interpreter.

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BA Management

BSc Accounting and Finance

This programme is ideal for students whose ambition is to pursue a career in accounting, banking, investments, auditing, taxation, and other finance-related strategic roles in business.

You will learn how to analyse financial statements, how to critically evaluate investment opportunities, how to design financial plans, and how to make strategic decisions in the areas of accounting, banking, finance and investments.

Our teaching offers you exceptional insights into financial institutions and markets in London and other major cities in the world. In addition, we offer specialist knowledge of financial and management systems in the emerging markets of Africa, Asia and the Middle East – something that will set you apart from graduates of other universities that normally focus on the analysis of Europe and the Americas.

Structure (Typical course content)

Core modules

Financial Accounting 1

This module provides detailed analysis of company financial accounts and reports. It starts by introducing students to the different elements of financial accounts and in each case provides critical analysis of:

- the purpose of the various accounts and reports;
- the main concepts and measures contained in the accounts;
- the underlying methodology used to construct the accounts; and
- the various uses and users of accounts and reports.

At the end of this module students should be able to interpret and critically assess company accounts and reports and be able to form a view of the financial and economic position of a company. Students should also have gained an understanding of how financial accounts and reports may be used internally by managers and externally by investors, tax authorities and others. This module is assessed by 30% written coursework and 70% examination.

Management Accounting 1

This course provides students with an introduction to management accounting in the context of business decisions, emphasising the skills and knowledge that will be used in the work environment. Core topics include the nature of business decisions, short-term and long-term/strategic decision-making models, cost management ideas, and budgeting and associated performance measurement practices. This module is assessed by 60% exam and 40% in class test.

Business Law

The Business Law module provides a basic overview of key principles of business law from a common-law perspective and not only equips students with a good understanding of these principles in its own right but also provides a useful foundation for those students who choose, after completing their BSc, to go on to take the MSc Finance and Financial Law. A significant part of the module deals with core principles of contract law; since all business transactions are founded on contractual agreements, the law of contract is fundamental to business law. Since many businesses are incorporated companies, the duties of directors to their company are then addressed. The module ends by addressing the more specialised topics of the financing of sale of goods transactions and the harmonisation of international sale of goods law, providing a transition to a business-related Masters degree which students may wish to take subsequently. This module is assessed by written coursework (30%) and by one two hour examination (70%).

Management Accounting 2

This module builds on material covered in Introduction to Accounting on the principles and practice of management accounting. It aims to deepen students' knowledge and understanding of more advanced concepts in management accounting and their use in planning, decision-making and control within business organisations. The main topics covered include: appraisal of different measures of costs and their applications, including cost estimation, cost-volume-profit analysis, make or buy decisions and pricing; techniques for budgeting and budgetary control; advanced investment appraisal; performance appraisal and management accounting systems; critical assessment of management accounting systems. Practical examples and case studies are used to illustrate key concepts and themes. This module is taken in conjunction with Corporate Finance and Financial Accounting, which includes complementary coverage of investment appraisal and corporate finance. This module is assessed by 30% written coursework and 70% by one two hour examination.

Corporate Finance

This module addresses issues relating to the financing of private and public companies. Corporate Finance links accounting to financing by evaluating both the asset and liabilities sides of the balance sheet. In line with this, this module starts with a gentle examination of the four fundamental decisions of a financial manager - capital structure, investing, liquidity and dividend decisions. A detailed examination of each of the decisions follows with emphasis on sources of finance, the evaluation of

investment projects, working capital management as well as the risk and return associated with corporate financing and investing. The module takes a mathematical approach and therefore aims to build the analytical skills of students. This module is assessed by written coursework (30%) and by one two hour examination (70%).

Financial Accounting 2

This module extends in a substantial way the knowledge gained in the 151030001 Introduction to Accounting module taken by students in the Year 1. The topics covered aim to provide students with a solid background in financial accounting and to prepare them adequately for further studies in accounting, such as ACCA and CPA professional qualifications. The module also emphasises practical applications and demonstration of various international accounting standards. This module is assessed by written coursework (30%) and by one two hour examination (70%).

The Independent Study Project

The Independent Study Project or dissertation provides students with the opportunity to complete a substantial piece of work on an approved topic in international management.

BSc International Management

The programme provides students with a comprehensive understanding of International Management and its main subject areas such as accounting, finance, business strategy, marketing, organisation studies, economics, cultural studies, digital disruption and fintech. We also offer specialist modules that draw on SOAS' expert knowledge of the business environment in regions such as the Middle East and North Africa, China, Japan and South Korea. By studying at SOAS, students have a unique advantage to grasp regional specificities and understand how they play out in a global context. This allows you to learn about regional specificities more thoroughly and understand how these apply to the global business world. This makes you ready to start your kick-start your career in a global company or develop your own global enterprise.

You will take business management modules common to most first-degree management programmes including accounting, finance, managerial economics, marketing, corporate governance, research methods and international business strategy. We also offer specialist modules that draw on SOAS's expert knowledge of the historical and cultural context of different regions. Students will also grasp the knowledge and understanding of the usage of advanced

technologies in business development, such as fintech fund-raising case studies for fintech in US, UK, European, Japanese, Sub-African and Middle Eastern countries.

Structure (Typical course content)

Core modules

Principles of management

This module introduces students to the principles of management. It starts by considering organisational objectives and how management functions may be combined to achieve them in the context of a changing business environment. Topics covered include: strategy and planning; financial management; human resource management; organisation; governance; cross cultural management; motivation; innovation and technology; marketing; leadership and control; business ethics; environmental management strategies; the external business environment; price and non-price competition; the regulatory environment. Each of these topics is considered individually before discussing how different management functions combine and interact with each other and with external factors to shape organisational and business performance. This module is assessed by two essays worth 15% each and 70% by one three hour examination.

International Business Strategy

Business across borders offers both challenges and opportunities. This module provides a framework for analysing decisions made by firms in an international context. While the foundations of the course are concepts developed in economics, they will be combined with (and challenged by) insights from strategy, international finance, marketing, human resource management, and other areas. The final aim of the course is to provide you with a critical understanding of whether and to what extent the ways economists have studied and modeled firms' internationalization decisions offer any support in real world decision making.

The module will address the following key questions: What are the specific challenges associated with international operations? How should firms tackle these challenges depending on their own competitive advantages as well as the characteristics of the countries and industries in which they operate? This module is assessed by 30% written coursework and 70% examination.

Fintech in International Business

The fintech revolution has disrupted the way businesses operate, making technology a force that is changing the business landscape like no other. The module provides understanding of fintech and the disruptions it creates in the global business environment and society. On successful completion of this module students will have learned that, although fintech operates under strict rules, regulatory compliance, security laws and scientific and technological developments, this is not an exact science, and a range of local factors, socio-economical and geopolitical contexts affect the outcomes. This module is assessed by 40% written exam, 50% essay and 10% seminar participation.

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BSc International Management Year Abroad

Our BSc International Management with year abroad programme will allow you to gain a strong grounding in management studies with an option of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or Arabic language. Students will take modules in accounting, finance, managerial economics, marketing, corporate governance, research methods and international business strategy together with modules that draw on SOAS's specialist knowledge of historical and contemporary perspectives of the regions of their choice, namely China, Japan, Korea and Middle East and North Africa. Additionally, students take modules in Chinese, Korean, Japanese or Arabic language, which they combine with the regionally specific modules. Students will also grasp the knowledge and understanding of the usage of advanced technologies in business development, such as fintech fund-raising case studies in US, UK, European, Japanese, Sub-African and Middle Eastern countries.

Students spend the third year of study in either China, Japan, Korea, or Middle East and North Africa, furthering language proficiency in either Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Korean or Arabic, and understanding specificities of local business practices and culture.

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Language Option

Choose from Chinese, Japanese, Korean or Arabic.

BSc Management

Our BSc Management programme will provide you with a strong grounding in business and management, as well as the skills needed to be effective managers in a changing world.

Students take modules in management, organisational behaviour, fintech, human resources management accounting, finance, managerial economics, marketing, international marketing, corporate governance, business ethics and corporate social responsibility, research methods and international business strategy.

Structure

(Typical course content)

Core modules

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Born Global Companies

Born global companies, from their foundation, model themselves to achieve their competitive advantage by deriving their outputs from global markets. As such, it becomes very captivating to understand how they expand internationally and indeed become global players in a short period of time. The module will also explore comparative legal ethics and management values including the vast social implications such as zero-hour contracts embedded with some of the born global companies' business. This module is assessed by 40% written exam, 50% essay and 10% seminar participation.

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