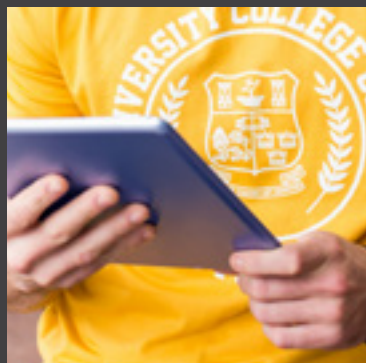
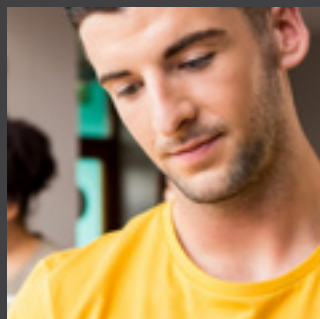
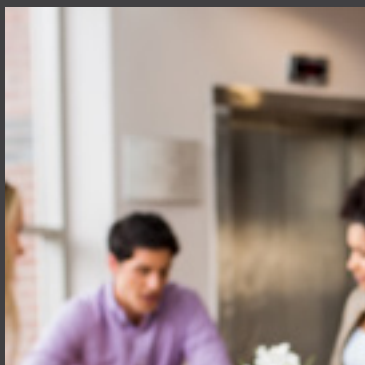


MSc Finance

(Asset Management)

CKL40



MASTERS OF FINANCE (ASSET MANAGEMENT)

The MSc Finance (Asset Management) is a one-year programme designed to prepare students for careers in international investment, finance and banking.

Students focus on developing analytical and professional skills, culminating in an applied quantitative research project or industry placement.

The course has been designed in conjunction with the finance industry to ensure graduates have the skills sought by employers. You can expect to have excellent career prospects in the investment management, banking, insurance, proprietary trading, wealth management and alternative investment industries.

The MSc Finance (Asset Management) is a member of the CFA[®] Institute University Affiliation Programme and is a CAIA[®] Association Academic Partner. These partnerships ensure that the programme content remains up to date with industry and relevant to the needs of employers.

Uniquely, this MSc Finance programme awards academic credit to students to study for CFA[®] and/or CAIA[®] professional examinations in conjunction with their MSc degree.

Faculty is eligible to grant a number of scholarships each year to students on the programme who wish to sit the CFA[®] or CAIA[®] examinations.



UNIQUE ASPECTS

The programme was developed to provide graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary for a career in finance and to be able to immediately contribute to their employers.

- A curriculum designed with industry and having a practical focus ensures graduates have the skills sought by employers.
- The programme maintains an up-to-date curriculum by incorporating the syllabus of leading professional bodies.
- Strong emphasis on practical and professional skills, including interview technique, presentation skills and applied projects.
- Students study towards a professional qualification (CFA®, CAIA®, QFA or equivalent) while on the programme and receive academic credits for taking career enhancing professional examinations.
- Students complete an applied finance project or an industry relevant placement as part of this programme.
- Faculty with significant industry experience.

CAREER INFORMATION

This programme is designed with industry to ensure it fulfils the needs of employers and stays up to date by incorporating the syllabus of professional bodies (CFA, CAIA).

Upon completion of the MSc Finance (Asset Management), graduates can expect excellent career prospects in the investment management, banking, insurance, proprietary trading, wealth management and alternative investment industries.



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Students are required to complete ten modules, comprising of five core modules and five specialised modules, taught through formal lectures over the first two semesters. These are assessed by a blend of examination and continuous assessment. In parallel, they undertake two practice based modules, professional development and research skills, based on continuous assessment only.

In the final semester, students undertake an applied research project, based on a real investment industry problem or an industry placement relevant to the programme.

While completing this programme, students will study for CFA®, CAIA®, QFA, CISI or equivalent professional exam of their choice. Students take the appropriate examination in the final semester to complete their requirements.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Communicate and work effectively to a high professional standard
- Demonstrate advanced analytical and problem solving skills associated with effective practice
- Engage in advanced application of frameworks and techniques in organisational settings
- Demonstrate professional readiness for a career in the finance and investment industry
- Apply industry relevant research skills

PRACTICALITIES & ASSESSMENT

Practicalities

Formal lectures take place from Monday to Thursday with a high level of attendance expected. Students are assessed on their contribution to these classes.

Many events are scheduled outside formal lecture times throughout the year (including Fridays). These are an integral part of the course and students are required to attend. The events include induction week, careers seminar and visiting speakers.

Outside formal lectures, students are expected to spend time working on assignments, case studies, projects and presentations. We provided a dedicated computer room to facilitate this.

The course is undertaken full-time over twelve months.

Assessment

To meet the development objectives of the programme, the MSc Finance (Asset Management) is assessed by a blend of formal examination and continuous assessment. Continuous assessment is in the form of class contribution, individual assignments, group case study analysis and presentations.

It is important that students learn to communicate effectively and contribute in class as lecturers keep a record of who asks (and answers) questions and allocate marks accordingly.

A number of assignments are based on group work with groups changed every semester. This allows students to develop experience in a typical working structure and develop a key professional skill, the ability to work with, and lead others. The groups are monitored by faculty and students get marks based on individual contribution.

Programme Code: **CKL40**
Duration: **1 year (Full-time)**
Teaching Mode: **Classroom**
Qualification: **MSc**
NFQ Level: **Level 9**

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WHAT OUR STUDENTS
& GRADUATES
SAY ABOUT US...

"I began the programme without a clear career path in mind and limited knowledge of Finance. However, I graduated with an honours degree and a job that I love.

The programme equips students with all the necessary hard and soft skills to kick start a long and successful career within the finance industry."

MARGRET MOCKLER
PARVA
Class of 2018/19

"I choose the MSc Asset Management program because I was looking to switch careers to Finance. The MSc Asset Management program at CUBS was the perfect choice for me as the program and modules are specially designed to make you ready to begin your journey as an investment professional. The program although very intense is very fulfilling.

The professors are always ready to answer your questions and helped me settle not just into the program but also into Ireland."

EMMANUEL LANIRAN
TOBAM
Class of 2018/19

"The Asset Management programme greatly enhanced my knowledge of the financial industry and opened the door for fantastic employment opportunities. I would highly recommend this course for anybody considering pursuing a career in the financial industry."

GREG SWITZER
Bank of Ireland
Class of 2015/16

"I found the quality of the academic staff to be superb and the programme is very well designed to combine academic teaching with hands-on learning experiences.

My class came from around the globe and it was a great opportunity to be able to network with such a diverse group."

ANUP DAS
Emerge Capital
Class of 2014/15

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS 2020

Irish/EU Students and International Students

Applicants must normally have (or expect to have) a 2H1 degree (GPA 3.25 out of 4.0) in a degree (NFQ Level 8) or equivalent in:

- A business related programme (e.g. Commerce, Law, Business Studies, Economics, Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Information Systems etc.)

OR

- A programme with a significant quantitative element (e.g. Statistics Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Computing etc.)

Applicants who achieve a 2H2 degree but meet all other requirements and applicants from other degree disciplines with at least a 2H1 degree may be considered on a case by case basis.

English Language Requirement:

Applicants from non-native English-speaking countries will be required to undertake a recognised English language test.

Please see accepted tests and minimum requirements below.

IELTS: 6.5

With no individual section lower than 5.5

TOEFL: 90

With minimum scores as follows:

- Listening: 17 - Reading: 18
- Speaking: 20 - Writing: 17

Cambridge Proficiency Exam: Grade C

Cambridge Advanced Exam: Grade B

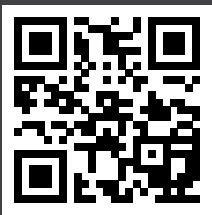
Pearson PTE: Minimum Score of 63

With no section score below 59

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application for this programme is online at the Postgraduate Application Centre www.pac.ie/ucc (PAC Code: CKL40)

For more information on the Programme:



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