

MSc

MASTER OF SCIENCE [FINANCE]



SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS,
FINANCE AND BANKING



ADMISSION CRITERIA

COURSEWORK

- a bachelor's degree in the field or related fields with Honours from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other institutions of higher learning recognised by the University Senate with a CGPA of at least **2.50**; or
- a bachelor's degree in the field or related fields from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other institutions of higher learning recognised by the University Senate with a CGPA of **2.00 to 2.49** with at least three (3) years relevant work experience, subject to an interview by the Postgraduate Committee; or
- candidates without a qualification in the related fields or working experience in the relevant fields must undergo appropriate prerequisite courses determined by the programme and meet the minimum CGPA based on (a) to (b); or
- a **diploma** from any institutions of higher learning recognised by the University Senate with at least ten (10) years of relevant work experience, 35 years or older and passed **APEL assessment (level 7)**; or
- any other equivalent qualifications recognised by the University Senate; and
- fulfil the English language requirement as set by the University Senate.

RESEARCH

- a bachelor's degree in the field or related fields with Honours from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other institutions of higher learning recognised by the University Senate with a CGPA of at least **2.75**; or
- a bachelor's degree in the field or related fields from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other institutions of higher learning recognised by the University Senate with a CGPA of **2.50 to 2.74** with at least three (3) years of relevant work experience, subject to an interview by the Postgraduate Committee; or
- a bachelor's degree in the field or related fields from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other institutions of higher learning recognised by the University Senate with a CGPA of **2.00 to 2.49** with at least five (5) years of relevant work experience, subject to an interview by the Postgraduate Committee; or
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PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

A) COURSEWORK

Master of Science (Finance) by coursework is a 42-credit-hour programme which comprises the following:

Core courses (12 Credit Hours)

- Research Methodology
- Corporate Financial Management
- Financial Reporting and Statement Analysis
- Investment

Specialization Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Choose one (1) of the specializations below:

(i) Financial Management

- Islamic and Conventional Financial Markets, Instruments and Institutions
- International Financial Management
- Advanced Corporate Financial Management
- Advanced Financial Modelling
- Seminar in Finance

(ii) Investment Management

- International Financial Management
- Financial Risk Management
- Advanced Financial Modelling
- Portfolio Theory
- Fixed Income Securities

(iii) Banking

- Bank and Financial Institutions Management
- Advanced Business Lending
- Risk Management in Banking and Financial Institution
- International Trade and Banking Practice
- Marketing of Financial Services

Elective Courses (6 Credit Hours)

Choose any 2 courses from the list below:

- Small Business Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Real Estate Finance and Investment

Project paper (9 Credit Hours)

Project Paper

B) RESEARCH

Students are required to:

- Register and pass two (2) pre-requisite courses, i.e. Research Methodology and Academic Writing with at least a B grade before they can pursue their research work.
- Defend their proposal to a committee.
- Attend a viva voce session to defend their thesis.
- Submit a written thesis.