

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2024-25

MSc in Financial Economics

About the course

Propel your career with the necessary knowledge of finance and economics required by the financial sector.

Intellectually tough and highly practical, the distinctive nature of the programme will give you outstanding international training in the tools sought by financial institutions and companies, in a variety of different industries.

Saïd Business School finance faculty, together with the Department of Economics deliver the 9-month programme combining rigorous academic training with tailored real-world applications, designed in consultation with leading financial recruiters.

Core courses

The economics courses apply theories and methodologies to finance, while the finance courses provide the underlying economic principles of financial practice. The core courses are as follows:

- Asset pricing
- Corporate finance
- Financial econometrics
- Economics
- Ethics & finance

Electives

You will have the opportunity to choose five electives, tailoring your learning experience and expanding your knowledge in areas important for your career.

You can substitute one elective with an individual project addressing a question of academic interest or practical significance.

One of your electives must be chosen from the list of MFE-only electives which is published annually.

Previous examples of MFE-only electives include; the list changes year to year:

- International Finance
- Advanced Econometrics Forecasting
- Fixed Income and Derivatives
- Individual Project

Below are previous examples of elective courses jointly with other programmes; the list changes year to year:

- Buyside Private Equity – Advanced
- Corporate Valuation
- Evidence-based Inclusive Leadership
- Financial Crises and Risk Management
- Financial Market Trading

- Fundamental Analysis for Active Investing
- Governance & Ethics
- Identification: the art and science of separating causation from correlation
- Investing in Public Equity
- Mergers, Acquisitions & Restructuring
- Private Equity
- Psychology, Economic Decisions, and Financial Markets

Oxford Saïd Finance Lab

Understand key concepts, processes, instruments and models required to be successful in financial services.

This co-curricular programme is led by seasoned practitioners with many years of transaction and market experience. At its core are a series of models that are used to evaluate and appraise situations from the real world. You will leave with a toolkit to tackle financial problems ranging from valuations to leveraged buyouts, to M&A transactions and more.

Further information about the Finance Lab can be found at <https://www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/programmes/mbas/mba/academic-curriculum/oxford-said-finance-lab>.

Supervision

For this course, the allocation of graduate supervision is the responsibility of Saïd Business School and it is not always possible to accommodate the preferences of incoming graduate students to work with a particular member of staff. Under exceptional circumstances a supervisor may be found outside Saïd Business School.

Students are expected to meet their supervisor on a regular basis to discuss their academic progress. Whilst a specific frequency for meetings with your supervisor is not prescribed, we recommend regular meetings throughout your studies to take full advantage of the opportunities available to you.

Assessment

The assessment regime is a combination of assessment types including examinations, assignments and individual projects.

Core courses are offered in asset pricing, economics, corporate finance, financial econometrics and finance and ethics. You can select a total of five electives to tailor your learning experience and expand your knowledge in areas important for your career. You can choose to substitute one elective with an individual project addressing a question of academic interest or practical significance.

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out above. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after you commence your course. These might include significant changes made necessary by any pandemic, epidemic or local health emergency.

For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>) and its page on changes to courses (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/coursechanges>).

Expected length of course

i) Table showing expected course length and mode of study offered

Full Time Only

Expected length	
	9 months

Costs

Annual Course Fees for entry in 2024-25

ii) Table showing Annual Course Fees for entry in 2024-25

<i>Fee status</i>	<i>Annual Course fees</i>
Home	£55,630
Overseas	£55,630

Information about course fees

Course fees are payable each year, for the duration of your fee liability (your fee liability is the length of time for which you are required to pay course fees). For courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>).

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional cost information (below), course fees do not cover your accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also don't cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information.

Deposits

If your application is successful, you will be asked to pay a deposit against your course fees at the application stage as a condition of your offer. The deposit amount and date by which payment must be made are shown below.

iii) Table showing deposit amount and date when it must be paid

<i>Amount of deposit</i>	<i>Date by which deposit must be paid</i>
£8,350	30 days from the date on initial offer letter

Additional cost information

There are no compulsory elements of this course that entail additional costs beyond fees and living costs. However, as part of your course requirements, you may choose a project-based elective topic. Please note that, depending on your choice of topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur additional expenses, such as travel expenses, research expenses, and field trips. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from your department and/or college to help you cover some of these expenses. This course may also run optional pre-course workshops in and outside the UK. Teaching and networking costs will be covered for such workshops, but you would be responsible for your own travel and accommodation costs if you opt to join these workshops. Please note that this course requires that you are primarily taught in Oxford, and you will need to incur travel and accommodation costs to attend the course if you do not live in the Oxford area.

Living costs

In addition to your course fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

If you are studying part-time your living costs may vary depending on your personal circumstances but you must still ensure that you will have sufficient funding to meet these costs for the duration of your course.

The likely living costs for 2024-25 are published below. These costs are based on a single, full-time graduate student, with no dependants, living in Oxford. We provide the cost per month so you can multiply up by the number of months you expect to live in Oxford.

iv) Table showing likely living costs for one month

	<i>Lower range</i>	<i>Upper range</i>
<i>Food</i>	£315	£495
<i>Accommodation</i>	£745	£925
<i>Personal items</i>	£190	£320
<i>Social activities</i>	£40	£95
<i>Study costs</i>	£35	£85
<i>Other</i>	£20	£35
<i>Total</i>	£1,345	£1,955

v) Table showing likely living costs for nine months

	<i>Lower range</i>	<i>Upper range</i>
<i>Food</i>	£2,835	£4,445
<i>Accommodation</i>	£6,705	£8,325
<i>Personal items</i>	£1,710	£2,880
<i>Social activities</i>	£360	£855
<i>Study costs</i>	£315	£765
<i>Other</i>	£180	£315
<i>Total</i>	£12,105	£17,595

vi) Table showing likely living costs for twelve months

	<i>Lower range</i>	<i>Upper range</i>
<i>Food</i>	£3,780	£5,940

<i>Accommodation</i>	£8,940	£11,100
<i>Personal items</i>	£2,280	£3,840
<i>Social activities</i>	£480	£1,140
<i>Study costs</i>	£420	£1,020
<i>Other</i>	£240	£420
<i>Total</i>	£16,140	£23,460

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2024-25, it is suggested that you allow for potential increases in living expenses of 5% or more each year – although this rate may vary depending on the national economic situation. More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts.