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Scoil Ghnó agus Eacnamaíochta J.E. Cairnes
J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics

MSc Corporate *Finance*

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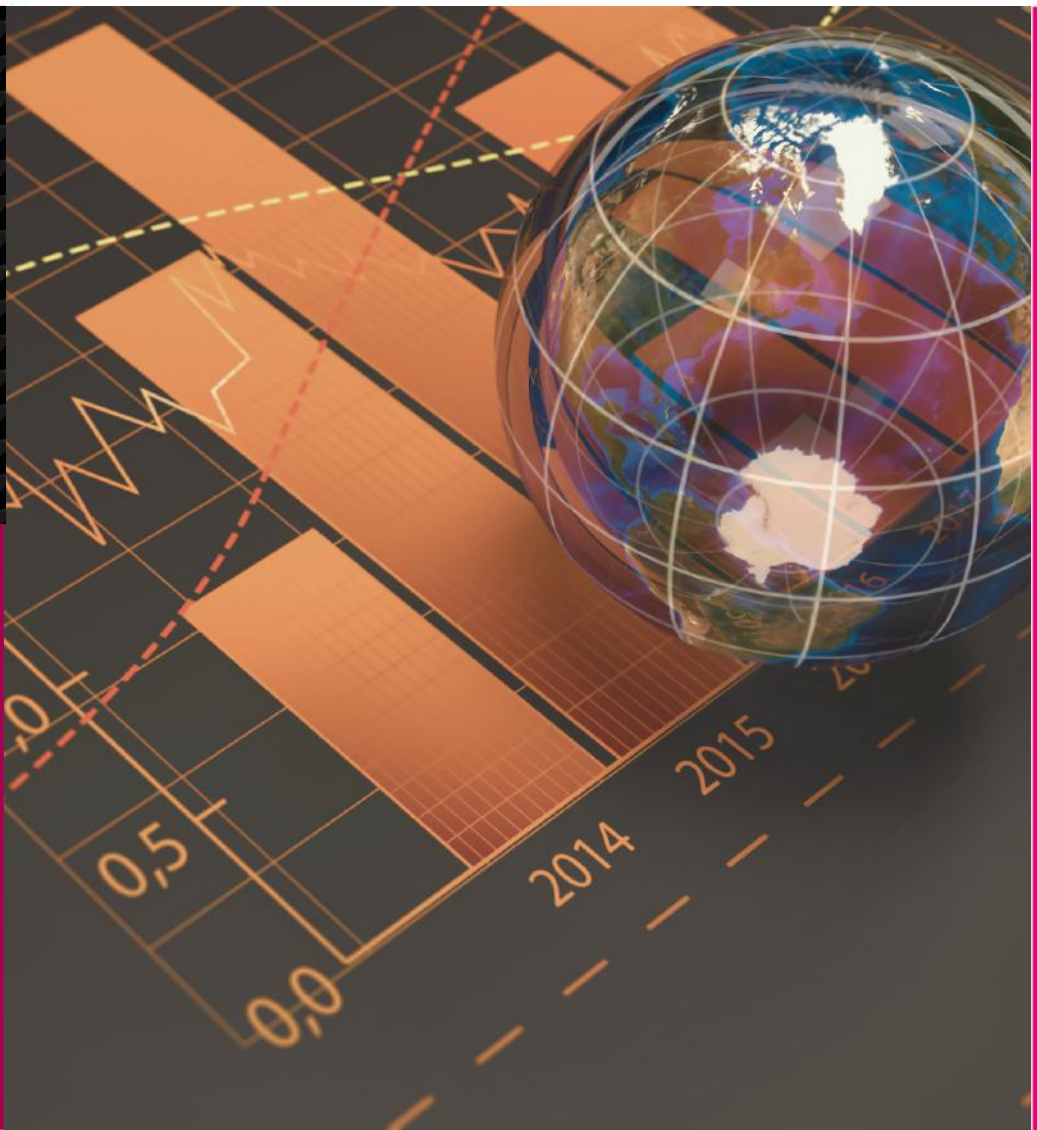

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Unlock your Financial *Future*

Course Overview

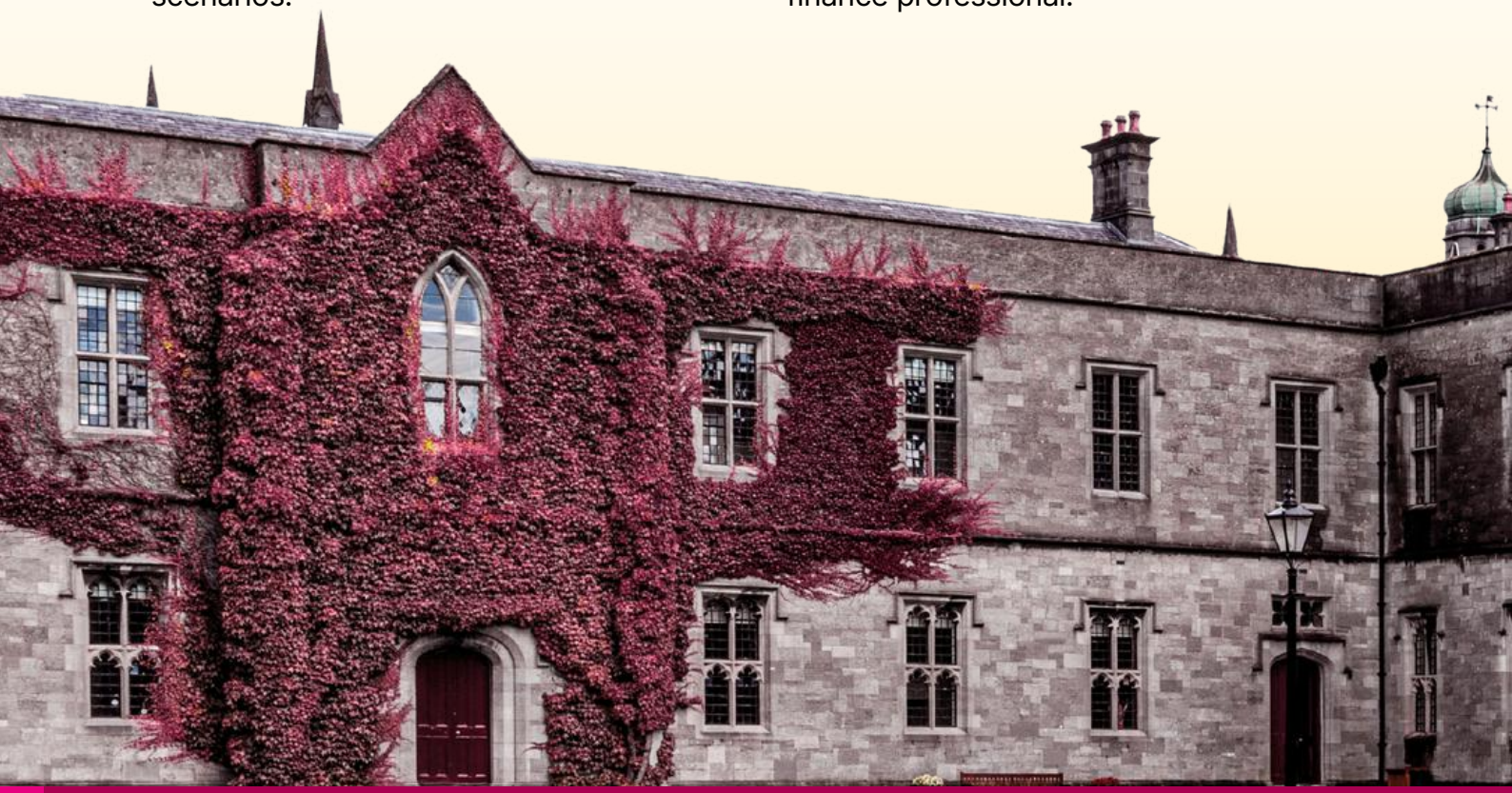
The MSc in Corporate Finance is a one-year, full-time programme carefully crafted to prepare graduates for successful careers across various sectors of the financial industry. Whether your ambition lies in investment banking, fund management, insurance, or corporate finance services, this programme provides the specialist knowledge and practical experience necessary to navigate and thrive in these fields.

This course offers a robust curriculum that blends advanced corporate finance theory with practical insights, ensuring that you not only understand the intricacies of financial concepts but also how to apply them in real-world scenarios.

Through core academic modules, such as Accounting and Financial Analysis, Corporate Finance, Applied Portfolio Management, Derivatives & Risk Management and Business & Society, you will develop crucial analytical and decision-making skills, enabling you to solve complex financial problems and make effective decisions in a global business environment.

Join the Ranks of Financial Leaders

The MSc in Corporate Finance at the University of Galway is more than just a degree; it is a stepping stone to a successful and fulfilling career in the financial industry. With its blend of theoretical rigor, practical application, and professional accreditation, this programme is designed to make you a confident, capable, and well-rounded finance professional.



Building Expertise and *Confidence*

As a student of the MSc in Corporate Finance, you will achieve a range of learning outcomes that are crucial for success in the financial sector.

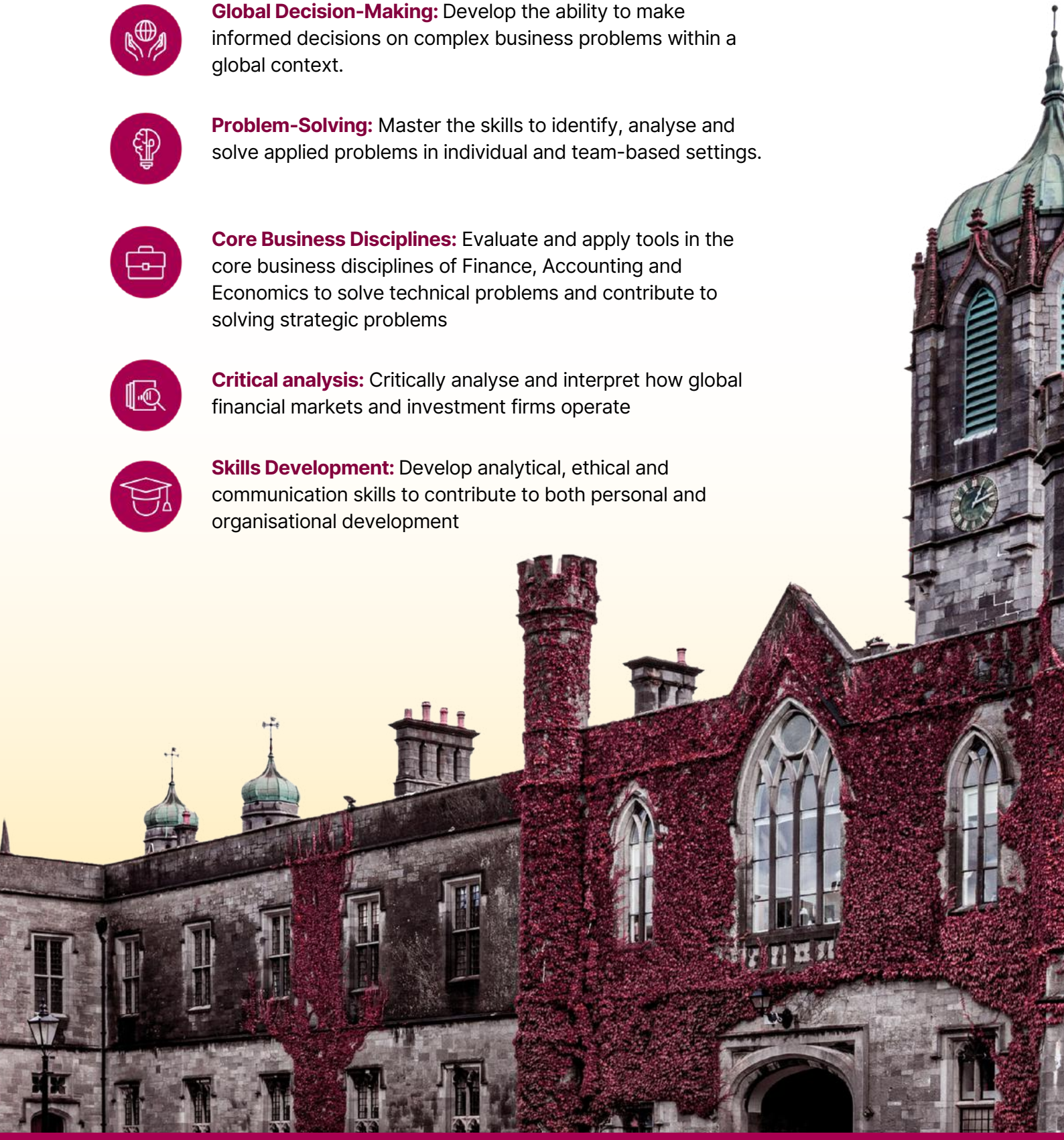
Global Decision-Making: Develop the ability to make informed decisions on complex business problems within a global context.

Problem-Solving: Master the skills to identify, analyse and solve applied problems in individual and team-based settings.

Core Business Disciplines: Evaluate and apply tools in the core business disciplines of Finance, Accounting and Economics to solve technical problems and contribute to solving strategic problems

Critical analysis: Critically analyse and interpret how global financial markets and investment firms operate

Skills Development: Develop analytical, ethical and communication skills to contribute to both personal and organisational development



Enhance your Credentials with *Professional Accreditations*

One of the distinguishing features of the MSc Corporate Finance at the University of Galway is its accreditation by prestigious professional bodies:

CFA Institute Affiliation

The programme's affiliation with the CFA Institute under the University Affiliation Program (UAP) signifies its alignment with the needs of the investment management profession. This affiliation supports students in their preparation for the CFA Program exams, a highly respected credential in the finance industry.

Chartered Accountants Ireland (CAI)

The programme grants exemptions from three CAP 1 examination papers, including Finance, Management Accounting, and Financial Accounting, subject to meeting certain academic criteria. This recognition paves the way for a seamless progression towards becoming a Chartered Accountant.

ACCA Exemptions

Graduates of the MSc in Corporate Finance receive exemptions from six ACCA subjects, including Accountant in Business, Management Accounting, Financial Accounting, Performance Management, Financial Reporting, and Financial Management.

MSc Corporate Finance Group Class of AY2025-2026

Work Placement

A component of the MSc in Corporate Finance is the 12-week work placement, which provides invaluable real-world experience. This placement offers you the opportunity to apply your learning in a professional setting, with past placements spanning sectors such as financial services, financial advisory and consulting, banking, mergers and acquisitions, risk management, corporate tax, and insurance.

Work placement availability is limited and offered on a competitive basis.

Sample of Host Companies

Grant Thornton

Valeo

wayfair

forvis mazars

Summer Schools

Students who do not secure an internship, will participate in two innovative summer schools organised by the J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics.

Sample Summer Schools

Financial Modelling

Alternative Investments

Exploring the MSc Corporate Finance

Industry Testimonials

" We live in a world where non-traditional sources of finance are becoming mainstream in developed economies – the ability to speak their language and interpret financial information is paramount to accessing this finance. Knowledge of a company's industry to decide on the ideal debt / equity mix and building of a network gained from colleagues taking part in the MSc in Corporate Finance are valuable tools which will elevate you from a traditional accountant and ensure your progression to executive level with key strategic decision making powers. "

Austin Sammon
Partner & Global Board Member for Life Science/Pharma industry at
Forviz Mazars

" I was delighted to hear of the introduction of the MSc in Corporate Finance. Corporate Finance is an extremely rewarding career path where you will learn fast, develop a strong network and help clients fulfil their financial and strategic goals. Corporate Finance professionals are often at the centre of a deal, liaising with all parties involved from bankers to lawyers and it is critical to have a strong technical and non-technical skills. No two days are the same and you will often be preparing Information Memorandums, Business Plans, Financial Modelling, and Due Diligence reports."

Bruce Waldron
Investment Banking
Goodbody

What our graduates say

DAVID DOHERTY | COMPLIANCE ASSOCIATE, MAZARS IRELAND

"I would highly recommend the MSc Corporate Finance Program to anyone with a keen interest in Finance. Individuals looking to pursue a career in this field will leave the MSc Corporate Finance program with the necessary skill set to succeed in the workplace. The MSc Corporate Finance program provides access to world-class faculty, resources, and research, providing an opportunity to build a strong foundation for a successful career in the field. Having studied at the University of Galway this year and for three years during my undergraduate degree, I can say the faculty at the University is outstanding. I was fortunate to be a recipient of the Business Postgraduate Merit Scholarship and I know this motivated me to achieve excellence in my studies. I would encourage the reader to take this amazing opportunity at the University of Galway and open up a world of possibilities! ."

HIRAL METHA | CONSULTANT, FINANCIAL ADVISORY, TENEO

" The MSc in Corporate Finance provides a perfect combination of technical and practical knowledge. The curriculum offers global exposure providing exemptions from ACCA which is globally recognised. The programme size is small with a mix of national and international students in the class giving an opportunity to bond with our classmates and make good connections...The scholarship provided eased away some of the financial burden I had as an international masters student. The campus has a beautiful, friendly environment with top-notch facilities. Galway is a fantastic location to study and gives a wholesome Irish experience! "

Leading *the future*

Join a globally recognised institution ranked among the best for sustainability, and study on a campus committed to creating a greener future. Imagine earning a MSc degree that not only equips you with cutting-edge skills but also aligns with your values of environmental stewardship.

Our business programmes are designed to foster innovation and leadership, preparing you to excel in today's competitive market. The University offers a unique blend of academic excellence, practical experience, and a sustainable campus environment, making it the ideal choice for future business leaders.

Envision your career flourishing as you benefit from our world-class faculty and strong industry connections.

THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

Top 2%

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University of Galway Sustainability Rankings and Accolades

University of Galway has been named the **#1 university in Ireland** for sustainable development for a third year in a row, we are ranked **3rd in Europe and ranked 64th in the world** by *Times Higher Education THE Impact Rankings 2025*. The accolade has been awarded in recognition of the University's progress in responding to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We are the first University to make the list as a Sustainable Development Goal Ambassador for 2024-25, chosen from across society as leaders in driving forward Ireland's progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

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University of Galway has been ranked ***1st in Ireland*** for Sustainable Development for a third year in a row by the Times Higher Education The Impact Rankings 2025

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University of Galway has been ranked **3rd in Europe and 64th in the world** for Sustainable development by the Times Higher Education The Impact Rankings 2025

64

University of Galway is ranked ***64th in the world*** in the 6th edition of the Times Higher Education (THE) World IMPACT Rankings 2025

38

University of Galway is ranked **38th *in the world for SDG 3*** in the 2025 Times Higher Education Societal Impact Rankings

Schedule of Modules

Semester 1

Core Modules (30 Credits)

AY5131: International Financial Reporting and Analysis - 10 Credits
AY5108: Intermediate Corporate Finance - 5 Credits
AY5106: Accounting for Management - 5 Credits
EC5104: Applied Portfolio Management - 10 Credits

Semester 2

Core Modules (20 Credits)

MG5113: Business & Society - 5 Credits
AY5109: Advanced Corporate Finance - 5 Credits
EC5119: Derivatives and Risk Management - 10 Credits

Optional Modules (20 Credits Required)

AY5122: Advanced International Financial Reporting and Analysis - 5 Credits
AY5128: Summer Schools in A&F: Contemporary Global Issues - 20 Credits
IAY5141: Accounting and Management Control for Sustainable Organizations - 5 Credits
IEC5124: Economics and the Global Economy - 10 Credits
AY5142: Sustainable Accounting, Finance and Governance - 5 Credits
Plus
AY5128: Summer Schools in A&F: Contemporary Global Issues - 20 Credits
or
AY5129: Corporate Finance Placement - 20 Credits

List of modules is indicative and subject to change

Click on individual modules for course module information

Admission

Entry Requirements

A H2.1 degree (NFQ Level 8 or equivalent) in:

(a) Business/Commerce to include a number of quantitative subjects such as Economics or Finance: or

(b) A quantitative-based degree such as Engineering, Mathematics, Physics and Economics.

Applicants should have demonstrated strong academic ability (a H1 or H2.1, or equivalent) in a number of quantitative modules in their degree such as mathematics, statistics or econometrics.

IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent, if applicable.

Duration

1 year, full-time

Course Fees for Academic Year 2026/27

EU: €11,700

Non-EU: €21,500

Student Levy: €140

2 Year stay-back visa scheme

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Top 200

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