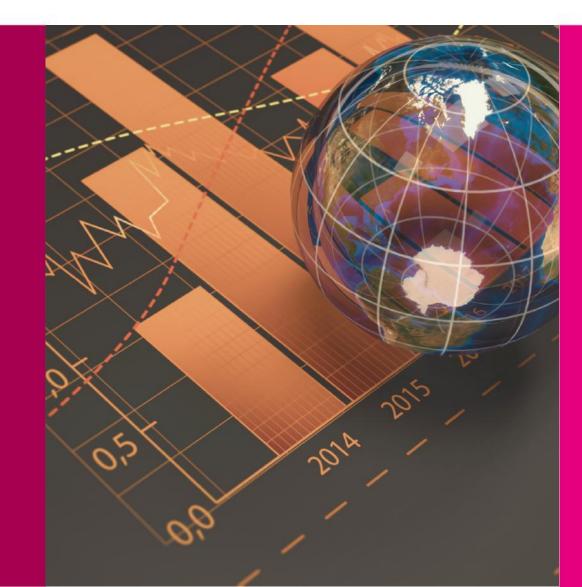


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# MSc Corporate Finance



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# Unlock your Financial Future

#### **Course Overview**

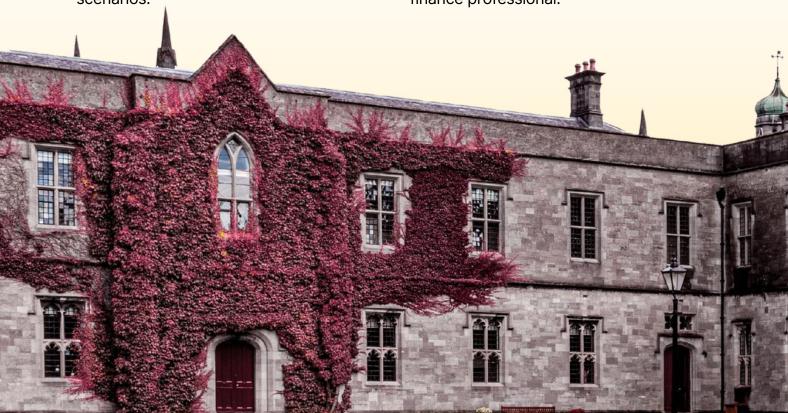
The MSc in Corporate Finance is a oneyear, full-time programme carefully crafted to prepare graduates for successful careers across various sectors of the financial industry. Whether your ambition lies in investment banking, fund management, insurance, or corporate finance services, this programme provides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

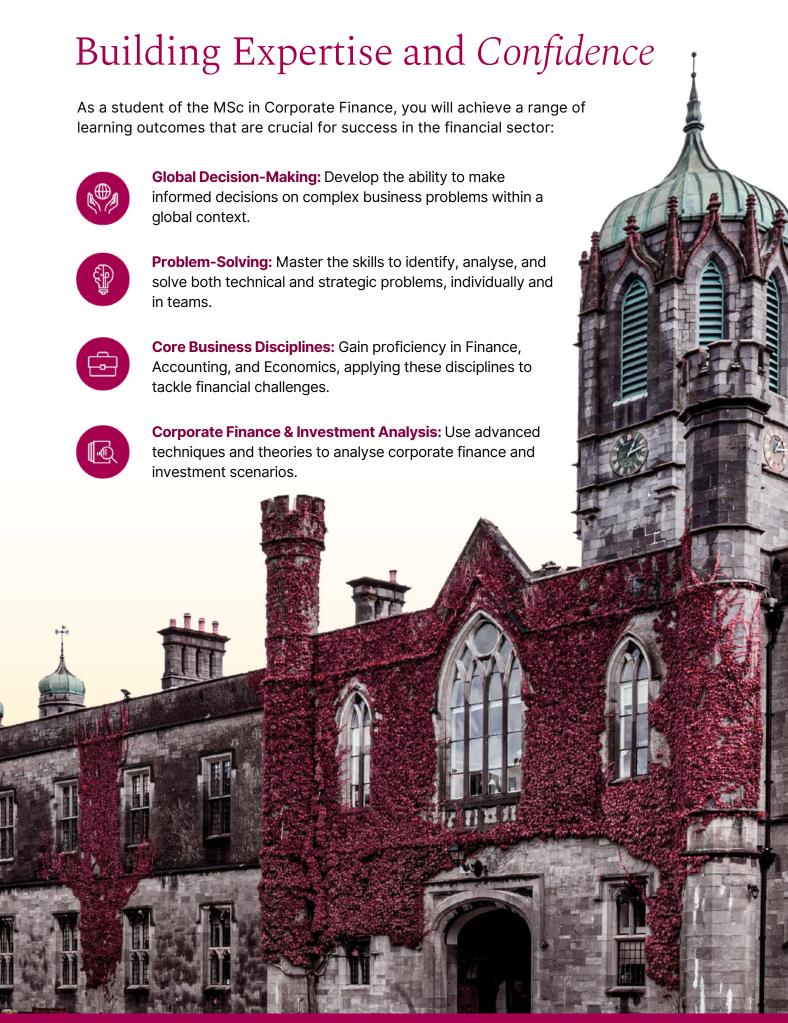
This course offers a robust curriculum that blends advanced corporate finance theory with practical insights, ensuring that you not only understand the intricacies of financial concepts but also how to apply them in real-world scenarios.

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.





# 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 AY2023-2024

#### **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**









#### **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**



**Financing Net Zero** 



**Disruptive Technologies** 

## Exploring the MSc Corporate Finance

### **Industry Testimonials**

"We live in a world where nontraditional 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





"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! "



## **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**

Fees: EU €11,500 p.a. (including levy) 2025/26

Non-EU: €21,000 p.a. (including levy) 2025/26

Student Levy: €140 p.a



1-2 year stay-back visa scheme



#### Find out More

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