

## Programme Description

### STUDY ABROAD

**Name of the programme:** Corporate Finance & Private Equity

#### **Key information:**

Dates: 16 September to 12 December 2025 (exams included)

Duration: 13 weeks (holidays: 25 October to 2 November 2025)

Level: Level 7 (Postgraduate)

Total number of teaching hours: 180

ECTS: 30

Prerequisites: Completion of Level 6/Undergraduate Year 3 of Business or Engineering studies, including basic understanding of Finance fundamentals

Examination Board Date: 28 January 2026\*

Resit Exams Dates: 2 to 6 March 2026 (online)\*

Resit Examination Board Date: 24 March 2026\*

*\*The forecasted dates of the Examination Boards and the Resit Exams are indicated in the programme description, although they are subject to change based on circumstances*

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**Programme Advisor Name, Title and Institution:** Duc Pham Hi, Head of Finance Department, ECE Paris

#### **Aims of the Programme:**

- The Corporate Finance semester for Postgraduate Studies in London aims to equip students with extensive grounding in the field of corporate finance and private equity. The breadth of modules offers the opportunity to gain more practical insights, also providing links to London's financial ecosystem.
- The highly interactive sessions, led by experienced practitioners in corporate finance and banking, develop core and problem-solving skills applicable to a wide range of careers across the financial sector, including audit/accountancy, M&A, private equity and finance in a corporation.

## **Programme Benefits:**

This programme offers students:

- A distinctive broad curriculum – students learn about the operations and activities of the banking industry, private equity and alternative investments, exposure to specific industries (real estate, infrastructure, and renewables) and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues in banking. Students also review in detail some of the key Corporate Finance products including M&A, equity & debt capital markets, corporate restructuring and distressed debt.
- An applied experience – students apply knowledge of core and specialised aspects of the finance industry to case studies relevant to the contemporary corporate world, simultaneously developing relevant skills.
- An enhancement of employability skills – students cultivate a wide range of relevant skills including teamwork, communication, critical reflexion, intellectual curiosity or organisation. Each student will have a 30 minutes meeting with their Mentor to talk about their career goals and how to achieve them.
- A study abroad experience – students develop their autonomy by living independently in a foreign country. They also explore a sector enshrined in the history of London and representing a significant and important share of the UK's and the global economy.

## **Learning Outcomes:**

### **Knowledge**

By the end of this programme, students will have demonstrated:

1. A complex and critical understanding of a wide range of concepts related to financial markets, banking industry, risk management, compliance and, in particular, sustainable, and ethical investment.

### **Skills**

By the end of this programme, students will be able to:

2. Apply key Corporate Finance techniques, including financial assessments, financial modelling, equity, and debt valuation for a variety of roles and contexts (including M&A and Private Equity) across a wide range of sectors, such as industrials, services, real estate, infrastructure, and renewables.
3. Demonstrate skills and tools appropriate for the management and transfer of information, both to specialists and non-specialists of the topic. In particular, they will be able to effectively communicate and market complex and nuanced ideas both orally and in writing.
4. Apply critical thinking skills related to a wide range of complex ethical dilemmas that a financial professional may face.

### **Values**

By the end of this programme, students will have demonstrated a commitment to:

5. Deeply engaging with the five values of OELS in line with the expectations of postgraduate study.

### Programme Structure:

<b>ACADEMIC PROGRAMME</b> <i>(subject to change)</i>		<b>Hours</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
<b>Core Modules</b>			
Financial Markets Ecosystem	Finance & Accounting Refresher	3	-
	Financial Markets: Theories & History	12	2
	Regulation, Compliance & Risk	12	2
Innovative Finance & Soft Skills	Sustainable Finance & Investing	12	2
	Finance: Leadership & Career Strategies	7.5	2
	Public Speaking & Presentation Skills	18	3
<b>Pathway Modules</b>			
Risk Management & Analytics	Financial Statement Analysis & Forecasting on Excel	18	3
	Investment & Risk Methods	12	2
Valuation & Structuring	Corporate Finance, Valuation, Mergers & Acquisitions	24	4
	Corporate Restructuring	12	2
Private Equity & Entrepreneurial Finance	Private Equity & LBOs	12	2
	Real Estate, Infrastructure & Renewable Financing	12	2
	Early Stage Financing & Venture Capital	24	4
<b>Guest Lectures &amp; Workshops</b> <i>(depending on availability)</i>			
Guest Lectures, Workshops & Visits	Networking Event with Alumni	2	-
	Career Advice & Mock Interview	1	-
	Masterclass(es)/Visit(s)	TBC	-
	Optional English Support	12	0

### Approach to Learning:

Each module is taught differently depending on the aims, the content and the skills required but in each, students are expected to read and watched assigned material (text, articles, podcasts, videos...) independently, attend all classes, workshops and activities in their schedule (unless noted "optional"), actively participate in group discussions, and where appropriate, work in collaboration with their peers for formative and summative assessments.