

Programme Description

STUDY ABROAD

Name of the programme: Investment Management & Capital Markets

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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Aims of the Programme:

- The Investment Management semester of Postgraduate Studies in London aims to equip students with in-depth grounding in the field of investment management and capital markets and aims to impart a broader understanding of the global financial markets. The breadth of modules offers the opportunity to gain deeper practical insights and provides links to London's financial markets ecosystem.
- The highly interactive sessions, led by experienced practitioners in investment banking, asset management and related fields, focus on developing core skills and strong problem-solving skills, applicable to a wide range of careers across the financial sector including sales and trading, research, private equity, and asset management.

Programme Benefits:

This programme offers students:

- A distinctive broad curriculum – students gain detailed knowledge of the operations and activities of asset & investment management, sales & trading, and the banking industry, in addition to private equity and alternative investments. Students will also review in detail some of the key principles of institutional investments, the workings of equity & debt capital markets, derivatives & options, and an understanding of alternative investments.
- An applied experience – students work on applying knowledge of core and specialised aspects of the finance industry on case studies relevant to today's corporate world developing relevant skills required in problem solving. In addition, students will have the opportunity to learn about sustainable finance, and the principles behind investment decisions that consider environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues.
- An enhancement of employability skills – students learn and experience a wide range of skills that employers are looking for (teamwork, communication, critical & logic-based reflection, intellectual curiosity and 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 in a foreign country and by exploring a sector which is enshrined in the history of London and which represents a significant and important share of the UK and international 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 suitable quantitative methods and tools to critically evaluate a vast range of complex financial instruments, as well as apply pricing and hedging and arbitrage techniques using simple and complex derivatives.
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:

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME <i>(subject to change)</i>		Hours	ECTS
Core Modules			
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
Pathway Modules			
Equity Risk & Return	Equity Analysis & Valuation	18	3
	Futures, Forwards, Options Markets & Excel Application	18	3
Capital Markets	Equity & Debt Capital Markets	18	3
	Perspectives from the Trading Floor	18	3
Investment Markets	Investment Management & Derivatives	24	4
	Equity Research & Fund Management	18	3
Guest Lectures & Workshops <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 watch 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 to create informed and professionally structured reports and presentations. In addition, students are expected to take an active interest in and participate in external guest lectures and company visits, including the appropriate preparation ahead of each visit.