Ollscoil na Gaillimhe
University of Galway

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

Master of Science
Corporate Finance

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Programme at a Glance

Award
MSc Corporate Finance

Course code
MSC-CFIN

NFQ Level
Level 9

Duration
1 year full-time

Next Intake
September

Delivery Mode
On Campus

ECTS
90 ECTS

Tuition Fees
- EU: €12,000
- Non-EU: €22,100
- Student Levy: €150

Who is this for?
Thisprogramme



Ready to apply?

Why *choose* this programme?

Industry-Led Learning

Learn from expert faculty and benefit from industry-led summer schools in Financial Modelling and Alternative Investments, plus real-world business challenges.

Strong Employer Network

Recent graduates and placement students have progressed to firms including Goodbody, Forvis Mazars, Grant Thornton and Teneo.

CFA Institute Affiliation

The programme's affiliation with the CFA Institute under the University Affiliation Program (UAP) supports students in their preparation for the CFA Program exams, a highly respected credential in the finance industry.

Professional Accreditations

Graduates gain exemptions from three Chartered Accountants Ireland (CAI) CAP 1 papers and six ACCA subjects, subject to meeting academic criteria.

Career Progression

Graduates progress into roles across investment banking, financial advisory, fund management and corporate finance, with many securing positions before completing the programme.

Ranked and Recognised

Study at a Triple Accreditated business School, in the top 1% globally. The MSc Corporate Finance is ranked in the Top 200 globally in the QS Business Master's Rankings 2026 for Finance.



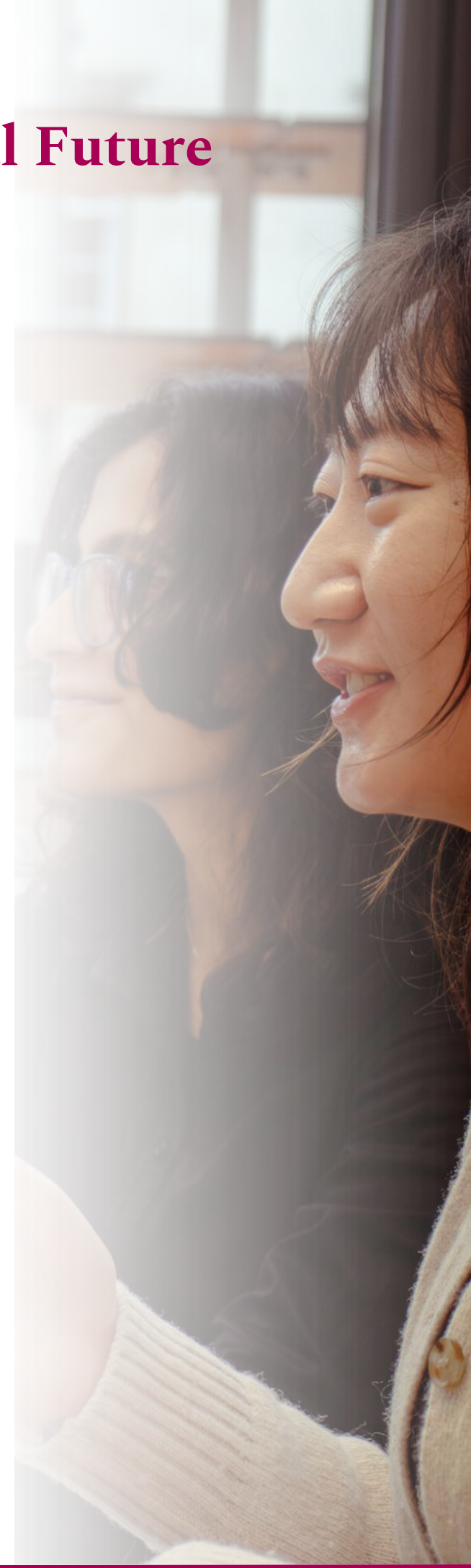
Unlock your **Financial Future**

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.

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.



Structure & Assessments

The programme is delivered over two semesters plus a summer period.

Programme Structure

Semester 1

Taught Modules
September - December

Semester 2

Taught Modules
January - April

Summer

12 Week Industry Placement
or
Two industry-led summer schools

Assessment Methods

- Written examinations
- Individual and group assigments
- Case studies
- Presentations
- Industry Placement / summer schools
- Your workload includes lectures, tutorials, workshops and independent study.

Students complete either two industry-led summer schools or a work placement. Subject to programme structure and availability.

Typical Workload

Expect approximately 40-45 hours of study per week.



Modules

The programme comprises 90 ECTS credits.
Modules are subject to change.

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)

- 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

Module availability and delivery may change.
Please refer to the programme webpage for the most up-to-date information.

Industry-led Summer Schools*

Students complete two industry-led summer schools as part of the programme (or a research dissertation, subject to programme structure and availability).

Financial Modelling

Explore how data analytics and digital tools are transforming accounting and audit practices through real-world projects.

Alternative Investments delivered by EY Luxembourg

Explore hedge funds, private equity and other non-traditional asset classes shaping global investment strategy.

*Topics and industry partners may change from year to year.





12 Week 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.

Professional recognition & exemptions

CFA insitute 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, supporting students in their preparation for the CFA Program exams.

CFA Institute
University Affiliation Program

ACCA Exemptions

Graduates receive exemptions from six ACCA subjects, including Accountant in Business, Management Accounting, Financial Accounting, Performance Management, Financial Reporting, and Financial Management.

ACCA

Chartered Accountants Ireland

Exemptions from three CAP 1 examination papers: Finance, Management Accounting, and Financial Accounting, subject to meeting certain academic criteria.

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Professional recognition and exemption criteria are subject to change by the relevant professional body.

Graduate Employers

Deloitte. Grant Thornton EY forvis mazars KPMG pwc Valeo wayfair

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We are now a 'Triple Crown' School

We are part of an elite group comprising only the top 1% of business schools globally

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2026
284th

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS
Europe 2026
98th

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Ireland 2026
4th

THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS
The Sunday Times 2026
351-400

THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS
The Impact Ranking 2025
- **1st in Ireland**
- **64th in the World**

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For Business and Economics 2026
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Top 2%
of universities in the QS World rankings

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Student, alumni & industry voice



"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 campus has a beautiful, friendly environment with top-notch facilities. Galway is a fantastic location to study and gives a wholesome Irish experience!"

Hiral Metha

Credit Associate, Scotiabank, British Columbia, Canada | Alumni AY23-24



"I would highly recommend the MSc Corporate Finance Program to anyone with a keen interest in Finance. Individuals will leave the MSc program with the necessary skill set to succeed in the workplace. The programme provides access to world-class faculty, resources, and research, providing an opportunity to build a strong foundation for a successful career in the field."

David Doherty

Audit Associate, Forviz Mazars | Alumni AY22-23



"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 LifeScience/ Pharma industry at Forviz Mazars

Admissions & how to apply

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.

English Language Requirements

IELTS 6.S overall, with no less than 6.S in Writing and no less than 6.0 in any other band or equivalent, where applicable.



How to apply?

Apply online at: https://nuigalway.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Account/Login



Scholarships

Merit based Global Scholarships and Business Merit Scholarships available.



Work in Ireland

Non-EU students are eligible for the 24-month StayBack Visa here. A great opportunity to accrue international experience.

Questions?

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