Programme Specification for MSc International Finance & Information Management
2008/2009

Teaching Institution:
London South Bank University

Accredited by:
London South Bank University

Faculty of origin:
BCIM

Highest Award within the Programme:
MSc International Finance & Information Management

Other Awards within the Programme:
No other awards.

Reference Points:
Internal:
LSBU Mission Statement and Strategic Plan
LSBU Core Skills Policy
LSBU Academic Regulations

External:
Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (QAA, 2001)

Rationale & Aims:
1. Introduce and develop a knowledge of financial markets.

2. Develop a knowledge of the work of financial intermediaries and the instruments used by them.

3. Develop project management and capital budgeting skills.

4. Introduce students to the fundamental characteristics of information systems and their role within organisations.
5. Develop understanding of the strategic benefits in successfully implementing information technology.

6. Develop their practical competence in a range of current ISM systems.

7. Develop their research and related skills.

8. To deliver a major piece of largely self directed research.

Programme Outcomes
Upon successful completion of this programme graduate will have achieved the following outcomes.

A Students will acquire knowledge and understanding of:

A1 Understand and use concepts and theories related to international finance and information management,

A2 Identify and learn the main trends in the evolution of financial markets and management of information related to them.

A3 Demonstrate a critical understanding of the nature, operations and risks of international financial and non-financial firms.

A4 Understand financial instrument instruments and strategies.

A5 Understand reports and statistics containing both financial and non-financial information.

A6 Identify and understand issues relating to decision making and human resource management.

Entry Requirements
UK Hons degree (2.2 or above) normally in a discipline that may not specifically be relevant to either or both fields of study, however some disciplines that may prove to be incompatible with studying a Masters in Business OR a non-UK equivalent : OR substantial commercial / industrial experience which may be considered as an indication of the ability to study at MSc level.

In addition we welcome applications from all those interested in furthering their education including mature students.

NB Overseas applicants whose first language is not English should normally have attained a minimum of IELTS 6.5 (or equivalent).

Applicants may be interviewed.

Programme Structure
The course consists of seven core units and an eighth elective - almost all of which are jointly studied with students of other MSc courses - and the Masters Dissertation. For full time students, work on the dissertation normally starts in June, and continues until October 31, when the course ends. Students not attempting the
Dissertation will be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma provided thy have successfully completed all eight taught units.

The programme features an attractive mix of subjects ranging from pure theory through to common practice, best practice and sessions using appropriate software in dedicated computer lab sessions. Teaching and learning will be conducted in a variety of ways, including lectures, seminars, videos, labs and input from visiting experts and practitioners. However, it cannot be emphasised too much that successful completion of the programme is dependent upon students taking and exercising responsibility for their own learning.

**Semester 1:**

Management for Information Systems Professionals

International Financial Markets and Institutions

Web Technologies

Financial and Accounting Information Systems

**Semester 2**

Strategic Management of Information Systems

Financial Management of International Business

Research Methods and Methodology

Financial Elective

**Dissertation**

The dissertation itself provides the student with the opportunity to virtually independently apply knowledge, techniques and skills acquired throughout the course to design and carry out research into an area of Information Management or Finance of personal interest.