

MSc Law and Finance

The Master's Degree in Law and Finance programme at Queen Mary began its first academic year in full strength in September 2009 with twenty four students. We are pleased that this year's students come from a variety of academic backgrounds having studied at leading universities across the United Kingdom and Europe, North America and Asia.

The students' backgrounds are varied, ranging from law and economics to history, management science and engineering. On this year's course, they are studying subjects such as securities regulation, the law of corporate finance, principles of accounting, corporate governance, financial economics, and financial management.

The students also have the option of taking elective classes from other Master's degree programmes, such as European financial law on the LLM, International Financial Reporting on the Masters in Management, and Corporate Finance on the Masters of Banking and Finance. This has allowed them to interact with other QM postgraduates and has led to a diverse and stimulating intellectual atmosphere. Moreover, unlike most other UK universities, some of the core modules on the Law and Finance programme are taught by practitioners at leading UK banks and law firms. This has added an important practical focus to the academic content of the programme and has given the students a unique insight into the day-to-day workings of financial markets and the potential opportunities which await them.

Based on the successful start of this year's programme, the number of applications for the 2010-2011 academic year is growing rapidly. We expect next year's programme to offer an even more diverse range of law and finance classes and specialisations which are aimed to equip the students with the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed in today's turbulent global economy and financial markets.

We are also learning from the valuable feedback of our students regarding what their interests and expectations are and how we can improve the course to help them achieve their future objectives. What makes the programme special and worthwhile for academics at Queen Mary is the opportunity to help our students achieve their objectives while enriching their intellectual experience in a meaningful way.

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