



## Programme Specification (UG)

Awarding body / institution:	Queen Mary University of London
Teaching institution:	Queen Mary University of London
Name of final award and programme title:	BSc Mathematics with Business Management and Finance BSc Mathematics with Business Management & Finance with Professional Placement
Name of interim award(s):	CertHE, DipHE
Duration of study / period of registration:	3 years
QMUL programme code / UCAS code(s):	UBSF-QMMATH1-UMMASBMF/GN13;UBSF-QMMATY1-UMMAPBMP/ GN
QAA Benchmark Group:	Mathematics, statistics and operational research
FHEQ Level of Award :	Level 6
Programme accredited by:	N/A
Date Programme Specification approved:	
Responsible School / Institute:	School of Mathematical Sciences

Schools / Institutes which will also be involved in teaching part of the programme:

School of Business & Management

Institution(s) other than QMUL that will provide some teaching for the programme:

### Programme outline

This programme is for students who have a mathematical aptitude and are also interested in business. It combines training in rigorous mathematics with the theory and practice of business management. Graduates obtain jobs requiring mathematical skills in diverse areas such as business, finance, government and teaching. They are also well prepared for further training in mathematics or in management.

### Aims of the programme

This programme aims to provide graduates with a grounding in mathematics as the major component and an introduction to business management as the minor component. The mathematics component aims to offer as much flexibility as possible within

a joint degree programme. Mathematics is a key analytical tool used in business management and this programme aims to ensure that graduates have enough mathematical background to fully understand the mathematical tools used in business management, whilst also appreciating the business environment within which the mathematical analysis is applied. Statistics is used widely in business and management for informative decision-making and students can specialise in advanced statistics and probability in their final year if they wish.

### What will you be expected to achieve?

Students who successfully complete this programme will be able to:

### QMUL Model

The QMUL Model is an innovative teaching and learning initiative that will broaden opportunities for Queen Mary undergraduates within and beyond higher education, supporting them to plan and manage their ongoing professional development. The Model is firmly grounded in the core QMUL values of respect for, and engagement with, the local area and communities, with a distinctive focus on enabling students to make a positive societal impact through leadership in their chosen field. The Model is organised around the key themes of:

- networking
- multi- and inter-disciplinarity
- international perspectives
- enterprising perspectives.

Students are required to study QMUL Model modules to the value of at least 10 credits at each year of undergraduate study. Model modules may be 5, 10 or 15 credits. Model modules are indicated within this programme specification.

In your first year of study, the Model module will be core or compulsory and will be situated within your home School or Institute. In subsequent years, students will be strongly encouraged to study at least one Model module beyond their home discipline(s), which could, for example, be in another School / Institute or area of QMUL or undertaken as a module outside of QMUL.

If Model module information is not provided on this programme specification for all subsequent years of study, this will be identified as your studies continue.

Where a Model module elective can be selected from an approved group of Model modules, no guarantee can be provided that your first choice of Model module will be available.

Academic Content:

A 1	reason clearly, critically and with rigour within a mathematical context, both theoretical and practical;
A 2	construct appropriate written mathematical arguments;
A 3	analyse a problem within a mathematical context and select appropriate mathematical tools to solve it;
A 4	apply mathematics to management issues.

Disciplinary Skills - able to:	
B 1	be fluent and accurate in basic numerical skills;
B 2	comprehend fundamental concepts and techniques of calculus, linear algebra, probability, statistics and at least one additional main mathematical subject;
B 3	take notes, write up notes, plan revision, and learn independently;
B 4	use e-mail for cooperation and the internet as a source of information, and have a sense of right and wrong ways of using these facilities;
B 5	manage time and work cooperatively with fellow students;
B 6	undertake a critical analysis and assessment of business and financial issues;
B 7	choose appropriate mathematical methods and understand how to apply them in practical management problems;
B 8	approach a practical management problem using knowledge of business management and mathematical modelling;
B 9	discuss mathematical aspects of a practical problem presented by a manager.

Attributes:	
C 1	acquire complex knowledge and apply it rigorously;
C 2	connect information and ideas within their field of study;
C 3	use writing for learning, reflection, and communication;
C 4	adapt their understanding to new and unfamiliar settings;
C 5	acquire new learning skills in a range of ways, both individually and collaboratively;
C 6	use quantitative data confidently and competently;
C 7	acquire transferable key skills to help with career goals and continuing education;
C 8	develop effective spoken English and presentation skills;

C9	use information for evidence-based decision-making and creative thinking.
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QMUL Model Learning Outcomes - Level 4:	
D1	<b>(Networking) Identify and discuss their own career aspirations or relevant skills and knowledge and how they i</b>
D2	<b>(Networking) Identify and discuss what their own role in their programme and/or subject discipline might mea</b>

QMUL Model Learning Outcomes - Level 5:	
E1	(Networking) Evaluate and demonstrate their own attitudes, values and skills in the workplace and/or in the wider wo
E2	(Enterprising Perspectives) Recognise and prioritise areas for developing their own enterprising perspectives
E3	

QMUL Model Learning Outcomes - Level 6:	
F1	
F2	
F3	

QMUL Model Learning Outcomes - Level 7:	
G1	
G2	
G3	

**How will you learn?**

Teaching in most modules is primarily by formal lectures but may include guided reading. For all except some higher-level modules, teaching is supported by tutorial classes and/or computer laboratories. Teaching of reading and project modules is primarily by guided reading and weekly seminars or supervisions.

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## How will you be assessed?

Assessment is normally primarily by written examination but for some modules may also include continuous assessment of coursework consisting of solutions to exercises, which are set weekly or fortnightly, and/or one or more tests. Summative coursework assessment or tests may typically contribute up to 10% of the assessment. Assessment of project modules is normally by a project report, presentation and, at the examiners' discretion, an oral examination.

## How is the programme structured?

Please specify the full time and part time programme diets (if applicable). Please also outline the QMUL Model arrangements for each year of study. The description should be sufficiently detailed to fully define the structure of the diet.

All first-year Mathematical Sciences students must take and pass MTH3100 Essential Mathematical Skills in order to progress to the second year of a Mathematical Sciences degree programme.

Year 2

Semester A

Three compulsory modules

MTH5212 [5] Applied Linear Algebra

Probability and Statistics II (renamed from MTH5122 Statistical Methods)

BUS021 [4] Financial Accounting

Semester B

Three compulsory modules

MTH5120 [5] Statistical Modelling I

BUS011 [5] Marketing

BUS022 [5] Managerial Accounting

(Choice of Semester)

Choose one from

MTH5XXX [5] Professional Skills and Data Analysis with SAS (QMmodel)

MTH5XXX [5] Introduction to Programming (QMmodel)

any 15 credit QMmodel Module

Choose any 15 credit module (electives from above are fine)

Year 3

Five compulsory modules

MTH6154 [6] Financial Mathematics I

MTH6155 [6] Financial Mathematics II

BUS204 [5] Strategy

BUS324 [6] Management of Human Resources

BUS306 [6] Financial Management

Choose two modules from the list below:

MTH6134 [6] Statistical Modelling II

MTH6138 [6] Third Year Project (or Semester 6)

MTH6139 [6] Time Series

MTH6136 [6] Statistical Theory

MTH6141 [6] Random Processes

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MTH6156 [6] Financial Mathematics III  
MTH6931 [6] Computational Statistics

Choose 15 credits at level 5 or 6.

Academic Year of Study FT - Year 2

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester	QMUL Model
Applied Linear Algebra	MTH5212	15	5	Compulsory	5	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Probability and Statistics II	MTH5XXX	15	5	Compulsory	5	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Financial Accounting	BUS021	15	5	Compulsory	5	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Statistical Modelling I	MTH5120	15	5	Compulsory	5	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marketing	BUS011	15	5	Compulsory	5	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Managerial Accounting	BUS022	15	5	Compulsory	5	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Professional Skills and Data Analysis with SAS	MTH5XXX	15	5	Elective	5	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Introduction to Programming	MTH5XXX	15	5	Elective	5	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

Academic Year of Study FT - Year 3

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Financial Mathematics I	MTH6154	15	6	Compulsory	6	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Financial Mathematics II	MTH6155	15	6	Compulsory	6	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Strategy	BUS204	15	5	Compulsory	6	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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Management of Human Resources	BUS324	15	6	Compulsory	6	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Financial Management	BUS306	15	6	Compulsory	6	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Statistical Modelling II	MTH6134	15	6	Elective	6	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Third Year Project	MTH6138	15	6	Elective	6	Semester 1 or 2	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Time Series	MTH6139	15	6	Elective	6	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Statistical Theory	MTH6136	15	6	Elective	6	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Random Processes	MTH6141	15	6	Elective	6	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Financial Mathematics III	MTH6156	15	6	Elective	6	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Computational Statistics	MTH6931	15	6	Elective	6	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/> No

### What are the entry requirements?

Our normal entry requirement is three GCE A-levels at grades AAB including grade A in Mathematics, or equivalent. Applicants also need at least grade C or 4 in GCSE English Language, or equivalent.

### How will the quality of the programme be managed and enhanced?

The programme is over seen by a Programme Director with overall oversight of the programme.

The quality of individual modules is monitored by DOTP and DUGS, and includes evaluation of student feedback through questionnaires, the Student Staff Liaison Committee, module registrations, exam performance, as well as direct observations of the lectures.

The quality and structure of the programme as a whole is the responsibility of the DoTP with support from DUGS, the Programme Director and the School's Teaching and Learning Committee. This includes revising the syllabuses of modules, and refining the module offering.

### How do we listen to and act on your feedback?

The Student-Staff Liaison Committee (SSLC) provides a formal means of communication and discussion between the School and

its students. The committee consists of student representatives from each year in the School together with appropriate representation from staff within the School. It is designed to respond to the needs of students, as well as act as a forum for discussing programme and module developments. The Student-Staff Liaison Committee meets regularly throughout the year.

The School operates a Teaching and Learning Committee, which advises the School Director of Taught Programmes on all matters relating to the delivery of taught programmes at School level including monitoring the application of relevant QMUL policies and reviewing all proposals for module and programme approval and amendment before submission to Taught Programmes Board. Student views are incorporated in this Committee's work in a number of ways, such as through the SSLC and consideration of student surveys.

The School operates an Annual Programme Review of all its taught provision. The process is organised at a School-level basis with the Director of Taught Programmes responsible for updating the School's Taught Programmes Action Plan. Students' views are considered in this process through analysis of student surveys and module evaluations.

### **What academic support is available?**

Each student is allocated a personal academic adviser, who acts as a first point of contact for general academic and pastoral support. Personal tuition is provided primarily through tutorial classes and visits to module organisers during their office hours, which are advertised on the web. Programme induction for new students begins during the enrolment period and extends into the first semester; it includes a series of presentations organised by the Student Support Officer. Each programme is assigned a Programme Director and all teaching is overseen by the Teaching and Learning Committee, which includes the Programme Directors and is chaired by the Director of Taught Programmes. Programmes are monitored continuously and reviewed every few years by the Teaching and Learning Committee.

### **Programme-specific rules and facts**

All first-year Mathematical Sciences students must pass Essential Mathematical Skills in order to progress to the second year of a Mathematical Sciences degree programme. At the end of year two, students have the opportunity to take a placement year in industry - Mathematics with Management with Professional Placement.

### **Specific support for disabled students**

Queen Mary has a central Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) that offers support for all students with disabilities, specific learning difficulties and mental health issues. The DDS supports all Queen Mary students: full-time, part-time, undergraduate, postgraduate, UK and international at all campuses and all sites.

Students can access advice, guidance and support in the following areas:

- finding out if you have a specific learning difficulty like dyslexia;
- applying for funding through the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA);
- arranging DSA assessments of need;
- special arrangements in examinations;
- accessing loaned equipment (e.g. digital recorders);
- specialist one-to-one "study skills" tuition;
- ensuring access to course materials in alternative formats (e.g. Braille);
- providing educational support workers (e.g. note-takers, readers, library assistants);
- mentoring support for students with mental health issues and conditions on the autistic spectrum.

### **Links with employers, placement opportunities and transferable skills**

Recent graduates have gone into a wide variety of jobs. Some went into positions in the financial sector ranging from actuarial and accountancy trainees with banks such as Lloyds TSB to a financial analyst with AIG. Teacher training was an option that was taken up by a number of our graduates, as was further study: around one third of our graduates go on to complete a Masters or PhD degree. High-level numeracy is one of the most sought-after skills in the workplace and many opportunities are open to a



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mathematical sciences graduate. During this degree programme students learn how to analyse and solve problems, apply mathematical modelling, communicate their ideas and theories effectively, and work independently and manage their own time. Students learn to apply mathematical techniques to situations across the sciences and other areas such as finance. These skills are highly desirable to employers ranging from business and finance to the chemicals and materials industries.

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## Programme Specification Approval

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**Person completing Programme Specification:**

Dr Mark Walters, DoTP

**Person responsible for management of programme:**

Professor Oliver Jenkinson

**Date Programme Specification produced / amended by School / Institute Learning and Teaching Committee:**

7 Feb 2018

**Date Programme Specification approved by Taught Programmes Board:**