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B. Course Aims and Features		
Distinctive features of course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An academic entry route into accounting and finance for applicants holding non-specialist entry qualifications; • A natural progression route for students of undergraduate programmes particularly in the areas of business, economics and finance; • Professional body exemptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA): Exemption from the last three papers of ACCA’s Fundamentals Level qualifying examinations (i.e. ACCA F7, F8 and F9). ○ Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA): MSc IAF graduates who then complete CIMA’s Management Case Study gain exemption from 12 CIMA papers at Foundation & Professional levels – leaving only 4 papers to complete at Strategic level; • Optional internship to develop the skills required by employers in the accounting and finance professions; • A choice of electives to reflect both student interests and potential career opportunities; • An opportunity to study either full-time or part-time and with intakes in both September and January; • Access to prestigious resources such as the Bloomberg computer suite. • A wide range of extracurricular activities and opportunities to attend expert symposiums and conferences to enhance employability and enhance awareness of contemporary issues and developments within the subject domains; • Two residential weekends; • The opportunity for consultancy practice; • The opportunity to carry out a project suiting the students’ career needs; • Multiple start dates and modes of delivery to suit; • Business start-up advice and support during the programme for budding entrepreneurs; • Opportunities to network and develop connectivity with our post graduate research and enterprise community; • Life coaching. 	
Course Aims	The MSc International Accounting and Finance aims to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish and maintain a learning environment that stimulates the understanding of the subject disciplines and engenders the development of independent thought and critical reflection. 2. Provide a contemporary international perspective, in the subject areas of accounting and finance, informed by scholarship and research. 3. Provide appropriate professional body exemptions. 4. Support students, through an optional internship, to gain relevant professional experience, in the areas of accounting and/or business finance. 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Equip graduates, with the skills and attributes necessary to develop careers in industry, the professions, public service and research. 6. Develop the skills necessary to successfully complete a research project within the domains of accounting and finance. 7. Encourage further specialist research and continuing professional development within the domains of accounting and finance.
<p>Course Learning Outcomes</p>	<p>A. Knowledge & understanding</p> <p>Students will have knowledge and understanding of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A1 The principles and application of a range of International Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards. A2 The fundamental principles of international finance. A3 Contemporary theories and developments in the areas of accounting, finance and related areas of business. A4 The main research methodologies and techniques in accounting, finance and business. <p>B. Intellectual skills</p> <p>Students will develop their intellectual skills such that they are able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> B1 Critically evaluate and engage in current academic research and advanced scholarship in the discipline. B2 Demonstrate originality in the application of knowledge to structured and unstructured business scenarios. B3 Recognise relevant ethical considerations and effectively evaluate how these may be resolved, when undertaking research and inquiry. B4 Synthesise data in its various forms to support argument. <p>C. Practical skills</p> <p>Students will acquire and develop practical skills such that they are able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> C1 Critically analyse complex issues in accounting, finance and other areas of business management. C2 Systematically and creatively solve complex problems in the subject area. C3 Analyse, synthesise and present complex financial information in a way that is coherent and in accordance with accepted professional and academic practice. C4 Demonstrate proficiency in the use of relevant specialist software packages. <p>D. Transferable skills</p> <p>Students will acquire and develop transferable skills such that they are able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> D1 Demonstrate the independent learning ability required for continuing professional development. D2 Exercise initiative and personal responsibility in an ethical manner. D3 Demonstrate effective communication skills.

	D4 Work in a team and participate competently and constructively in group activities.
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C. Teaching and Learning Strategy

Lectures, seminars and workshop: Interactive seminars and workshops support lectures and have a strong focus on small group activities to encourage active participation of students throughout the course, developing peer learning, sharing of knowledge and best practice, and support networks amongst a diverse student body.

Case study: Teaching, learning and assessment are very applied, with case studies and simulation being used in all modules. Where possible live case studies are brought in to the classroom and external stakeholders involved in the delivery and the subsequent feedback to student generated solutions.

Research and enterprise: Research and entrepreneurial skills and knowledge are developed throughout the student journey. From the 'Consultancy, Enterprise and Innovation' and 'Research Methods' modules through to the Capstone Business Project students have the opportunity to identify areas of interest, explore ideas in a supportive environment and develop ideas through to impactful projects and beyond. Those students wanting to develop entrepreneurial ideas can receive additional support from the LSBU Enterprise Centre.

Relevant information technology skills: Skills in the use of industry standard software such as Bloomberg, Excel and Fame are developed and assessed through various modules of the course.

Research Today! Seminars: All post graduate students are able to attend our monthly Research Today! Seminars and network with the School's research community, share and develop ideas which will support their studies & project work.

Residential weekends: Two residential events will support students learning and development. Each residential will go to support student research, enterprise and personal development.

Life coaches: All students have the option to have a life coach to support them with any challenges they face during their journey with LSBU.

Self-managed learning: Self-managed learning activities to supplement and consolidate classroom based activity constitutes about 75% of the student study hours, and these include: reading texts and relevant journals, application of knowledge to additional problem based exercises, engaging in coursework, group discussion, review of key topics, blogs and reflective journals. Many of these activities are supported by the virtual learning environment (VLE).

Learning support: The University has a well stocked library which provides a range of study environments for individual and group/social learning, course materials, online information resources – library staff dedicated to the School of Business are also on hand to provide support for effective researching. Free computer access is available for all students across the University, and a Bloomberg lab with 12 Bloomberg terminals is available for the dedicated use of the School’s students. Printing, scanning, photocopying, and wireless internet access facilities are available, along with specialist online support and training. The library provides, bookable group rooms and laptop computers for loan. Current students can find more information at <https://my.lsbu.ac.uk>.

Teaching staff: A variety of experienced academic staff teach on the course, some who have considerable industry experience which they bring to the classroom, others who are actively engaged in relevant real world research which they use to inform their teaching. The National Student Surveys and the Guardian University League Tables consistently place LSBU’s Accounting and Finance subject area at the top of the table for student satisfaction with teaching.

Virtual learning environment: Digital technology is used to increase academic support for students and improve the efficiency of the teaching and assessment processes - eventually to transform student learning so that the student experience becomes truly ‘blended’ and extends well beyond the use of the VLE as merely a document repository.

D. Assessment

Formative: Formative assessment activities provide opportunities for developmental feedback and reflective learning and are a key teaching and learning strategy throughout the course to ensure students engage in a process of continuous learning.

Workshop and seminar activities and feedback is a key formative assessment method throughout the programme; supported by back up material as provided on the University’s VLE.

Peer and staff review on a variety of in-class activities can provide formative feedback to students on the development of their knowledge and skills. This will allow staff to reflect on student performance and feed forward into future delivery.

Activities such as *In-class debate, moots and discussions* can provide students and staff with an understanding of the knowledge gained and areas of syllabi needing further reinforcement and delivery. This allows staff to reflect on student performance and feed forward into future delivery.

The VLE and *in-class presentations and student led seminars and blogs* can provide formative feedback to both staff and students as to the development of key intellectual skills.

Application of knowledge to case study, team working and client handling within workshops are all part of the formative feedback process with regards to transferable and practical skills. *The dissertation facilitation and work based supervisor process of support* should also ensure regular touch points between the student & academics/ practitioners to enable feedback on research and practical application within the workplace.

Summative: Summative assessment is delivered through a variety of methods. *Group work based on case study is used* to assess team working, leadership, communication and reflective skills. Written communication is developed through *report writing* of both academic and business genres. Verbal communication and persuasive advocacy skills are developed through *presentations and pitching*. The numeracy skills that are essential for the accounting and finance professional are developed and enhanced throughout the programme, and assessment is through practical application to case study and *research analysis to support evidence based decisions*. The use of industry standard financial analysis software such as Bloomberg, Excel, Fame and Stata is embedded throughout the subject-specific modules, developing valuable employability skills that work-ready graduates are expected to possess.

Examination is used to assess knowledge, understanding and application within a pressurised time constrained environment only when discipline norms or professional body requirements prevail – i.e. in three of the core subject-specific modules which make up one-third of the total course credits. In these three modules the examination has a weighting of 60%, and the coursework a weighting of 40%.

E. Intermediate exit awards

1. A student needs to pass a minimum of 100 credits to be awarded a PgDip in International Accounting & Finance.
2. For the award of a PgCert in International Accounting & Finance, no more than 40 of the required 60 credits can be from the following non-subject specific modules:

Core modules 20 credits each

1. Financial Reporting
2. Audit Risk
3. Corporate Financial Management
4. Theories & Issues in Accounting & Finance

Option Modules 20 credits each

1. Big Data Analytics (20 credits)
2. Governance and Leadership (20 credits)
3. Investment Management and Behavioural Finance (20 credits)

4. Organisational Risk Management and Internal Controls (20 credits)

F. Entry Requirements

In order to be considered for entry to the course applicants will be required to have one of the following qualifications:

- A 2.2 UK honours degree (or equivalent) in a relevant subject area; or
- Applicants with a non-relevant degree, but with at least second class honours AND relevant work experience in accounting and finance, will be considered on an individual basis; or
- Fundamentals Level (Knowledge and Skills) of the ACCA professional examinations; or
- Operational and Management levels of the CIMA examinations; or
- Other relevant professional accountancy qualifications, including from overseas;

IELTS: The required English language skills to undertake this programme is IELTS (International English Language Testing Service) 6.5.

Applicants may be required to be interviewed by the Course Director or Divisional Marketing, Recruitment and Admissions Coordinator.

G. Course structure(s)

This course is developed around the School of Business Framework for Post Graduate Courses. This framework has at its core the following modules:

- Consultancy, Enterprise & Innovation (20 credits)
- Research Methods (20 credits)
- Capstone Business Project (40 credits)
- 1 x Options (20 credits)

Thus 100 credits of all the School's post graduate provision will be shared with all other School of Business courses.

If a student has completed an LSBU course that falls within this framework, the APL available would be for:

1 x option module (20 credits)

Consultancy, Enterprise & Innovation (20 credits)

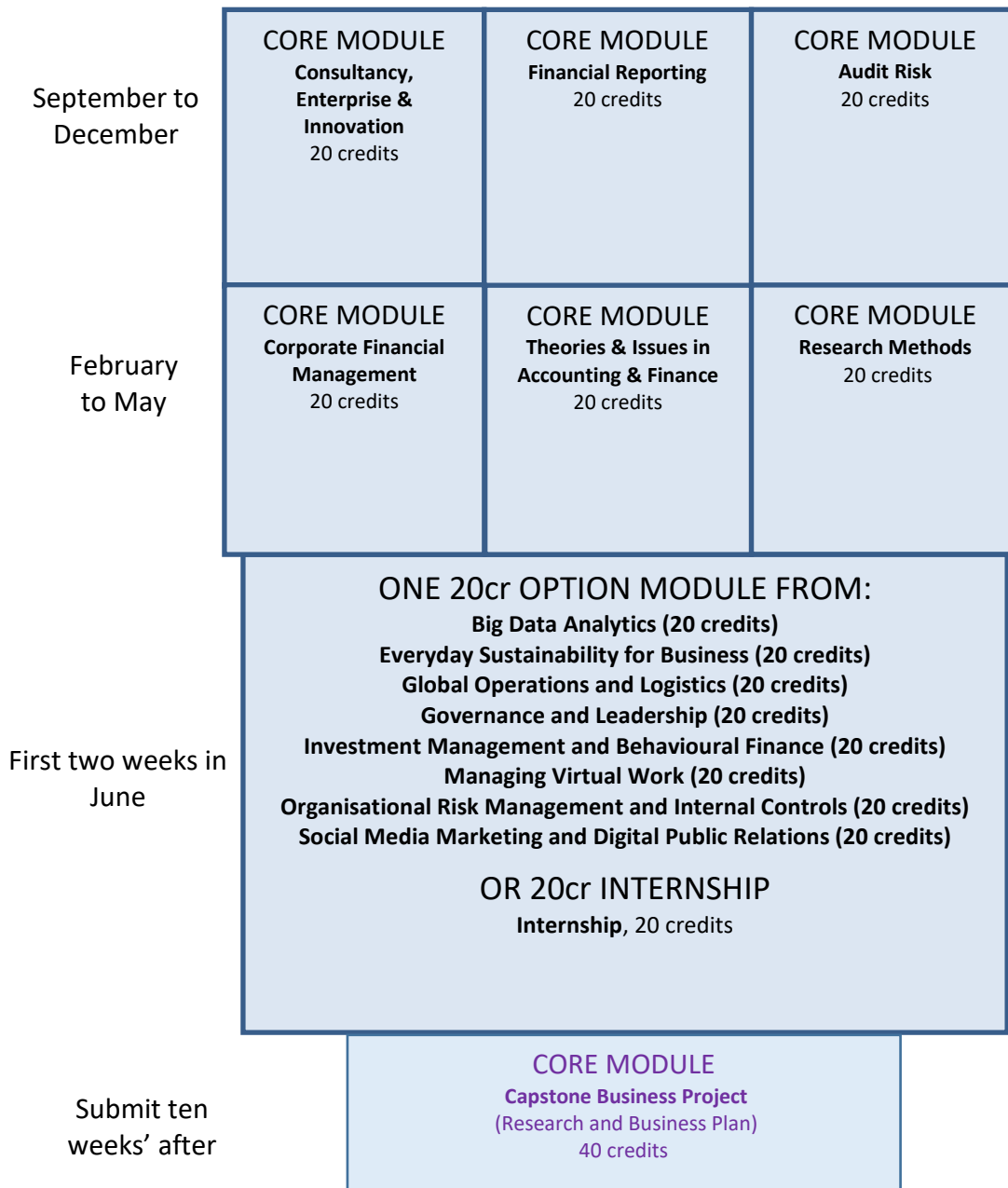
The remaining core framework modules are contextualised towards the discipline and not available for APL.

Any other LSBU modules completed will be considered for APL on a case by case basis. A maximum of 60 credits APL in total can be granted. Students should note that doing fewer credits by availing of such APL exemptions has implications for the availability of student loan from the Student Loan Company, whose loans are only available to students who do all modules of the course.

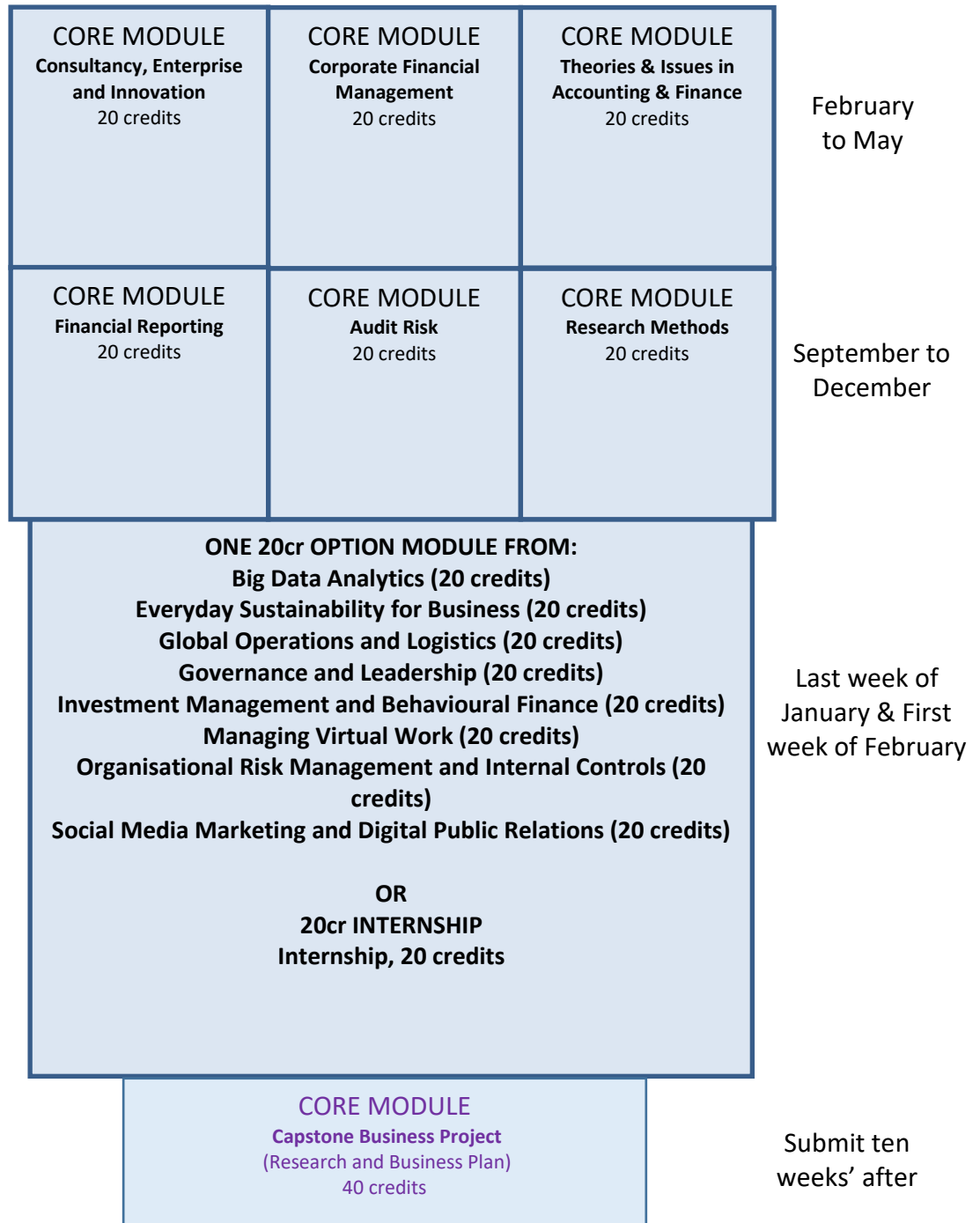
For the four core subject specific modules, January entrants will join September entrants (i.e. January entrants will do the core subject specific modules in reverse order to the September entrants).

MSc IAF will be offered a 15-hour financial skills programme over 5 days to support their transition into Level 7 studies of a technical nature. The programme will be aimed at managing student expectations regarding their chosen subject of study, identifying areas of shortfall in necessary academic development, and proactively addressing these issues. The programme will be run for both September and January entrants - but rather than run it in induction week, we would prefer to run it in week 1 or 2 of the corresponding semester to ensure that late enrollees can attend. These classes would therefore be in addition to the students' regular scheduled classes. If there are part-time students requiring the programme, it will be offered over 2 weekends and additional evening sessions.

MSc International Accounting & Finance – FULL TIME (September Start)



MSc International Accounting & Finance – FULL TIME (January Start)



Placements information

All students have the option to study for a 20 credit Internship (instead of taking one 20 credit optional modules). This module allows the student to gain valuable work experience while studying for a master's degree. Responsibility for securing the work placement lies with the student. However, the student is supported during the search process and when the student is actually working. The work placement should have some direct bearing on what the student is studying - a student studying MSc International Accounting & Finance would be expected to secure an internship with some connection – however weak – with aspects of accounting or finance within the business community. The decision on whether to undertake the 20-credit internship instead of the default route of choosing one 20-credit option must be made by the student no later than the end of the Project Launch Residential.

H. Course Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Semester	Credit value	Assessment
AFE_7_AUR	Audit Risk	7	1	20	40% Group CW, 60% Exam
MMP_7_CEI	Consultancy, Enterprise and Innovation	7	1	20	100% CW
AFE_7_FRE	Financial Reporting	7	1	20	40% Individual CW, 60% Exam
AFE_7_CFM	Corporate Financial Management	7	2	20	40% Individual CW 60% Exam
MMP_7_RME	Research Methods	7	2	20	100% Individual CW
AFE_7_TIS	Theories & Issues in Accounting and Finance	7	2	20	100% Individual CW
AFE_7_BDA	Big Data Analytics	7	2	20	100% Individual CW
MMP_7_ESB	Everyday Sustainability for Business	7	2	20	100% Individual CW
MMP_7_GOL	Global Operations and Logistics	7	2	20	100% Individual CW
AFE_7_GOL	Governance and Leadership	7	2	20	100% Individual CW
AFE_7_IMB	Investment Management and Behavioural Finance	7	2	20	100% Individual CW
MMP_7_MVW	Managing Virtual Work	7	2	20	100% Individual CW
AFE_7_ORC	Organisational Risk Management and Internal Controls	7	2	20	100% Individual CW
MMP_7_SMM	Social Media Marketing and Digital Public Relations	7	3	20	100% Individual CW

MMP_7_INT	Internship	7	3	20	100% Individual CW
MBA_7_CBP	Capstone Business Project	7	3	40	100% Individual CW

I. Timetable information

Timetables will depend on the choice of option, and will be provided to students about two weeks in advance of each semester.

J. Costs and financial support

Tuition fees/financial support/accommodation and living costs

- Information on tuition fees/financial support can be found by clicking on the following link - <http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/fees-and-funding> or
- <http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/fees-and-funding>
- Information on living costs and accommodation can be found by clicking the following link- <https://my.lsbu.ac.uk/my/portal/Student-Life-Centre/International-Students/Starting-at-LSBU/#expenses>

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Appendix A: Curriculum Map for MSc International Accounting and Finance

This map provides a design aid to help course teams identify where course outcomes are being developed, taught and assessed within the course. It also provides a checklist for quality assurance purposes and may be used in validation, accreditation and external examining processes. Making the learning outcomes explicit will also help students to monitor their own learning and development as the course progresses.

CORE MODULES

Modules			Course outcomes															
Level	Title	Code	A1	A2	A3	A4	B1	B2	B3	B4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D1	D2	D3	D4
7	Audit Risk	AFE_7_AUR	D		TDA	D	TD	TD	D	TDA	TDA	TDA	TD	D	D	D	DA	DA
7	Corporate Financial Management	AFE_7_CFM		TDA	TDA	D	TD	TD	D	TDA	TDA	TDA	TDA	TDA	TD	D	DA	DA
7	Financial Reporting	AFE_7_FRE	TDA		TDA	D	TD	TD	D	TDA	TDA	TDA	TD	D	TD	D	DA	D
7	Theories & Issues in Accounting and Finance	AFE_7_TIS	DA	DA	TDA	TDA	TDA	TD	TDA	D	TD	TDA	TD	D	D	D	DA	DA
7	Consultancy, Enterprise & Innovation	MMP_7_CEI						TDA		D		D			TDA	DA	DA	DA
7	Research Methods	MMP_7_RME			DA		TDA		TD	TDA	TDA	D	D	D	D	D	TDA	
7	Capstone Business Project	MBA_7_CBP			D	TDA	TDA		D	TDA	DA	D	TDA	D	D	D	DA	

Note: T: Taught; D: Developed; A: Assessed

OPTION MODULES

Modules			Course outcomes															
Level	Title	Code	A1	A2	A3	A4	B1	B2	B3	B4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D1	D2	D3	D4
7	Big Data Analytics	AFE_7_BDA			TDA	TDA				TDA			TDA	TDA	D		DA	
7	Everyday Sustainability for Business	MMP_7_ESB			TDA			D	TDA	D			D		D	DA	DA	
7	Global Operations and Logistics	MMP_7_GOL			TDA			D		D	DA				D	D	DA	
7	Governance and Leadership	AFE_7_GOL			TDA			D	TDA		D	D			D	D	DA	
7	Investment Management and Behavioural Finance	AFE_7_IMB			TDA		D	D	TD		TD			D	D		DA	
7	Managing Virtual Work	MMP_7_MVW			TDA		D	D		D	DA				D	D	DA	DA
7	Organisational Risk Management and Internal Controls	AFE_7_ORC			TDA			D	TD		DA	D			D	D	DA	
7	Social Media Marketing and Digital Public Relations	MMP_7_SMM			TDA		D	D			DA			D	D	D	DA	
7	Internship	MMP_7_INT						D	D		D	D	D	D	D	D	DA	D

Note: T: Taught; D: Developed; A: Assessed

Appendix C: Personal Development Planning

Approach to PDP	Level 7
1 Supporting the development and recognition of skills through the personal tutor system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students will be allocated a personal tutor. • Two meetings per year. • Sign post to additional support as needed. • Identify gaps and signpost training opportunities. • Project facilitators.
2 Supporting the development and recognition of skills in academic modules/modules.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Coaching. • Residential. • Signposting to necessary support functions via Personal Tutoring module and personal coaching. • Assessment of a wide range of skills (see assessment matrix). • Extracurricular activity' masterclass' programme running alongside core academic programme.
3 Supporting the development and recognition of skills through purpose designed modules/modules.	<p>Examples of Specific modules are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultancy & Innovation – Group work, presentation, pitching, creativity • Live Consultancy – advocacy, pitching, negotiation, presentation, dealing with a client • Capstone Project – Resilience, grit, analysis, report writing.
4 Supporting the development and recognition of skills through research projects and dissertations work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All module assessments involve an element of evidence based decision making thus all require some level of research. • Project Escalator Residential • Research Methods Module • Project Launch residential • Capstone project
5 Supporting the development and recognition of career management skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Consultancy project – working on live case study with real world impact. • Capstone project – working on a live scenario. • Links with Enterprise to provide entrepreneurial support. • Jobshop on site assistance. • Networking opportunities to improve mobility.
6 Supporting the development and recognition of career management skills through work placements or work experience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIBS Lectures. • Masterclasses. • Coaching. • Networking. • Enterprise Activities • Long list of extracurricular activity

7 Supporting the development of skills by recognising that they can be developed through extra curricula activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Support • PDP • Professional Body contact • Employability Service for two years post graduate • Reflection
8 Supporting the development of the skills and attitudes as a basis for continuing professional development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alumni • Industry Speakers • Professional bodies • Volunteering opportunities • CIBS talks • Professional Coaching
9 Other approaches to personal development planning.	Reflection in most modules and learning diary kept on Capstone project
10 The means by which self-reflection, evaluation and planned development is supported e.g. electronic or paper-based learning log or diary.	<p>Examples of Specific modules are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultancy & Innovation – Group work, presentation, pitching, creativity • Live Consultancy – advocacy, pitching, negotiation, presentation, dealing with a client • Capstone Project – Resilience, grit, analysis, report writing.

Appendix D: Terminology

awarding body	a UK higher education provider (typically a university) with the power to award higher education qualifications such as degrees
bursary	a financial award made to students to support their studies; sometimes used interchangeably with 'scholarship'
collaborative provision	a formal arrangement between a degree-awarding body and a partner organisation, allowing for the latter to provide higher education on behalf of the former
compulsory module	a module that students are required to take
contact hours	the time allocated to direct contact between a student and a member of staff through, for example, timetabled lectures, seminars and tutorials
coursework	student work that contributes towards the final result but is not assessed by written examination
current students	students enrolled on a course who have not yet completed their studies or been awarded their qualification
delivery organisation	an organisation that delivers learning opportunities on behalf of a degree-awarding body
distance-learning course	a course of study that does not involve face-to-face contact between students and tutors
extracurricular	activities undertaken by students outside their studies
feedback (on assessment)	advice to students following their completion of a piece of assessed or examined work
formative assessment	a type of assessment designed to help students learn more effectively, to progress in their studies and to prepare for summative assessment; formative assessment does not contribute to the final mark, grade or class of degree awarded to students

higher education provider	organisations that deliver higher education
independent learning	learning that occurs outside the classroom that might include preparation for scheduled sessions, follow-up work, wider reading or practice, completion of assessment tasks, or revision
intensity of study	the time taken to complete a part-time course compared to the equivalent full-time version: for example, half-time study would equate to 0.5 intensity of study
lecture	a presentation or talk on a particular topic; in general lectures involve larger groups of students than seminars and tutorials
learning zone	a flexible student space that supports independent and social learning
material information	information students need to make an informed decision, such as about what and where to study
mode of study	different ways of studying, such as full-time, part-time, e-learning or work-based learning
modular course	a course delivered using modules
module	a self-contained, formally structured unit of study, with a coherent and explicit set of learning outcomes and assessment criteria; some providers use the word 'course' or 'course unit' to refer to individual modules
national teaching fellowship	a national award for individuals who have made an outstanding impact on student learning and the teaching profession
navigability (of websites)	the ease with which users can obtain the information they require from a website
optional module	a module or course unit that students choose to take
performance (examinations)	a type of examination used in performance-based subjects such as drama and music
professional body	an organisation that oversees the activities of a particular profession and represents the interests of its members
prospective student	those applying or considering applying for any programme, at any level and employing any mode of study, with a higher education provider

regulated course	a course that is regulated by a regulatory body
regulatory body	an organisation recognised by government as being responsible for the regulation or approval of a particular range of issues and activities
scholarship	a type of bursary that recognises academic achievement and potential, and which is sometimes used interchangeably with 'bursary'
semester	either of the parts of an academic year that is divided into two for purposes of teaching and assessment (in contrast to division into terms)
seminar	seminars generally involve smaller numbers than lectures and enable students to engage in discussion of a particular topic and/or to explore it in more detail than might be covered in a lecture
summative assessment	formal assessment of students' work, contributing to the final result
term	any of the parts of an academic year that is divided into three or more for purposes of teaching and assessment (in contrast to division into semesters)
total study time	the total time required to study a module, unit or course, including all class contact, independent learning, revision and assessment
tutorial	one-to-one or small group supervision, feedback or detailed discussion on a particular topic or project
work/study placement	a planned period of experience outside the institution (for example, in a workplace or at another higher education institution) to help students develop particular skills, knowledge or understanding as part of their course
workload	see 'total study time'
written examination	a question or set of questions relating to a particular area of study to which candidates write answers usually (but not always) under timed conditions