BSc
FINANCE
(Part-time Programme)
Programme Overview

The Singapore University of Social Sciences (formerly known as SIM University) Bachelor of Science in Finance (BSFI) programme caters to working adults seeking to upgrade their skills for careers in the world of finance. With a strong linkage with the finance industry, the BSFI curriculum is designed to impart skills that can be immediately transferred to the workplace.

Graduates of the programme will be trained for a wide range of careers in the financial sector, including roles as an investment analyst, research analyst, portfolio manager, trader, financial product structurer, financial consultant, and etc. The curriculum is designed to enable students to enhance their professional credentials in the financial sector.

The BSFI Programme at Singapore University of Social Sciences has been accepted into the CFA Institute University Recognition Programme. This status is granted to institutions whose degree programme(s) incorporate at least 70% of the CFA Programme Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK), which provide students with a solid grounding in the CBOK and positions them well to sit for the CFA exams. In addition, the CFA Institute awards five (5) CFA Programme Awareness Scholarships to Singapore University of Social Sciences students in each fiscal year. CFA Gold/Silver/Bronze Awards are also given to deserving students at completion of programme.

The BSFI programme is the only university in Singapore to have collaboration with the Financial Planning Association of Singapore (FPAS) to offer courses towards CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™, CFP© certification. Students who pass a selected set of courses in the Finance programme will be waived from certain modules in the CFP© examinations and the Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) examinations.

In addition, graduates of the BSFI programme who have completed the above mentioned courses will also be exempted from four modules under the Chartered Financial Consultant/Singapore (ChFC®/S) Programme.

Message from Our Associate Lecturer

“Singapore University of Social Sciences’ Bachelor of Science in Finance programme provides a rigorous and comprehensive introduction to the field of finance.

The curriculum equips students with the requisite foundations in theory and practice in key areas in finance. The programme focuses on developing analytical and written and oral communication skills. The BSFI programme makes extensive use of scenario analysis and cases studies that are closely tied to the workplace. The intent is to inculcate students with the knowledge and skills to deal with rapidly changing market conditions – vital to a successful career in finance.

The BSc Finance degree is taught by faculty with globally recognised academic and professional credentials. Faculty with considerable experience in industry bring their rich experiences to the classroom. Students are able to deploy knowledge acquired in the classroom to their work domain.

Mr Lim Wee Yong Benedict Andrew

A team from Singapore University of Social Sciences Finance Programme doing presentation at the CFA University Investment Research Challenge 2014

Message from the Dean

“The School of Business at Singapore University of Social Sciences aims to nurture business and management professionals who can communicate well, resolve intricate business issues effectively, and manage complexities efficiently in today’s highly competitive and dynamic business environment. We will prepare our students to become knowledgeable professionals who are ready to manage and lead.

We strive to give our students a valuable learning experience by providing them with experienced and inspiring teaching faculty complemented with a supportive and flexible learning environment. Leveraging on our strong industry links and business networking, we aim to bring the business world to our business school through case aim to bring the business world to our business school through case studies, work-based assessments, and guest speaker seminars. We will also bring the business school to the business world through industry site visits and overseas study trips.

We provide a pathway for students to obtain a quality university education and the relevant foundation to achieve their desired career goals.”

Associate Professor
Lee Pui Mun
Dean, School of Business
Singapore University of Social Sciences
Message from Our Graduates

When I reflect on my school years in the Finance Programme at the University, I think that the experience not only made me a better individual but also prepared me for my future career in this rigorous financial industry. The BSFI programme at the University emphasizes the importance of knowledge application in the field of finance where change is constant.

Furthermore, the University’s efforts to collaborate with the industry open doors and give students opportunities to experience the real life challenges in Finance. Hence I trust that this degree would benefit individuals who wish to establish career in the banking and finance industry.

Ms Wijitra Lee (Graduate of 2014)

CURRICULUM

Programme Structure
Students are required to complete a total of 130 credit units (cu) to graduate with a basic degree, inclusive of 10 cu of university core courses. All courses are 5 cu unless stated otherwise. This programme has an honours option. Students who achieve a CGPA of 3.5 and above upon completion of their basic degree may be invited to enrol in the Honours programme. Students who accept the invitation will need to complete another 40 cu of courses to achieve 170 cu in total and have to satisfy all university requirements in order to graduate with honours.

Level 1 Compulsory Courses
(Total 5 cu)
- Statistics

Level 2 Compulsory Courses
(Total 50 cu)
- Financial Accounting
- Managerial Accounting
- Contract and Agency Law
- Business Excellence
- Managing People
- Managerial Economics
- International Economics
- Financial Mathematics
- Marketing Management
- Managing Operations

Level 3 Compulsory Courses
(Total 15 cu)
- Financial Instruments, Institutions and Markets
- Finance
- Financial Statement Analysis

Level 3 Finance Elective Courses*
(Total 40 cu)
- Independent Study
- Corporate Finance
- Portfolio Management
- Equity Securities
- Fixed Income Securities
- Derivative Securities
- Alternative Investments
- Governance, Risk Management and Compliance
- Financial Technologies and Innovations
- Retirement Planning
- Tax and Estate Planning
- Risk Management and Insurance Planning
- Financial Plan Construction

Honours Compulsory Courses
(Total 30 cu)
- Financial Accounting Frameworks (2.5 cu)
- Managing Finance in an Organisation (2.5 cu)
- Managing Sustainable Operations
- Managing and Leading to Achieve Organisational Excellence
- Corporate Governance, Social Responsibility and Enterprise Risk Management
- Finance Applied Project (10 cu)

Honours Elective Courses
(Total 10 cu)
Students may read any 10 cu from an Elective Basket comprising Level 3 courses or higher level courses other than courses already completed in their basic undergraduate degrees.

*Up to 10 cu of the above electives can be replaced by General Electives, which are courses offered under the General Studies Programme (course pre-requisite applies)

For more information on our BSc Finance, please visit suss.edu.sg/BSFI

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**Admissions**

You must be a Singapore citizen, permanent resident or a resident in Singapore. In addition, you will need to meet these minimum requirements:

- GCE 'A' level with two passes (prior to 2006) or two H2 passes (from 2006), or local Polytechnic Diploma or International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or NUS High School Diploma. Applicants with an acceptable SAT I score may be considered for admission on a case-by-case basis;
- Two years of full-time work experience, or currently employed on a full-time basis; and
- At least 21 years old.

Some programmes may have additional requirements. Please refer to the individual programme pages for details.

Shortlisted candidates may be required to undergo one or more interview(s) and/or take written admission or other evaluation tests.

All applications are considered individually on merit, and the offer of admission depends on the number of places available. Admission is solely at the discretion of Singapore University of Social Sciences.

**How to Apply**

Applications are to be made online via suss.edu.sg. You must submit all the required documents together with your admission application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Tuition Fees and Government Subsidy**

The amount of course fee you pay in each semester depends on the number of courses you take in that semester. Course fees cover all study materials, classes, supervision, assignments and examinations. They do not include costs for textbooks and other additional items specified by the university from time to time.

Students may be eligible for a government subsidy of up to 55% of the course fee. In addition, Singapore Citizens (SC) aged 40 and above who are pursuing MOE-subsidised undergraduate programmes with Singapore University of Social Sciences and who are eligible for the SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy will pay tuition fees that are 60% lower than the standard subsidised fees payable by other SC students who are below 40 years old.

All Singaporeans aged 25 and above can use their $500 SkillsFuture Credit from the government to pay for a wide range of approved skills-related courses. Visit the SkillsFuture Credit website (www.skillsfuture.sg/credit) to choose from the courses available on the SkillsFuture Credit course directory.

Please visit suss.edu.sg for current tuition fees and eligibility criteria for the government subsidy and SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy.

**Internet Access**

All Singapore University of Social Sciences’ students must have access to a computer or laptop and the Internet in order to use the electronic and website facilities, which allow access to course, academic or administrative information.

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