Get ready for MSc Real Estate Finance & Investment

Thank you so much for planning to join us in the wonderful and dynamic School of Architecture and Environment at UWE Bristol.

We are extremely pleased that you have chosen our university and programme and look forward to welcoming you to Bristol. It is our role to ensure that you settle into the programme and to make sure the programme runs smoothly. It is particularly important to me that you find the programme rewarding and engaging.

We will discuss further the facilities on offer at UWE at induction. This will introduce you to the virtual learning environment and the benefits which being a student at UWE offers you. The induction session should help you make the most of what we hope will be a fantastically rewarding period of your life.

Except for the Real Estate Finance and Investment module (which requires attendance in Bristol), the accredited programme is provided in both attended and distance learning modes and has been taught via both media for many years so switching between them is painless. We are confident, therefore, that we can deliver a really satisfying learning experience.

Review from a
MSc Real Estate Finance & Investment student:

"I can't deny it's been very hard work combining study with work, family, etc, but I really do feel a huge sense of pride and achievement after it all. My life has changed unrecognisably and I am so excited about the future."

Ytzen van der Werf
Programme Leader

Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 14 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and to help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the Starting Block website with more details.

Your timetable will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the enrolment process. Please visit the 'Understanding your teaching timetable' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival
You can find everything you need to know about enrolment, Starting Block and the start of teaching, on our Preparing and Arrival webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the library, study skills, academic support, health and wellbeing support and much more.

You can also explore our support for careers and enterprise. UWE Careers & Enterprise provide a range of workshops, appointments and a huge range of online resources to support students in realising their future ambitions. The Careers Toolkit is our online portal to finding vacancies, booking onto events and accessing a range of resources.

Enrolment
Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the MYUWE platform where you can enrol. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Enrolment for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our Enrolment website.

ID card - upload your photo now
We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to MYUWE. To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive your login details. For help, go to our student card guidance.

Engage with your programme

Programme structure (for full time students)

MSc Real Estate Finance and Investment

Real Estate Economics and Valuations Strategic Estate Management Real Estate Law	Real Estate Investment and Development **Real Estate Finance and Investment (see **NOTE** below)*
Dissertation	

NOTE*: the **Real Estate Finance and Investment module is mostly conducted through a **one week's mandatory attendance in person** in Bristol in the second semester of the programme (2027). The dates will be notified via your programme site in due course (provisionally week commencing 22 March 2027).

What to expect when classes start
Your programme is organised into subject areas called modules, and each module is assigned a credit value that contributes towards your final degree. Your Programme Leader will explain all modules to you at the start of the year. (On-line) attendance at timetabled sessions is expected.

In addition to the modules contact time and other timetabled activities, you are expected to organise approximately 12-15 hours of independent study time, every week, to complete assignments, read, research and revise.

Lectures will be recorded and made available on a weekly basis throughout the programme.

Read around your subject
Most of your core textbooks are available as online versions through the library's website once you have commenced the programme. As preparatory reading we recommend:

- Myers, D. (2016) *New Economic Thinking and Real Estate.* Wiley Blackwell
- Biggam, J. (2018) *Succeeding with your masters dissertation: a step by step handbook.* McGraw-Hill Education
- Bill Bryson – (2010) "*At home*" or (2015) "*The Road to Little Dribbling: More Notes from a Small Island*"

You are also encouraged to learn to use Excel as a calculating or modelling tool. If you have never worked with Excel before, we recommend some Youtube learning videos, e.g. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbJcJCkBcMg. or the first hour of this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpOIGij43AA

Connect with others
You will be joining a scholarly community of academics and students with a passion for learning about your subject. There is a range of opportunities for you to get involved in the community. The academic team is approachable and very happy to answer your questions. You are welcome to drop by for a chat or schedule an appointment. We also run a UWE Bristol Real Estate Mentoring Scheme in collaboration with the BPIC and BPAA and you will be able to join the UWE Bristol Real Estate Alumni Society after you have graduated.

Professional body membership
Once you start this programme, you will become eligible for free student membership of the RICS. Find out about the benefits here:

Students on this course can obtain free student membership of the Investment Property Forum. Once you have started the programme, please contact the programme leader for the forms.

For those of you who consider working in the Bristol area, we recommend you sign up for the FREE membership of the Bristol Property Agents Association and attend their events. BPAA events are an excellent way to network with local property professionals.

Students are also invited to join the Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy (CASLE). There is a £25 fee. The organisation works across the Commonwealth and would be a good means of establishing links with other professionals.

Be prepared

Access support
Check the information on our Disability web pages so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

Get equipped
The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the Student Money Service team for advice and guidance.

See the UWE website for detailed information on choosing your IT equipment including recommended specifications.

For this programme we recommend the **Core Specification** of the hardware.

International students
The Global Student Support Team offers information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions?

For any questions about the programme, please contact me: **Ytzen van der Werf MA FHEA** via email at Ytzen.vanderWerf@uwe.ac.uk

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Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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