

# Get ready for BSc(Hons) Banking and Finance

I hope that you are enjoying your summer holiday and are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you onto [BSc\(Hons\) Banking and Finance](#).

I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us.

I look forward to meeting you.

**Dr Fazelina Sahul Hamid**  
Programme Leader

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## Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 15 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 practice 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 registration 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 registration, 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.

## Registration

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 register. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Registration for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our [Registration](#) 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 login details. For help, go to our [student card guidance](#).

## **Engage with your programme**

### **Start your learning**

Have a go at these activities to start preparing for your programme and induction.

A key skill which is required for those aiming for a high level of success within their chosen profession is the ability to think critically about key issues and debates. In order to develop these skills, you should start to read around your subject before you arrive.

As part of your syllabus, we discuss and debate articles from Financial Times and The Economist in addition to academic articles and reports.

It might be of interest to follow up on debate regarding 'the future of money' by checking this Financial times article titled ["We don't take cash': is this the future of money?"](#). There are also many interesting discussions on how financial technology is transforming the banking sector.

### **Read around your subject**

To succeed within your chosen programme you will need to think critically about key issues and practices. Here are some books and resources to help you to understand the scope of your programme:

- Fixing Global Finance – Martin Wolf
- Too Big To Fail – Andrew Ross Sorkin
- Where Does Money Come From? – Josh Ryan Collins et al.
- The End of Alchemy – Mervin King
- Money in one lesson: How it works and why – Gavin Jackson

### **Choose your modules**

If you are transferring direct into level 2 or level 3 study with us, you may have optional modules to choose. To make sure you have a complete timetable when you arrive, we have chosen options for you. If you want to, you will be able to change any optional choices in the first weeks. How to do this will be explained in your programme introduction sessions.

### **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 webpage for detailed information on [choosing your IT equipment](#) including [recommended specifications](#).

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

### **International students**

[The Global Student Support Team](#) offer 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 to adapt to your new environment.

### **Next steps**

Before you arrive, you will receive an online workbook to introduce you to the School and help you to prepare for university life. You can go through the workbook then, and it will be revisited during your induction activities.

## **Who to contact if you have questions**

For any questions about the programme, please contact me: **Fazelina Sahul Hamid** via email at [fazelina.sahulhamid@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:fazelina.sahulhamid@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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