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# MSc

## Financial Services



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## MSc in Financial Services

CIIM MSc in Financial Services aims to prepare participants to tackle demanding financial or banking jobs by helping them acquire theoretical and practical knowledge regarding recent and important developments in the sector. Students will also be able to specialise in the field of their choice (financial services, banking or insurance management), do an internship with a reputable company, or work on a finance-related thesis.

Given the recent changes that have occurred in the financial industry in Cyprus and Europe, the programme is structured to reflect the actual needs of the local and international financial market. Furthermore, our MSc helps participants to develop an analytical understanding of modern finance and accrue decision-making and management skills that are needed in a challenging business environment.

## Why CIIM MSc in Financial Services

- **Broad perspective:** The CIIM MSc in Financial Services covers finance, banking and insurance to give you the broadest perspective to develop your career.
- **Practical:** The programme is delivered by faculty drawn from industry professionals, leaders, and policy makers who pass on to the students practical, real world learning.
- **International:** The programme is taught by local and international faculty to prepare you for both the domestic and international markets.
- **Flexibility:** The rolling start dates, modular structure and modern learning techniques enable you to obtain the qualification you need for your career development while balancing the needs of your home life, career and studies.
- **Professional Qualifications:** The MSc in Financial Services helps students prepare for the CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) examinations. The MSc in Financial Services is part of the CFA University Affiliation Programme. Furthermore, the programme positions students well to obtain the Chartered Financial Analyst designation, which has become the most respected and recognised investment credential in the world. The CIIM Executive Education department offers further preparatory seminars dedicated to these exams as well as other finance-related programmes and activities.

## CIIM MSc in Financial Services is designed for

**The MSc in Financial Services is designed for those who want:**

- To become properly trained professionals on finance, banking and insurance.
- To become qualified individuals with the sophisticated analytical and technical skills necessary to handle complex transactions in the fast moving, globalised financial environment.
- To become familiar with all the latest developments in the sector, so that they keep up with the rapid changes in the local and global economy.
- A highly valued qualification in Financial Services that will allow them to pursue a career in the industry.



# Programme Details

## COMPOSITION

The MSc in Financial Services requires that students complete 90 ECTS credits as follows:

- Earn 60 ECTS from taught core courses
- Earn 30 ECTS from one of the following options:
  - Specialisation elective courses
  - Elective courses without a specialisation
  - A 15,000+ word Final Project (Thesis)

## TIME AND DURATION

The MSc in Financial Services is a flexible modular programme with rolling admissions, which means you can join any time of the year. However, we generally have two main intakes of students, one in September/October and another in January/February.

Classes are held during evenings and weekends, leaving weekdays free for employment or an internship.

The MSc in Financial Services can be completed in one year by attending classes six-to-eight evenings plus one weekend per month, or you can complete it at a slower pace taking up to a maximum of two years.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

We seek to select highly qualified candidates who are motivated, who desire to affect positive change to their organisation and who will make a positive contribution at CIIM.

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited programme.
- Proficiency in English (graduation from an English speaking institution, TOEFL, IELTS or similar standardised test).
- Successful personal interview.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the programme, participants will be able to:

- Use financial modelling techniques to value assets, projects and companies
- Apply the use of options, futures, forwards, swaps and other derivatives to manage risk in a domestic and international setting
- Employ capital budgeting techniques to evaluate projects
- Determine the optimal capital structure of an institution
- Construct a diversified asset portfolio
- Prepare company's financial statements
- Apply empirical methods to analyse financial data

## STUDENT PROFILE

- Average age: **28 years old**
- Average work experience: **4,5 years**
- **53% women, 47% men**

## Career Impact

Earning the MSc in Financial Services will enhance your professional prospects by giving you a head-start in building a career in the very challenging yet rewarding financial services and banking industries. Upon completion of the programme, participants will be qualified to respond to the increasing global demand for dedicated professionals with specialised financial knowledge.

Graduates of CIIM MSc in Financial Services acquire specialised skills and competencies that enable them to pursue positions in the following sectors:

- Investment advisory and financial services
- Wealth and asset management
- Brokerage and foreign exchange
- Private and corporate banking
- Investment banking
- Risk management and insurance



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*Without question, the best part of my experience at CIIM has been the people I have interacted with. During the MSc FS course, I have met with students and professors from such diverse backgrounds and this opportunity is what makes CIIM a unique and stimulating place to study.*

*The course has challenged me in many ways. Attending lectures by business professionals and the faculty, has enabled me to apply and learn from their experiences and knowledge. I now more clearly understand my specific skills, abilities, and interests.*

**Smaragda Demetriou / Graduate of MSc in Financial Services**

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### RANKING



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