Studying Banking, Finance and Investment at Cass

This Online Chat session is for anyone who is interested in studying Banking, Finance and Investment at Cass. The session will be run by current students giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your subject of interest and find out what life is like as a university student. Throughout the session you can type questions for the students to answer and there will be interactive quizzes on student life and your subject.

Welcome to the Finance taster session! Now we've all introduced ourselves, here's a quick run down of what we will cover in the next hour...

- A short taster session about Finance lead by Dr Malvina Marchese
- A subject-based quiz
- Advice from our current students
- Q&A. (Any questions you have for our students or staff welcome. Please save your questions for the question and answer session at the end.)

So to begin with please watch this short taster session.

Finance Taster Session

https://youtu.be/ItICn_cxTEgk

I have been to investment banking courses and I have heard you have to go to a uni with a brand name to make it in the industry?

indeed and Cass is a big brand name

Do you need Maths A level for any of the courses?

It is better if you have them but we offer you A level math in the first term of the first year so as long as you are ready to study hard you will be fine

Ahhh okay it's just that he put a list of university's on the board and he didn't mention Cass.
well I don't know who this person was but we are the BEST business school in the CITY so if you want a job in banking don't go to a uni come to a business school

What if you don't study Econ, what it the best thing to do?

IFRM is the degree to study if you want to work in banking ... you will now see the presentation

I do Maths, CS and Physics

great you will do super well

any exams?

sorry I really don't understand your question

Do we need any background knowledge about economics?

not really you have macro and micro your first year

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you need to be hard working :)

Are there any extra admission tests?

admission teams will anwer this but in general no

Is the course really exam based or course work?

we do both they both are essential

What types/topics of maths are involved in this course?

you will have varios math and stats modules to support you from year 1
Hi, is it possible to change my course in the first year from BIF to IFRM for e.g.

Hi! The content in the first year is the same so yes! :)

| Hi, is it possible to change my course in the first year from BIF to IFRM for e.g. sure even in your second year ...you all a common 1.5 year than you can switch |

I am interested in business and just wanted to come to this taster course to see another side of business. But it sounds quit maths based to me. However I am good at managing money and am really good at it at home so I thought if I could work in a bank or something? Listening to this I don't think IFRM is for me but maybe finance? But I want to do business... there is the degree Business with Finance so maybe I will do that? If not I will do BM

Finance for you would be great, there is less maths than in IFRM

What is the best course if you are interested in trading?

IFRM is for trading and investment

So what is the main difference(s) between BIF and IFRM?

watch the video please

What sort of personality do you need to succeed in finance/investment jobs?

please watch the video I will be addressing remaining questions after most of them are answered in the video

Hi all, here is a link to the video in case you missed it or want to watch it again: https://youtu.be/ItCs_evTEpk

**Finance Taster Session**

Dr Malvina Marchese, Lecturer in Finance and Course Director for the undergraduate finance programmes leads a short taster session about corporate finance, I...
We hope you found the taster session useful! We will have time for questions towards the end of the session but for now it’s time for our subject-based quiz to see how much you have remembered... Don’t worry it’s just a bit of fun, nothing to worry about. Please note if you’re using a mobile please swipe left to see the quiz and if you’re using Internet Explorer you may need to click on the question mark to view the questions. Ok here we go...

1. Do you think maths and statistics are important for Finance?
   a. Yes, very much so 100.0%

   1. The answer is A - both maths and statistics are very important for finance.

2. What do you think is more important during your university studies? Rank the answers in order from the most important to the least important
   a. Obtaining excellent grades 78.13%
   b. Securing a summer internship / full-year work-placement 68.75%
   c. Networking / attending career events and professional panels 65.63%
   d. Making good friends and creating memorable experiences 37.50%

   2. There is no real correct answer to this, all of these things are valuable experiences that you can gain from studying at Cass. What we will say though, is if you are thinking of taking a placement year or an internship - do it! We have fantastic connections with industry and have a placements team dedicated to helping you. It’s a great addition to your CV and proves to employers that you already have experience in the industry when you graduate.
3. Two skills you'll learn while studying finance at Cass are...

- a. Coding: 42.31%
- b. Speaking fluent Italian: 3.846%
- c. Forecasting: 53.85%

3. The correct answers are A - coding and C - forecasting. Although, we do also have extra-curricular language courses for Cass undergraduates if you want to learn another language! Here’s some more information if you’re interested: [https://www.cass.city.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/student-life/language-courses](https://www.cass.city.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/student-life/language-courses)

**Language courses | Cass Business School**

As a Cass undergraduate student you will have the option to take language courses in addition to your degree.

4. If you study Banking and International Finance you will...

- b. Could work in a central bank: 50.00%
- c. Understand the complexity of the financial markets: 50.00%

Are you required to have work experience before hand?

- No you gain it with the internship or placemat year
4. The correct answers were B - you could work in a central bank and C - you will understand the complexity of the financial markets

Hello I'm Virginia, do you think that by studying Finance and Banking there will be possibilities also in the corporate level?

Yes in BIF it is very common than work at corporate level of large financial institutions

5. The study of Financial Risk Management is useful for

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<td>a. Predicting risks in investments and hedging against them</td>
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<td>b. Working as an investment banker</td>
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Is a placement year or internship guaranteed with CASS?

It depends on your marks as everything does in life

Does the course have options from like social sciences modules?

We have some electives more economic and social science oriented

5. The correct answers were A - Predicting risks in investments and hedging against them, and B - Working as an investment banker. So if you want to be an investment banker, our BSc Investment and Financial Risk Management could be the right course for you.

Is a placement year or internship guaranteed with CASS?

The ones who work harder are the ones who make it
Ok thats fair

yes we must prepare you for the real world

How did you find the quiz? Did you score well? Next we'll move on to some advice from our current students. They will post their advice on how you can prepare for studying at Cass, and feel free to start asking any questions you have as well as we'll now also open up the Q&A.

Will the course start in September or January this year?

September we are fully ready

Will the course start in September or January this year? If there is an emergency still we will deliver online and in person for very small groups.

Is it going to be online?

We can do both!

What counts as a uni with a brand name? Russell group unis? Other than Cass

Russell group has a lot of not so good unis. I cannot make names. If you care about getting for sure a master and a PhD so sure Russell group is ok. If you want a job after 3 years choose a business school.

Is this course accredited?

What do you mean? We have many different accreditation by professional bodies ... not just one.

How many lectures do you usually have to attend in a week?

You would usually do about 3-4 lectures a week (1 for each module). You also then have tutorial classes for each module.

How many days per week do students come in for?
From experience, I've always had at least 1 of 5 days off uni, sometimes 2

How long is a lecture?

2 hours and it is recorded

Yes how many accreditation does this course have?

It depends on which course you are in: BIF, IFRM. Finance have different accreditations and it depends also on which course you take but if you go on the cass webpage you will see the list of all the accreditations

What A level grades are required?

The higher, the better ;)

What are the entry requirements?

You can find them on the cass page

Is A-Level maths required?

Not required but it is nice to have however it is not required

It’s a bit off topic but is accommodation guaranteed for 2 and 3 years?

Not off topic at all :) accommodation is guaranteed for 1st years
What are the entry requirements?

https://www.cass.city.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/application-and-funding/entry-requirements

Entry requirements | Cass Business School

Entry requirements

What books would you recommend to read?

You can have fun with one of my favorite books called The Signal and the Noise by Nate Silver. It's nice to read over the summer but not necessary.

Do we have to pay the tuition fees if there's an industry placement for third year?

Nope if you are on placement :)

What percentage of students obtain employment straight after graduation?

99%

I'm currently in Year 13 and obviously the exams have been cancelled. What is the process if the grades I receive are lower than my offer that I received from yourselves?

don't worry we do have emergency procedure in place please email cassug@city.ac.uk and they will look into your case.

What did you find was the most difficult part of the degree?

I think grasping some finance concepts was and can be quite challenging.

What percentage of students would you say achieve an industrial placement out of the ones that applied?

Well on average 80% but the top places go first.
Has the taster session finished?

Finishes at 11 :)

What are the eng Lang requirements

again these are listed on the website but you can also find them by emailing cassug@city.ac.uk

Is it possible if I want to apply for Morgan Stanley and Merrill Lynch for placement?

You can apply to any company you are interested in

Is the taster session this Q&A or is there somewhere else I can being viewing it?

we sent a video

What makes your application stand out apart from good predicted grades?

write a strong statement where it is clear that you really are interested in the subject

Do most people live in student accommodation?

I would say a lot of 1st years do. The accommodations are very convenient and central. Makes your uni experience slightly easier :)

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When can we join trading competition?

Yes they do regularly get advertised at school.

Would the signal and the noise be a good read for economics?

Sure and for forecasting.

Do a lot of students have part time jobs?

Part time jobs boost your CV and give you more experience in managing a working life. The good part of City is that they provide loads of part time jobs for students. The careers department at uni helps with this.

Is this course 100% exams?

For some modules, there will be coursework.

Is this course 100% exams?

They are both coursework and exams.

What would you say are the main differences to attending City as opposed to Uni?

You are applying to Cass. It is part of City but it is the diamond of City. Cass has the best experience in terms of classroom experience and it is better than a uni if you want to get a job.

Do most 2nd and 3rd year students look for their own accommodation?

Yes. Usually friends try to look for an accommodation for them to share after 1st year.

can you recommend some book about finance and investment? I am unsure about studying business or finance

Sure Introduction to Finance by Melicher.
can you recommend some book about finance and investement? I am unsure about studying business or finance did you attend liceo classico or scientifico or something else?

liceo classico

anche io ! vedrai che IFRM ti piacera molto

since my school focuses more on humanities, will I be in some way disadvantaged if I want to study Finance or Investmet

not at all Giulia, we from liceo classico are great!

Che bello sentire un’italiana, grazie mille!

my pleasure sono il course director e fidati quando ti dico che dal classico puoi fare quacunque cosa

I do maths , further mathematics, biology and chemistry. Would you say the fact that I do a science combination is a turn off during admission as it suggests I’m not interested in the course as much

I said the opposite

How many students attend the course?

the 3 Ug degrees have 200 students bt they are split in gropus

We have 10 more minutes of this session! get your last burning questions in!!

What are the entry requirements for italian students?

Giulia you need to email cassug@city.ac.uk and they will tell you exactlt. with maturita classical you will be fine

I asked a question above

But I did reply saying that I would say the opposite ...your combination of math and science seems perfect
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What are the trading competitions mentioned? and how can you find them?

as soon as you enroll you will start receiving emails about any forthcoming trading competition from career office

We’ve got 5 minutes left of the session so please ask any more questions you have now.

would you receive similar qualifications to the bsc accounting and finance course

Nope it is a completely different, that course is about becoming an accountant not being in finance or investment or banking

I’m sorry, what do you mean by enroll?

you became one Cass UG student

Hi, will studying Investment & Financial Risk Management be a good preparation for a career as a trader/investment banker or do I need to opt for Financial Economics.

IFRM is the way to go. Financial economics has a lot of economic theory and teaches you applied industry skills

Oh sorry Dr Malvina Marchese, I didn’t understand your response. I thought it was for someone else

for you I you can do very well

What does IFRM stand for?

Investment and Financial Risk Management

thank you very much for your help, I found the session very useful!
That's so great to hear :)

Okay thank you

Most welcome :) 

Thank you very much for your help, I found the session very useful! 
make sure to wear a mask now that Italy is in stage 2 :-(

Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!11

no probs!!!

Thank you for answering all my questions

my pleasure

Thank you all for joining us today! We wish you all the best :) Stay safe

Thank you for participating! I do sincerely hope to meet you at Cass soon!

Thanks Dr Marches.

my pleasure

Thank you for all very interesting questions

Thank you

pleasure!

The taster session has now finished. Thank you for joining us and if you want any further information about our
finance courses do feel free to get in touch.