Studying BSc Accounting & Finance courses at Cass

This Online Chat session is for prospective students interested in studying our Foundation Pathway and BSc Accounting & Finance course. The session will be run by current students and academic staff, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your chosen course and life at as a Cass student, societies and clubs, extra-curricular activities, free language classes, placement & study abroad and lots more. As this is a typed chat group session, you will be able to see the answers to your questions by other applicants.

Hi everyone! Welcome to our Accounting & Finance Online Chat! Today’s session is for prospective students interested in:

- BSc (Hons) Accounting & Finance (N4N3 and NN43)
- BSc (Hons) Accounting & Finance with foundation year (N3N4)

We are looking forward to answering any questions you might have.

I want to check the difference regarding professional perspective between A&F course and pure Finance course? Will Finance be broader?

This is a good question. Accounting & Finance provides you with opportunities to go into either chartered accountancy or work in financial markets (I would say the module content is roughly geared 60% vs 40% in favour of accounting). The finance degrees are for people primarily interested in working in financial markets (e.g. banking).

Regarding entering data in the education section on the UCAS form..I have too many exclamation signs

Hi. Do you mean that when completing the UCAS application form it is giving you exclamation marks to show that there is something amiss about the data you have been entering? If so I recommend that you contact UCAS as they will be able to help explain how best to complete the application.
I think having a solid background in Accounting & Finance (and starting in an audit firm) provides a solid foundation for later financial advisory.

Hi, I would say yes if you want to go into Audit then A&F is the right course to go for, as Danielle said it is open, and will let you go into either chartered accountancy or financial markets. It’s good in the sense you’ll get a feel for both disciplines and make a more informed choice :)

Leo-Paul, I agree with you about it forming a good foundation for financial advisory.

Is it possible after a Bsc A&F to do a Master in Assurance or Banking or Tax (just to check)

Hi, from what I know: you can choose to do masters in various finance or accounting disciplines, e.g. at Cass - masters in international accounting and finance, banking and international finance, etc. However, I think the assurance and tax components would not be standalone masters courses.
Yes, you can. In terms of MSc programmes, students graduating from the BSc A&F either choose MSc Accounting & Finance programmes, more specialist MSc Finance programmes (e.g. wealth management, mathematical finance, corporate finance, energy and trading finance) or broader business-related MScs such as in Entrepreneurship, Strategy, Innovation, Management. Some students even decide to do something more niche, such as MScs in Business Analytics or Accounting and Law.

This is extraordinary calling

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Thank you! City has a real broad range of specialized courses! I had the opportunity to visit Cass City campus and I really loved it. Are first year undergraduate taking class there?

The first year classes take place at the main city campus in northampton square! There’s been a lot of developments there the last two or three years. There is also the cass building at bunhill row which is mostly used by Cass MSc.

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Just to add to what George is saying, all undergraduate students have access to the Cass Bunhill Row building (the postgraduate building), which has a fantastic library and a Bloomberg suite. There are also Bloomberg terminals on the main campus in Northampton Square. Also, final year undergraduate students have some of their final year project meetings and one of their spring elective modules in the Bunhill Row building.

City, University of London: Campus tour

https://youtu.be/yFlFx0XWkrg
Accounting & Finance is far more specialised in its two core areas, Accounting and Finance. Business with Finance is far more generic - it is primarily a business management degree with a minority finance component.

I could talk a little more about my experience as a student studying Accounting and Finance here at Cass. So, prior to coming here, I had no experience with studying topics such as Economics or Finance as they were not my A Levels. However, all modules taught in this course in the first year are taught with the presumption that you have not done this before, which I found to be re-assuring and truthful. With regards to the timetable and schedules, we have one lecture per module per week, and one tutorial session per module per week. The tutorials lag the lectures by a week so for instance, what Lecture 1 for a given module covers, will be covered in the tutorial for this module in the next week. Lectures typically contain about 150 to 250 ish students whereas tutorial groups tend to be much smaller - about 15-20 students each session so you can ask your tutor any questions you may have. You can ask your Professors questions too - in fact in some cases, that's encouraged. Personally, I have found that doing the reading before the lectures are a very effective form of studying.

With regards to the campus and its location, I think it's very convenient to be so close to the city centre. The commute is really efficient as we have four stations walking distance from the main campus - Angel, Old Street, Barbican and Farringdon. It also creates a good ambience, if you're studying Accounting and Finance, especially, as we are so close to the UK's banking capital.

What are the main distinguishing factors of BSc business with finance as opposed to A&F

For example, you will study financial reporting, Audit, tax, derivatives, M&As, company valuation and far more specialised subjects in accounting & finance, which you wouldn't be studying on the business with finance degree.

City: London is your campus

https://youtu.be/1XLbZqlUjIQ

City, University of London: Your place in our City

https://youtu.be/NItudSy3m5A
Can u tell me more about international students at Cass?

We have a lot of international students on this course. Between us, we have around 30+ different nationalities just this year!

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The current 1st year cohort on the BSc AF programme comprises 25% UK students and 75% non-UK students. It is highly international!

If you would like to chat with any of our student ambassadors, you can do so via our new peer-to-peer platform! Please visit www.city.ac.uk/ask-a-student to start chatting to our students now.

Ask a student

Speak with one of our current students and find out more about what it is like to study at City.

Thank you everyone for your questions! We hope that you found the session useful. We will be emailing a copy of this chat transcript to all of you in the next couple of weeks so that you can read through the questions again, and find links and useful contacts.

If you do think of any other questions please do contact our team at cassug@city.ac.uk and we'll be happy to help!