
Specialist Masters Programme
Part-time courses
Recognised as one of the best-located business schools in Europe, Cass’s position in the City of London gives our students a powerful competitive advantage. In addition to our unrivalled links and exposure to all major City institutions, we have an impressive array of international business figures routinely invited in as speakers, research fellows, visiting professors and advisors, enabling us to draw on their expertise.

Critically, all of our courses have a strong practical focus and have been developed in direct response to the needs of employers. Testament to this fundamental approach is the fact that more than 3,000 part-time Cass graduates over the past six years have secured rewarding and prestigious careers with blue-chip employers in more than 60 countries across the world.

**Meet us**

We hold a regular programme of Information Sessions, One-to-ones and Masterclasses at Cass and also in cities around the world. Visit [www.cass.city.ac.uk/masters/events](http://www.cass.city.ac.uk/masters/events) for the current schedule of events.

We look forward to welcoming you to Cass.
A specialist Masters degree is a highly sought-after qualification. Designed to enable students to balance learning with their existing work commitments, and delivered in the heart of a global financial community, our part-time courses help professionals to move forward on their career path.
A great location, a unique experience

Cass’s location in the City of London provides a decisive advantage for study and career search. No other European business school has as many Fortune 500 companies on its doorstep. These companies visit the School regularly to give presentations and offer employment advice to our students. They also participate at our careers fairs, offering great opportunities to gather information and network.

Cass’s extensive links with business in London also provide a good source of course projects. This not only develops students’ learning, but can also open doors to jobs even before they are advertised.

London is an exciting and cosmopolitan place to live, with some of the world’s best-known monuments, museums and art galleries, as well as music, theatre, nightlife and restaurants. There is a vibrant student community at Cass and the rich international mix offers a particularly stimulating learning experience and social life.

Choice, quality and professional relevance

Cass offers one of the widest choices of full-time and part-time specialist Masters programmes in Europe. Specialist training is backed by world-class teaching, research and resources. In particular, Cass has one of the largest finance faculties in Europe, offering courses in accounting, banking, valuation, asset management and expert teaching in other niche financial disciplines.

Many of our courses offer professional exemptions which can help accelerate a student’s career. For example, the one-year MSc in Actuarial Science course can save four years of training for professional qualifications.

At Cass the teaching approach integrates staff lectures, case studies, group work and most importantly, student participation. This integrated approach and the wide mix of student backgrounds makes for challenging classroom discussions, as well as an international perspective that employers increasingly value.

Accreditations and rankings

The School possesses the sought-after ‘triple crown’ gold standard in business education which comprises AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB accreditation. This places Cass in an elite group of global business schools.

The MSc in Management and the MSc in Finance are consistently ranked in the Financial Times. Many of our courses are recognised by professional bodies and students can be awarded exemptions on relating professional exams, on completion of their degrees. For example the CFA Institute is a programme partner with the MSc in Banking and International Finance, MSc in Finance, MSc in Finance & Investment, MSc in International Accounting and Finance, MSc in Investment Management and MSc in Corporate Finance. The MSc in Management is accredited by AMBA (Association of MBAs).

Outstanding modern facilities

Opened in 2003, the Bunhill Row building is a bright and flexible space designed to encourage a free flow of people and ideas.

The Cyril Kleinwort Learning Resource Centre combines library and computing services to support all business and management teaching, learning and research. As well as books and journals, students can access many specialist databases, including sources for company data and economic information.

There is computer access throughout the Resource Centre and in every lecture room. Students can also link into the wireless network throughout the building.

A large proportion of our students move into careers in the financial services sector where understanding how to use dealing screens is a key skill. Our Thomson Reuters and Bloomberg trading rooms complement classroom-based study by simulating trading in ‘real time’.

Clubs and societies


A commitment to career development

Competition for the best jobs is intense, making it essential to work hard to stand out from the crowd. At Cass we encourage our students to start working on their job search before they even begin their Masters.

The Cass Careers team is committed to professional development, working with students to increase their employability and stand out in the job market. Students are able to hone powerful CVs and prepare and practice for interviews and presentations. They also gain life-long employability and soft skills, skills which will aid them with every step of their personal career journey.

There are year-round workshops and events with industry experts and career service professionals who are available to advise all specialist Masters students on vital business skills. We also offer Cass Careers Online, a personal career management tool, to help students manage their career and the challenging recruitment process.
Cass alumni

Cass alumni form a powerful and expanding network of prominent people in leading organisations worldwide – there are now over 36,000 within a network spanning over 160 countries.

We constantly invest in building our worldwide alumni network through events, publications, special interest groups, international groups and online communications. Our alumni team organises over 60 annual events in the UK and worldwide. Wherever their career or personal life takes them, our graduates are likely to find a local Cass alumni network to tap into. Alumni and students are also invited to sign up to our Alumni Online Community. This Cass resource adds enormous value by facilitating online networking, helping alumni make new connections and allowing them to access many benefits and services.

‘Ask Alumni’, our online mentoring tool, is a service offered to Cass students and alumni, allowing them to search for and contact each other by sector, company, location, course and year attended for development and career path advice. Alumni are also entitled to return to Cass to continue their education with MSc and MBA electives* and are provided with ongoing access to library resources.

Our regular e-bulletin ‘The Hub’ updates alumni on events and news from fellow alumni and the School. Our events are an ideal opportunity to hear the latest ideas and views from leading business experts and senior figures, and to network with faculty and fellow alumni. In addition to the events run by Cass’s alumni team, Special Interest Groups organised by alumni and students focus on specific industries or topics and provide an excellent forum for networking.

Visit www.cass.city.ac.uk/alumni for a taste of current events and reunions worldwide.

*Terms and conditions apply
MSc in Actuarial Management

Full-time and part-time
www.cass.city.ac.uk/actman

Cass aims to produce highly skilled actuarial professionals, and this course has been designed to meet the needs of actuarial employers and employers from other sectors requiring risk managers. Emphasis is placed on skills in the areas of life and non-life insurance, pensions, finance and investment.

Running over two academic years, the course has been designed to fit with the study leave packages commonly offered by actuarial employers. As a result, part-time students are required to attend lectures which amount to one day per week during term time over the two years.

The course is accredited by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, enabling students to study the key areas of actuarial practice in an academic environment and to gain exemptions from the Core Applications Concept (CA1) and Specialist Technical (ST1-ST8) subjects of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries. In addition, the flexible course structure allows students to gain exemptions from outstanding Core Technical subjects CT2, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

Routes to business success

Cass graduates work for a variety of employers, including insurance companies, investment and retail banks, actuarial consultancies, and government and non-government organisations.

Induction

Term one

Compulsory modules in:
- Actuarial Risk Management (CA1) – Part 1
- Life Insurance (ST2)
- Pensions and Other Benefits (ST4)
- General Insurance – Reserving and Capital Modelling (ST7)
- Finance and Financial Reporting (CT2)**.

Term two

Compulsory modules in:
- Actuarial Risk Management (CA2) – Part 2
- Research Methods for Finance Professionals

Elective modules in:
- Health and Care (ST1)
- Finance and Investment A (ST5)
- Finance and Investment B (ST6)
- General Insurance – Pricing (ST8)
- Modelling (CT4)**
- Contingencies (CT5)**
- Statistical Methods (CT6)**
- Financial Economics (CT8)**
- Model Documentation, Analysis and Reporting (CA2).

Term three

- Business Research Project and one elective*
  Or
- Five electives*.

* Subject to availability and pre-requisites
** Subject to availability and hosted by MSc in Actuarial Science

MSc in Finance & Investment

Part-time
www.cass.city.ac.uk/msci

This part-time MSc course is designed for students in full-time employment already working in the financial services sector. In particular, it will be highly attractive to those looking to either extend the scope of their current responsibilities or to make a career change into an area such as portfolio management, security analysis, risk management, M&A, or financial consultancy.

The structure of the course is specifically designed to fit around the busy working lives of professionals working in the finance sector. It meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and offers a teaching and learning environment that complements the demands of working life.

Routes to business success

Many of our part-time students use their MSc to enhance their prospects with their current employer. Others see it as an opportunity to change their career direction, moving into fields such as banking, investment management and electronic trading.

Induction

Year one, term one
- Theory of finance
- Quantitative methods for Finance.

Year one, term two
- Securities
- Financial statement analysis.

Year one, term three
Students choose two electives (over the two years of study) and a Business Research Project, or five electives, the Research Methods for Finance Professionals module and no project.

Year two, term one
- Financial risk management
- Portfolio management.

Year two, term two
- Structured products
- Alternative investments.

Year two, term three
Students choose two electives* (over the two years of study) and a Business Research Project, or five electives*, the Research Methods for Finance Professionals module and no project.

*M Sc in Finance & Risk Management

Full-time and part-time
www.cass.city.ac.uk/irm

Management of risk is now a key issue for all major firms. Business risk takes many forms, including fluctuations in currencies, interest rates and commodity prices; threats to physical assets from earthquake, windstorm and other natural perils; man-made threats of terrorism, fraud and criminality; plus a host of further operational risks that surround all commercial enterprises.

This course explores this world of risk and the growing relationship between insurance, risk management and financial services. For applicants who already hold a CII Advanced Diploma there is a special fast track January start, giving exemption from the first term of the MSc.

Running over two academic years, the course typically involves a late afternoon session and an evening session each week. Attendance patterns in Term three partly depend on which elective courses are taken. The two-year option is open only to students with commercial experience in risk management or insurance.

Routes to business success

Graduates from the MSc in Insurance and Risk Management course hold positions in many top companies worldwide, including major insurers and reinsurers, international insurance brokers, Lloyd’s of London, investment and retail banks, accountancy firms, management consultancies and industrial corporations.

Induction

Term one
- Insurance Law and Regulation
- Principles of Finance and Financial Analysis
- Risk Management
- Theory of Risk and Insurance Markets.

Term two
- Accounting and Financial Management in Insurance
- Business Organisaiton and Corporate Strategy in Insurance and Financial Services
- General Insurance
- Risk Analysis and Modelling.

Term three
- Business Research Project and three electives*.

* To view the list of electives for these courses go to www.cass.city.ac.uk/master
MSc in Mathematical Trading & Finance

Full-time and part-time
www.cass.city.ac.uk/mtf

Since its launch in 1995, the MSc in Mathematical Trading & Finance has developed to a market-leading specialist Masters. It is an international course, both in its content and its student population, combining academic rigour with a strong practical orientation and students for the sophisticated new investment opportunities, risks and instruments created by financial innovation and globalisation.

The course combines mathematical theory with practical applications, teaching students how to control risks and understand the complex structure of derivative securities. Candidates should be at ease with sophisticated mathematical methods and statistical techniques. Running over two academic years, it is taught in two evening sessions each week. It is designed for students working full-time in a related field.

Routes to business success

Graduates will be ready to participate in derivatives markets, and many have progressed directly to trading floor positions in leading banks. Graduates from the MSc in Mathematical Trading & Finance work as derivatives traders, brokers, quantitative analysts, financial engineers, treasurers, fund managers and risk managers.

Induction

Term one
• Derivatives 1 (Part-time year one)
• Mathematical Finance and Stochastic Calculus (Part-time year one)
• Advanced Financial Econometrics (Part-time year two)
• Quantitative Asset Pricing (Part-time year two)
• Research Methods for Finance Professionals (Part-time year two).

Term two
• Derivatives 2 (Part-time year one)
• Numerical Methods (Part-time year one)
• Risk Analysis and Modelling (Part-time year two)
• Structured Equity and Energy Derivatives (Part-time year two).

Term three
Five electives*, or one elective* and a Business Research Project.

International elective

All part-time MSc students have the opportunity to attend an international elective in the third term of year one and year two. We offer electives in Dubai, in Singapore, in partnership with Singapore Management University (SMU), and in 2013 we delivered an elective in Madrid for the first time.

MSc in Wealth Management

Part-time
www.cass.city.ac.uk/mscwm

Developed in partnership with the CISI and CII to meet a growing appetite for specialist training, this part-time Masters course has been designed to cover the core financial subjects needed for success in the wealth management industry. It is only open to CISI and CII members who already hold the appropriate preparatory qualifications.

We have built as much flexibility as possible into the course, giving students the option to tailor the curriculum to their own needs. It has also been structured to fit around the busy lives of professionals working in the finance sector. It meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and offers a teaching and learning environment that fully complements the demands of working life*.

Routes to business success

Many of our part-time students use their MSc to enhance their prospects with their current employer. Others see it as an opportunity to change their career direction.

To satisfy the requirements of the degree programme, students must complete:

Entry Route 1 – CISI Masters Programme in Wealth Management
Four core courses, two electives** and a Wealth Management Business Research Project.

Entry Route 2 – CII Advanced Diploma in Financial Planning
Four core courses, five electives** and a Wealth Management Business Research Project.

Induction

Term one
• Theory of Finance
• Portfolio Management.

Term two
• Alternative Investments
• Structured Products.

Term three and four

Entry Route 1 – CISI Masters Programme in Wealth Management
Wealth Management Business Research Project + two electives**.

Entry Route 2 – CII Advanced Diploma in Financial Planning
Wealth Management Business Research Project + five electives**.

Work experience

Applicants must be employed in a full-time role, in a related field, and have a minimum of two years’ work electives**.

Course duration
Entry Route 1: 12–15 months
Entry Route 2: 15–18 months.

Get involved

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*Subject to availability and pre-requisites

**Students should note that some elective modules or additional tutorial workshops may take place outside of these times.

Graham Taylor, UK
MSc in Finance & Investment

A real perspective

“The course at Cass really helped me to get into my current job; I actually heard about the role through one of my lecturers. The School is very career orientated – you can see that through the lecturers and the careers service.”

Get involved

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*Subject to availability and pre-requisites
One of the main advantages of a part-time Masters course is not having to take a break from work, so you can continue gathering work experience and pursuing your career while you study. Also, I have been able to apply the theories acquired during the course in real-life situations.

Kathrin Wiedemann, Germany
MSc in Mathematical Trading & Finance

I was attracted to the MSc in Mathematical Trading & Finance by the fact that it specialises in trading while still providing a strong foundation in finance; an offer that is matched by few institutions in Europe, especially in a part-time format. I was pleased to find a hands-on approach to teaching in evidence at Cass, with coursework designed to help us grasp complex material and demonstrate fundamental theories.
Getting into Cass Business School

When to apply
Cass has a rolling admissions policy: prospective students can apply for one of our specialist Masters courses at any time in the year before they plan to start. Most of our applications are received early in the academic year, and in the majority of cases we let candidates know if they have a place within four weeks of receiving their application.

Admission requirements
• Work experience in a related field – at least two years preferable
• An undergraduate degree with a 2.1 or higher (UK equivalent)
• English proficiency (TOEFL/IELTS certificate if you have not attended an English-speaking university)
• Two references
• Original transcripts from previous universities

MSc in Wealth Management
• Entry Route 1 – completed CISI Masters Programme in Wealth Management*
• Entry Route 2 – completed CII Advanced Diploma in Financial Planning*

Candidates may be asked to supply a GMAT score at the discretion of the Course Director.

If you would like to arrange an individual appointment, please email cass-masters@city.ac.uk

Information sessions
Candidates can find out more about the part-time MSc courses at one of our regular information sessions. For more details about these sessions or to book your place, go to www.cass.city.ac.uk/masters/events or call Admissions on +44 (0)20 7040 8680.

Applications
To apply online go to: www.cass.city.ac.uk/masters/apply

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* All modules must have been completed in the six years prior to application
Quality at Cass
In the UK’s most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), 90% of the research taking place at Cass was declared to be of international significance, 15% of which is rated as ‘world leading’. These ratings demonstrate that all teaching at Cass is underpinned by cutting-edge research and that the lecturers are creating and imparting the most up-to-date knowledge in their field.
Cass Business School

In 2002, City University’s Business School was renamed Sir John Cass Business School following a generous donation towards the development of its new building in Bunhill Row. The School’s name is usually abbreviated to Cass Business School.

Sir John Cass’s Foundation

Sir John Cass’s Foundation has supported education in London since the 18th century and takes its name from its founder, Sir John Cass, who established a school in Aldgate in 1710. Born in the City of London in 1661, Sir John served as an MP for the City and was knighted in 1713.

Key

1. Cass Business School, Bunhill Row
2. City University, including Cass Business School (undergraduate)
3. Saddlers Sports Centre
4. Francis Rowley Court (University accommodation)
5. Willen House (University accommodation)
6. Walter Sickert Hall (University accommodation)