

M.Sc./ Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Finance

Introduction

The Applied Finance Program Unit of the Department of Finance at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, offers the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Finance and the M.Sc. in Applied Finance. Students are normally admitted first into the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Finance and will gain the Diploma after successfully completing all the courses listed in first year. Those students who complete the Diploma level courses will be eligible to do further nine courses listed in second year and to complete M.Sc. in Applied Finance degree. Candidates who are admitted to the course for the degree of M.Sc.AppFin be eligible for the award of a Diploma in Applied Finance or a M.Sc.AppFin but not both. Candidates who fail in M.Sc.AppFin courses shall be eligible for the award of the Diploma only. Eventually, PGDAppFin will be awarded for those who complete the PGDAppFin.

The Rationale

Department's mission with this program is to become the pre-eminent M.Sc. in Applied Finance Program in the country. It seeks to contribute to the financial market development of Sri Lanka through the dissemination of finance related knowledge and skills. Particularly, program aims to train and educate corporate sector managers involved in finance sector.

The emphasis of the M.Sc. in Applied Finance is to place and practice of finance into an international setting. The program is intended to equip students with the financial skills required to operate in an increasingly competitive international environment. The program will provide a thorough grounding in the theory of finance, show the application of theory of finance and require students to apply their knowledge to real world problems and projects. It is anticipated that graduates of this degree will service the needs of the financial sector. Prospective career opportunities include: finance director, treasurer, banker, stockbroker, financier, credit manager, financial analyst, fund manager and so on.

Program Structure

Part I: Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Finance

Semester	Course Code	Subject	Credit	Credit Hours	Status
I	ACC 5102	Accounting for Managers	3	45	Compulsory
	FIN 5101	Business Finance	3	45	Compulsory
	ECO 5000	Economics for Managers	3	45	Compulsory
II	ECO 5101	Financial Economics	3	45	Compulsory
	FIN 5102	One elective Financial Modeling and Forecasting			Elective
		-Theory	2	30	
	LAW 5101	-Practical Business Law	2	30	Elective
		-Theory	2	30	
	MGT 5101	-case Analysis Business Forecasting	2	30	Elective
		-Theory	2	30	
		-Practical	2	30	
	ECO 5102	Financial Mathematics	3	45	Compulsory
III	MGT 5000	Management & Organizational Behaviour	3	45	Compulsory
		One elective			
	FIN 5105	Bank Management	3	45	Elective
	FIN 5106	Ethical and Professional Standards	3	45	Elective
	FIN 5107	Corporate Governance	3	45	Elective
	FIN 5104	Research in Finance Plus Term Paper	3	45	Compulsory
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Total Credits			30	420	

Part II: M.Sc. in Applied Finance

Semester	Subject Code	Subject	Credit	Credit Hours	Status
I	FIN 8101	Corporate Finance	3	45	Compulsory
	ECO 8101	Econometrics	3	45	Compulsory
	FIN 8103	Investment Management Strategies	3	45	Compulsory
II	FIN 8301	E -Finance and Banking	3	45	Compulsory
	MGT 8002	Strategic Management	3	45	Compulsory
	FIN 8105	Financial Information Analysis	3	45	Compulsory
III	Option 1				
	ACC 8104	Advanced Management Accounting	3	45	Compulsory
	FIN 8107	Financial Risk Management	3	45	Compulsory
	FIN 8104	International Finance	3	45	Compulsory
	FIN 8102	Global Financial Markets	3	45	Compulsory
	Option 2				
	FIN 8108	Dissertation	12		Compulsory
	FIN 8109	Viva Voce			Compulsory
Total Credits			30	450	

How the Program is offered

The program is offered on a full-time basis with one intake per year. All courses are presented in regular three and half hour lectures, together with some periods of intensive teaching. An integral part of the program is a regular series of lectures, workshops and seminars in finance.

Program Structure

The postgraduate diploma can be completed in one year. During the first five semesters, candidate should complete 15 credit courses. The courses run on a semester basis and there are three semesters per year. Three courses are offered for each semester. A three credit course is composed of a minimum of 36 lecture hours and a maximum of 45 lecture hours. Lecture sessions are conducted in weekends.

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