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# Course Specification

## MSc International Trade and Finance

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# MSc International Trade and Finance (MSITF)

## Applicant Facing Course Specification for 2026/27 Entrants

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### General Information

<b>Award</b>	Master of Science International Trade and Finance
<b>Contained awards</b>	PG Diploma International Trade and Finance (Level 7)  PG Certificate International Trade and Finance (Level 7)
<b>Awarding body</b>	Leeds Beckett University
<b>Level of qualification and credits</b>	Level 7 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications, with 180 credit points at Level 7 of the Higher Education Credit Framework for England.
<b>Course lengths and standard timescales</b>	Start dates will be notified to students via their offer letter. The length and mode of delivery of the course is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 12 months (September intake - full time, campus based)</li><li>• 16 months (January intake - full time, campus based)</li><li>• 24 months (September intake - part time, campus based)</li><li>• 28 months (January intake - part time, campus based)</li></ul>
<b>Part time study</b>	PT delivery is usually at half the intensity of the FT equivalent course, although there may be flexibility to increase your pace of study to shorten the overall course duration. Some modules may be delivered in a different sequence from that defined within this information set but the modules offered within each level are consistent. Please note that a work placement option is not generally available to PT students.
<b>Location(s) of delivery</b>	The majority of teaching will be at City campus but on occasion may be at Headingley campus.
<b>Entry requirements</b>	Admissions criteria are confirmed in your offer letter. Details of how the University recognises prior learning and supports credit transfer are located here: <a href="https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/student-information/course-information/recognition-of-prior-learning/">https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/student-information/course-information/recognition-of-prior-learning/</a>  Admissions enquiries may be directed to: <a href="mailto:AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk">AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk</a> .

## Course fees

Course fees are confirmed in your offer letter. A breakdown of any additional costs is included on the online prospectus entry for this course.

Fees enquiries may be directed to [Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk).

## Policies, Standards and Regulations

<https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/our-university/public-information/academic-regulations/>

This course adheres to the Academic Principles and Regulations set out by the University. Awards of distinction and merit may be made to students who meet the following criteria:

### Distinction

The award of a distinction may be made to those students who have attained:

- an average of 70% or more in assessments contributing to the final award.

### And/or

- at least half of all taught modules\* at the level of distinction in assessments contributing to the final award plus a 60-credit major project module at distinction.

### Merit

The award of merit may be made to those students who have attained:

- an average of 60% or more in assessments contributing to the final award.

### And/or

- at least half of all taught modules\* at the level of merit in assessments contributing to the final award plus a 60-credit major project module at distinction.

*\* For the purposes of this regulation, taught modules are outlined as all modules with the exception of the 60-credit major project module*

## Timetable

Timetables for Semester 1 will be made available to students during induction week via:

- i) The Student Portal (MyBeckett)
- ii) The Leeds Beckett app

Any difficulties relating to timetabled sessions may be discussed with your Course Administrator.

## Key Contacts

**Your course leader**

Dr John Ruzibuka

## Course Overview

### Aims

There is a growing need for organisations and managers to engage effectively with the opportunities and challenges arising from the globalisation of the world economy. Movement of capital, people, services, products and knowledge across national borders continue to grow and it is not only large multinational corporations who engage in international trade and finance.

As the World Trade Organisation stated in its World Trade Report, 2016 “today’s increasingly interconnected global economy is transforming what is traded and who is trading. International trade has long been dominated by large companies. But thanks to dramatically reduced trade barriers, improved transportation links, information technologies and the emergence of global value chains, many SMEs now have the potential to become successful global traders as well.”

This course seeks to prepare graduates for a senior role within a company that trades internationally. The course combines technical/subject specific knowledge with the development of skills related to working as a professional in internationally engaged companies.

The course covers key concepts and knowledge relating to international trade and finance, allowing a breadth of coverage across the discipline, accompanied by the possibility to also focus or specialise on a particular area of interest via the major project and/or option module.

The focus is on the development and sophistication of technical knowledge alongside the skills to apply that knowledge to current business problems and issues. The course is highly topical and relevant to key issues within the business world – recent class discussions have covered areas such as Brexit, trade wars, globalisation, inequality, ethical issues relating to economic development etc.

### Course learning outcomes

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

1	To demonstrate a critical, ethical and reflective approach to the field of international trade and finance.
2	To critically evaluate, synthesise and apply relevant theories and techniques to a range of complex and open-ended problems in the field of international trade and finance.
3	To apply intellectual, transferable and subject/professional skills to a range of complex problems in the field of international trade and finance.
4	To evaluate and apply, with due regard to ethical considerations, research methodologies relevant to international trade and finance.
5	To demonstrate originality in the application of theory and techniques through the production of a significant piece of high-level independent work.

## Teaching and Learning Activities

## Summary

A mix of lectures, tutorials and online resources is designed to encourage a community of learning which invites and enables all participants to engage in discussions, to be visible, valued and respected for their individual contribution.

The teaching and learning strategy to be used by each module is set out in the Module Specifications. Further to this, the MSc International Trade and Finance will utilise the opportunities offered by the experiential diversity of its intakes to enhance its students learning experience.

The modules use a variety of methods; typically, each module will consist of a mix of tutorials, group and individual activities, workshops and case study analysis. Where appropriate, students will be given opportunities to relate the material covered to the organisational practices.

Modules at this level will be characterised not only by the inclusion of more advanced knowledge, but also by being more open-ended in the realistic situations in which students are required to identify and tackle problems. The progressive problem-solving philosophy, together with the complementary encouragement of independent learning, will shift the mix of work away from that done in class and towards that done outside.

Study at this level will leave students with a thorough understanding of academic research and the ability to transfer that research to real world applications and diverse and complex situations.

## Your modules

This information is correct for students progressing through the programme within standard timescales. Option modules listed are indicative of a typical year. There may be some variance in the availability of option modules. Students who are required to undertake repeat study may be taught alternate modules which meet the overall course learning outcomes. Details of module delivery will be provided in your timetable.

### Level 7

#### Full Time (September Start)

##### *Compulsory modules*

<b>Module title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester/ teaching period</b>
Economics of International Trade	20	1
Management of International Finance	20	1
International Trade Law	20	1
Trade, Growth and Development	20	2
International Corporate Finance	20	2
PG Major Project	60	Year-long
Number of credits of compulsory modules	160	

##### *Option modules*

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Operations & Logistics Management	20	2
Sustainable Finance	20	2
Number of credits of option modules a student should choose	20	

### Full Time (January Start)

#### *Compulsory modules*

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Trade, Growth and Development	20	1
International Corporate Finance	20	1
Economics of International Trade	20	2
Management of International Finance	20	2
International Trade Law	20	2
PG Major Project	60	Year-long
Number of credits of compulsory modules	160	

#### *Option modules*

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Operations & Logistics Management	20	1
Sustainable Finance	20	1
Number of credits of option modules a student should choose	20	

### Part Time (September Start – Year 1)

#### *Compulsory modules*

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Economics of International Trade	20	1
Management of International Finance	20	1
Trade, Growth and Development	20	2
International Corporate Finance	20	2
Number of credits of compulsory modules	80	

### Part Time (September Start – Year 2)

#### *Compulsory modules*

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
International Trade Law	20	1
PG Major Project	60	Year-long
Number of credits of compulsory modules	80	

### ***Option modules***

<b>Module title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester/ teaching period</b>
Operations & Logistics Management	20	2
Sustainable Finance	20	2
Number of credits of option modules a student should choose	20	

### **Part Time (January Start – Year 1)**

#### ***Compulsory modules***

<b>Module title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester/ teaching period</b>
Trade, Growth and Development	20	1
International Corporate Finance	20	1
Economics of International Trade	20	2
Management of International Finance	20	2
Number of credits of compulsory modules	80	

### **Part Time (January Start – Year 2)**

#### ***Compulsory modules***

<b>Module title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester/ teaching period</b>
International Trade Law	20	2
PG Major Project	60	Year-long
Number of credits of compulsory modules	80	

### ***Option modules***

<b>Module title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester/ teaching period</b>
Operations & Logistics Management	20	1
Sustainable Finance	20	1
Number of credits of option modules a student should choose	20	

### **Assessment and Scheduled Learning and Teaching Activities**

The assessment balance and overall workload associated with this course are calculated from core modules and typical option module choices undertaken by students on the course. They have been reviewed and confirmed as representative by the Course Director, but applicants should note that the specific option choices students make may influence both assessment and workload balance.

A standard module equates to 200 notional learning hours, which may be comprised of teaching, learning and assessment, any embedded placement activities and independent study. Modules may have more than one component of assessment.

## Assessment

### Level 7

This course is assessed predominantly by coursework with some examinations.

## Workload

Overall Workload	Level 7
Teaching, learning and assessment	279 hours
Independent study	1521 hours
Placement	0 hours