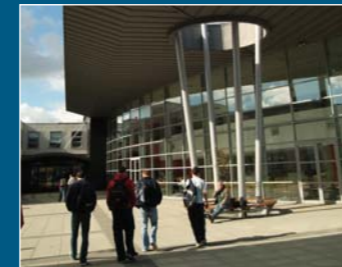




## Finance Education Facts

- » WIT School of Business has a unique integrated learning community, with over 1,900 full and part-time students and 115 staff.
- » The School of Business concentrates on the development of the thinking finance professional for work and personal career enrichment.
- » The School has 40 faculty members in the area of finance, with experience in teaching, research and industry collaboration.
- » There are over 100 finance specialists graduating every year, together with 170 accounting graduates. There are 900 students taking modules in finance.
- » Every business student completes at least 3 modules in finance and has a high degree of financial literacy.
- » There are nine degree courses in the field of finance and accountancy at the School of Business.
- » There are over 50 finance modules which cover a broad spectrum of finance topics.



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## Finance Education at the School of Business

Department of Accountancy & Economics



## Finance Courses

**Undergraduate Degrees in Finance include 3 major programmes in finance:**

1. Bachelor of Business Studies (Honours) Economics and Finance
2. Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Financial Services
3. Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Finance and Investment (New in 2007)

**Postgraduate courses include one taught full-time programme in finance, and research options:**

- » Masters in Business in Economics & Finance
- » Full-time and part-time masters and PhDs in finance.

## Careers of Graduates in Finance

Graduates of finance from WIT work in many financial institutions in Dublin, London, New York and Luxembourg. Employers include JP Morgan Chase, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, AIB Capital Markets, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs and Bank of Ireland Asset Management.



## Finance Modules & Work Placement

### Modules in Finance include:

Financial Derivatives, Business Finance, Treasury Management, Investments, Personal Financial Management, Advanced Fund Accounting, Banking Theory and Practice, Capital Markets, Lending and Securities, Risk Management, Life Assurance & Pensions, Applied Econometrics, Financial Economics, Entrepreneurial Finance, Tax Planning and Multinational Financial Management.

Work placement adds strength and depth to our finance courses, providing the student with capabilities required by industry and enhancing their professional development.

Companies participating in placing students include BISYS, PFPC, State Street, AIB Capital Markets and Davy Stockbrokers, where students gain experience in mutual and hedge funds, investment banking, real estate, stock broking, and as research analysts. After graduation students often go back to their placement company to start their career.

## Research in Finance at WIT

### Examples of Recent Research:

*An analysis of shareholder wealth effects from cross-border and domestic acquisitions of UK firms.*

*The cause-and-effect relationship between financial markets and the business cycle.*

*The winner-loser anomaly and the strength rule strategy for four medium-sized European bourses.*

*Irish occupational pensions: An overview and analysis of scale economies.*

## Staff Strengths in Finance

Our strengths include corporate finance, financial economics, financial markets, corporate governance, stock market volatility, insurance, tax and capital markets.

## Learning Resources

There are dedicated resources available for students of finance that deliver the required core competencies both at an academic and professional level.

These include Thomson datastream, Business Source Premier, Bloomberg and CNBC, Statistical Software, Simulated Trading of Financial Markets and personal office space at post-graduate level with support provided for participation in international networks.

## WIT & the South East Region

WIT is located in the heart of the South-East; a vibrant and energetic region with an excellent quality of life, coupled with its abundant and vast natural landscape, rivers, sea, and trading history.

A regional cluster of financial services companies is evolving in the South East with PFPC, State Street, BISYS, VHI and Sun Life Financial all located in the region, together with retail banks and professional supports for the industry.

WIT will continue to provide the region and beyond with highly educated finance graduates, supporting the demand and requirements of this growing industry.

