

A Level

CERTIFICATE IN FINANCIAL STUDIES

Course Overview

The Certificate in Financial Studies (CeFS) teaches students about the financial services industry and how to apply the appropriate solutions available within the evolving financial services marketplace. The qualification will enable learners to make informed and confident decisions regarding their personal finances. It will help learners to become responsible borrowers and sensible savers, and to have an appreciation of the need for financial planning throughout their life.

In the second year we look at the wider implications of finances on our own sustainability and the sustainability of the financial services industry as a whole.

This course is an A Level equivalent and earns UCAS points in the same way as any A level course. Upon completion on the CeFS, students can study for a further year to achieve the Diploma in Financial Studies (DipFS). The Diploma is also a Level 3 qualification, benchmarked as an A2 equivalent.

Teaching Methods

The awarding body provide a comprehensive course book and we ask that students read each topic at home before the lesson. Lesson activities then focus on discussing content, doing practical activities, contributing to debates, analysing videos and doing practice exam questions – all with the purpose of consolidating the required knowledge in readiness for exams.

We aim to get students out to visit companies such as Jaguar Land Rover and Bank of England to enrich the course.

Course Activities

We invite guest speakers in to the college to discuss financial services, both from industry and the LIBF and we usually visit the Bank of England in London.

Components of Course

There are 4 Mandatory Units:

Year 1

- Financial capability for the Immediate & Short term
- Financial Capability for the Medium & Long Term

Year 2

- Sustainability of an Individuals Finances
- Sustainability of the Financial System

Assessment

Students have to pass each of the 4 compulsory units. Each unit as two papers – one multiple choice paper and one pre-release case study paper. Students are able to re-take each paper once, free of charge, and the highest score counts!

Course Outline

Examination

100% Examination

Exam Board

London Institute of Banking & Finance (LIBF)

Entry Requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs (with two at grade 6, and three at grade 4).

GCSE English at grade 6.

Maths at Grade 5 and a desired G-Score of 5.0.

A keen interest in current affairs is desirable and there is a lot of independent reading to do.

Student Testimonial



“I studied Financial Studies with Travel & Tourism and Law at Cadbury College. I am now studying a degree in International Business and Management at Aston University”

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