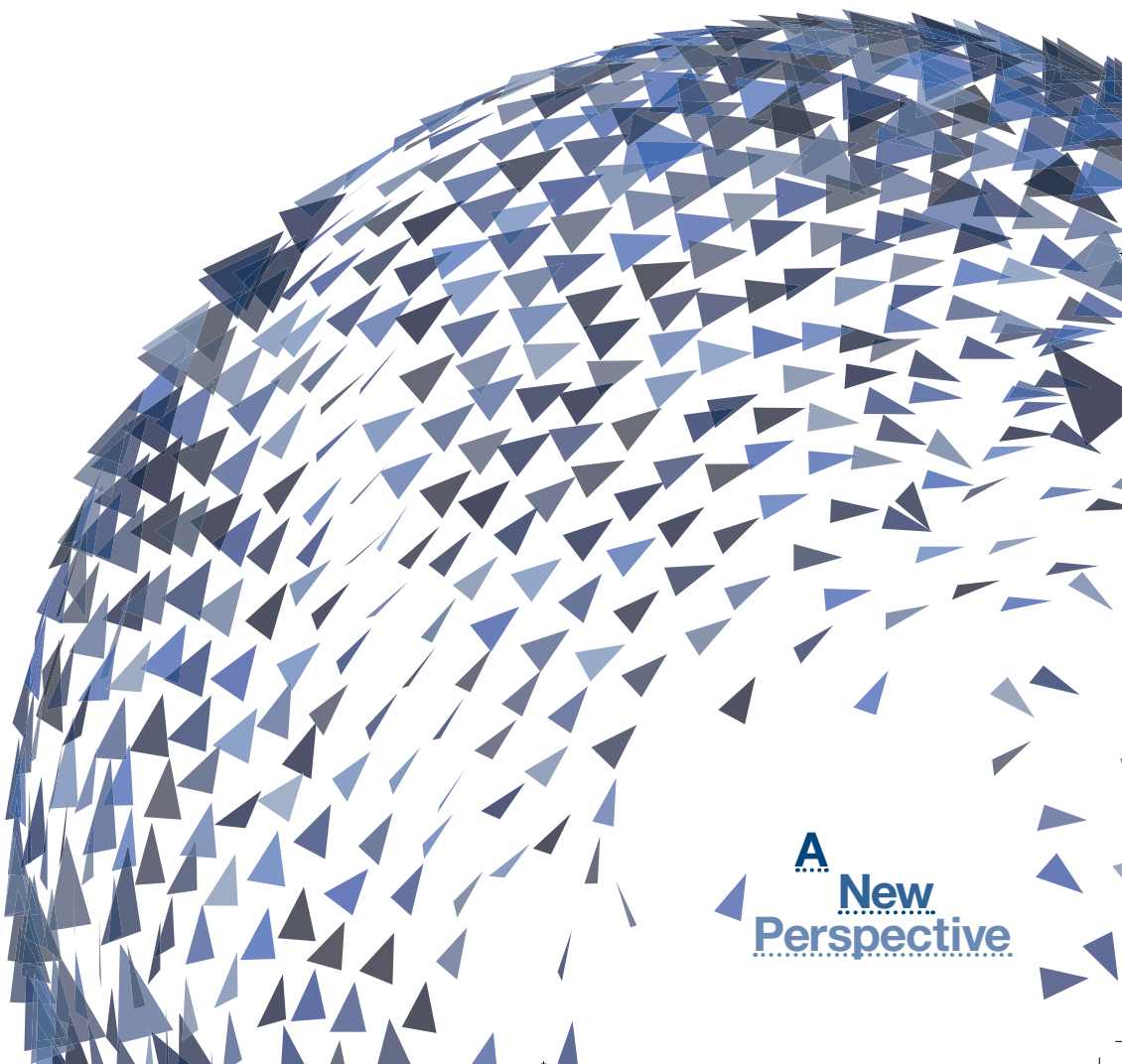




# MSc International Financial Analysis



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## Programme description

The global economic crisis, high-profile banking failures and increased regulatory supervision have highlighted the importance of sound financial management and robust reporting. The International Financial Analysis degree has been developed specifically to meet this need, providing participants with skills in both quantitative and qualitative analysis, alongside an understanding of how accounting and finance expertise may be successfully combined to assess corporate performance and valuation.

The programme focuses on the analysis of individual companies and as a result there is a substantial emphasis on corporate strategy, accounting and valuation. Of particular note is the practical study of real world data via DataStream and other industry sources, with an emphasis on developing skills in the manipulation of spreadsheets, databases, econometric and statistical software. This intensive programme aims to challenge and is accredited by both ACCA and the AIA.

## Who is the programme for?

The MA is aimed at graduates from management, business or economics based disciplines, who would like to gain a more specialist knowledge of issues related to financial analysis, and also at non-business graduates with good numeracy levels who wish to develop financial skills and understanding.





## Professional skill development

On completion, students will be able to demonstrate practical skills and ability to:

- Deal with complex issues both systematically and analytically, and to use this analysis to make sound judgements around investment management;
- Analyse quantitative data used for operational decision making;
- Critically engage with contemporary debates on financial theory; and
- Apply, with originality and creativity, the knowledge, skills and understanding gained on the programme to complex issues within the finance sector.

## Programme structure

All students will take the following 180 credits which are studied on a full-time basis over 12 months, or 24 months part-time:

- International finance and capital markets (30 credits)
- Techniques for data analysis (20 credits)
- Financial information analysis (20 credits)
- Corporate strategy & valuation (20 credits)
- Accounting for analysts (30 credits)
- Dissertation (60 credits)

### Student profile

*'I'm currently studying International Financial Analysis, I wanted to get into finance and I believe that the course at Newcastle University gave me the best opportunities to learn the skills required to do so... One of the main reasons I chose Newcastle University was because of its easy access to the rest of the country. High-speed rail links take you to most of the country, and with an airport and a port you have easy access to many places in Europe for that weekend away. I also like the compactness of Newcastle; the fact that everything is so close by. You can walk 20 minutes from your house and be in the city centre; everything is at your fingertips.'*

Izaak Carlisle, UK





## Entry requirements

Candidates are required to hold a minimum upper second class first degree (2:1) or overseas equivalent. No prior experience of finance or statistics is assumed, although a reasonable level of numeracy is required and candidates should possess basic IT skills.

Applicants whose first language is not English require IELTS 6.5 or equivalent, with no less than 6.0 in any element.

Pre-sessional courses in English language are provided by the University and successful completion of these may be a condition of entry.

## How to apply

To make an application, please complete the online application form which is available via the website at: [www.ncl.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply/](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply/)

Due to the popularity of our programmes we recommend that all candidates apply at their earliest convenience.

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UK/EU:	£8,450
International:	£14,840

