

# MSc/Graduate Diploma/ Professional Diploma in Banking (*Chartered Banker*)

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## WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR?

**This programme provides a leading, internationally-recognised qualification for those working in or aspiring to work in senior roles in banking, including those in specialised functions.**

The programme's objective is to develop 'rounded bankers' who will have the breadth of knowledge, a wide frame of reference and the capability to manage a range of activities in banking at managerial and executive levels.

The programme combines an in-depth consideration of corporate governance with a risk management perspective and builds detailed knowledge of a specialist function, all of which underpin a sustainable banking model for the benefit of customers, shareholders and society.

It will enhance your ability to make the professional, informed decisions essential in leadership roles in banking.

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## HOW YOU WILL BENEFIT

This programme will support your personal and professional development whilst giving you an integrated, critical understanding of banking.

It will:

- Broaden your knowledge and understanding of the requirements and responsibilities of banking, its activities and associated risks
- Enhance your business judgement, critical analysis and problem solving skills
- Develop your ability to critically analyse contemporary issues in financial services
- Progress your thinking on key challenges
- Advance your ability to blend theory and practice in complex situations to improve business performance
- Develop a holistic professional skill set that works to ensure commercial sustainability and the maintenance of the trust of customers and wider stakeholders.

## PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION

This programme provides a pathway to the prestigious and international Chartered Banker designation.

Chartered Banker is the gold standard for professionals working in the banking sector. Chartered Bankers are highly qualified professionals, well equipped for a management career or leadership role in banking.

## CURRICULUM

You study nine modules as follows:

- Ethics and Corporate Governance (NFQ Level 9, 10 ECTS)
- Risk Management in Financial Institutions (NFQ Level 9, 10 ECTS)
- Corporate Finance (NFQ Level 9, 10 ECTS)
- Asset Management (NFQ Level 9, 10 ECTS)
- Strategy and Innovation for Retail Financial Services (NFQ Level 9, 10 ECTS)
- Risk-Based Financial Management (NFQ Level 9, 10 ECTS)
- Behavioural Decision Making (NFQ Level 9, 10 ECTS)

### Options:

- Managing for Compliance (NFQ Level 9, 10 ECTS);

or

- Tax and Estate Planning (NFQ Level 9, 10 ECTS)

and

- Business Economics (NFQ Level 9, 10 ECTS);

or

- Winning Business Negotiation Strategies (NFQ Level 9, 10 ECTS)

## AWARD

When you successfully complete the first three modules of this programme, you will be awarded the **Professional Diploma in Banking** from UCD (at postgraduate degree level 9). You are also eligible to then apply for the Chartered Banker designation.

On completion of a further three modules you will be awarded the **Graduate Diploma in Banking** from UCD (at postgraduate degree level 9).

Candidates who achieve an honours award classification in this Graduate Diploma are eligible for the award of the **MSc in Banking** on successful completion of an additional three modules. The MSc is also accredited and awarded by UCD (at postgraduate degree level 9).

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirements for the programme are:

- Honours degree in business or a related discipline (e.g.) accounting, finance or economics; or
- Honours degree in a non-business discipline with three years' relevant work experience.

Those who do not hold a degree, but have exceptional middle or senior management experience, are eligible to apply and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## PROFESSIONAL BODY MEMBERSHIP

You must be a current member of the Institute of Banking, or become a member, to register for this programme.

Membership is currently €40 per calendar year.

## DELIVERY

Lectures are held on a part-time basis.

## DURATION

24 months part-time.

## ASSESSMENT

Assessment is a combination of continuous assessment and written exams.

The pass mark is 40% in all modules in line with UCD academic policy.

## CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

Once you hold the Chartered Banker designation you will be required to complete 20 CPD hours annually (which meets the CPD requirements

of QFA holders under the Minimum Competency Code and the requirements of the Professional Banker designation, where applicable).

The Institute of Banking will provide all of the required CPD content online. In addition, it will provide you with a number of seminars annually at no additional cost.

## FEES

The fees are €4,600 for the first academic year (€10,900 in total).

As a measure of support, Bank of Ireland will pay programme fees for approved staff.

## PROGRAMME COMMENCEMENT

September 2014.

## INTERESTED? NEXT STEPS.

For further information on this programme visit [www.iob.ie/MScBanking](http://www.iob.ie/MScBanking) or you can contact the programme manager at:

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