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Bachelor of Business (Banking and Finance)
Faculty of Business and Logistics

Programme Title (Arabic)		لامعآلا قرأاإ يف سويړولكئبل (ةيلاملا ؤيفرصملا لامعآلا صصخت)						
Acronym / Abbreviation *		BBUS (Banking & Finance)						
Nature		Major						
Programme Code		BBS8030	Programme Duration		4 Year/Cycle	Programme Level		Level 8
Programme Credits		480	Award Category		Bachelors			
Effective From		2023/2024 Sem 1						
Owner		School of Business						
Professional Body								
Professional Body	Recognition Status	Effective From	Interim Date	Professional Bodies	Contact Person	Evidence		
Employability Skills	Yes	04/01/2021		CIMA		https://www.cimaglobal.com/Starting-CIMA/Starting-CIMA/Exemptions/Exemption-Search/Bahrain-Polytechnic-13011/?qualification=1-62MR67Z		
Target Groups *								
High School Graduates								
International Students								
Unemployed								
Qualification Completion Requirements Criteria		Awarded where candidates have met all of the requirements below:						
		<div><div><div><div></div></div><div>Successful completion of all courses listed in Schedule A</div></div><div><div><div></div></div><div>Achieve the Bahrain Polytechnic General Qualification Requirements as found in Policy A/AB/004, Naming and Awarding Qualifications:</div></div><div><div><div></div></div><div>One National Requirements – Arabic Couese;</div></div><div><div><div></div></div><div>The two National Requirements courses;</div></div></div>						
		and						
		<div><div><div></div></div><div>Completion of courses to accumulate a minimum of 480 credits from any Bahrain Polytechnic Qualification;</div></div>						

<p>Programme Overview *</p>	<p>The Banking and Finance program is developed to prepare the students for a career in commercial and investment banking, trading and brokerage firms or risk management, consulting as well as onto further advanced academic or professional study such as MBA or CFA.</p> <p>The Banking and Finance program is based on a general business curriculum (covered in Year 1 and 2) that provides a solid foundation in a broad range of business disciplines, which widen students' ability to think strategically, and which enhance their employability.</p> <p>In year 3 and 4, the students will start to specialize in the field of finance to cover advanced topics such as corporate finance, investment, derivatives, financial risk management, behavioral finance and Islamic Finance.</p>
<p>Entry and Selection *</p>	<p>General entry requirements such as secondary school achievements, English and Mathematics are described in the Student Admission Policy A/AB/010. Specific entry requirements for this qualification, beyond those described in the Student Admission Policy are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must demonstrate competence in English and in Mathematics. These requirements may be met by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The successful completion of: <p>AP4203 English 2</p> <p>AP4101 Mathematics 2 or similar</p> • or passing English and Mathematics Selection Tests at the required level. • Applicants who do not meet all of the entry criteria above may be considered for special or provisional entry.
	<p>Where there are more applicants who meet the programme entry criteria than can be accepted, the following shall be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection Criteria <p>Preference will be given to students who have successfully completed the Foundation programmes at Bahrain Polytechnic and have clearly demonstrated an aptitude for Business and a commitment to their study.</p> <p>Results from programme entry tests will be used to select students with the highest likelihood of successfully completing the degree programme.</p>

Selection and Criteria and Process *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection Process <p>Applicants may be required to attend an interview.</p> <p>Consideration of work experience and prior educational achievement may be used.</p>
Major Selection Criteria *	<p>All students must have completed, or be exempted from, 210 credits from courses listed in Schedule A inclusive of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45 credits of English courses • BU6009 Introduction to Finance • BU6005 Introduction to Accounting • BU6007 Introduction to Economics <p>Where there are more applicants for a major than places available, priority for selection will be made using combined GPAs for courses as set out as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BU6005 Introduction to Accounting • BU6007 Introduction to Economics • BU6009 Introduction to Finance • BU6013 Business Mathematics
Accreditation / External Approval Requirements *	<p>Bachelor of Business (Banking and Finance) is CIMA accredited program and the graduates will be exempted from the following courses under CIMA qualification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BA1 Fundamentals of Business Economics 2. BA2 Fundamentals of Management Accounting 3. BA3 Fundamentals of Financial Accounting 4. BA4 Fundamentals of Ethics, Corporate Governance and Business Law <p>For more information visit CIMA exemption database website : https://www.cimaglobal.com/Starting-CIMA/Starting-CIMA/Exemptions/Exemption-Search/</p>
Attendance Requirements *	<p>Attendance requirements are described in the policy Student Attendance A/AB/006.</p>
	<p>The qualification encompasses an initial two years full-time academic study in the broad Business disciplines at NQF levels 6 and 7, followed by two years full-time academic study of specialist study at NQF levels 7 and 8. The intention is to build up core knowledge in a range of areas including marketing, accounting, finance, quantitative techniques, research</p>

Qualification Overview *	<p>methods, economics, management, information systems and law; to develop general academic capacity, introduce sociological and ethical issues in business, and prepare for a chosen specialist field of study. The specialist area of study in Banking and Finance runs over the final two years and comprises courses that are designed to develop students' abilities to think and operate strategically within the finance arena. In the final year, this knowledge is consolidated in the form of the capstone industry project where students operate in a fully authentic setting as professionals on a current finance issue that a partner company is dealing with. The industry project requires the learners to develop solutions towards authentic business needs underpinned by general and specialist theoretical argumentation.</p>																
Qualification Aim *	<p>The qualification aims to develop work-ready, skilled Banking and Finance graduates who are aware of the ethical and professional standards required of finance professional. Banking and Finance graduates will have the latest finance techniques, business concepts and relevant employability skills to be adaptable in the workplace in Bahrain and internationally. They will have the professional competencies and finance skills required to effectively solve problems and apply critical analysis to make informed business decisions. They will have the skills that enable them to work effectively in teams and to clearly present their ideas in written and oral forms to a range of audiences.</p>																
	<p>In Bahrain the majority of employment opportunities for marketing graduates will come from the private sector, parts of the semi-government sector undergoing transformation as well as SME's and family businesses who are 'corporatising' their business models. Dr Jarmo Kotilaine, Bahrain Economic Development Board highlighted the scale of the market in Saudi Arabia and the range of opportunities the Eastern Province offers for graduates willing to move or commute.</p> <p>Diagram 2.6A provides for essentially two progression opportunities for graduates – into employment or into post-graduate study.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="441 802 1153 1497"> <tr> <td data-bbox="441 802 992 898">Postgraduate Study – MBA or Master in Finance</td><td data-bbox="992 802 1153 898">Employment</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="441 898 1153 994">Completing Professional Qualifications (e.g.CFA)</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="441 994 992 1090"></td><td data-bbox="992 994 1153 1090"></td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="441 1090 1153 1185">Bachelor of Business (Banking and Finance) Major, Years 3 and 4</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="441 1185 1153 1281"></td><td data-bbox="992 1185 1153 1281"></td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="441 1281 1153 1377">Bachelor of Business, Years 1 and 2</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="441 1377 904 1473"></td><td data-bbox="904 1377 1153 1473"></td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="441 1473 904 1497"></td><td data-bbox="904 1473 1153 1497"></td></tr> </table>	Postgraduate Study – MBA or Master in Finance	Employment	Completing Professional Qualifications (e.g.CFA)				Bachelor of Business (Banking and Finance) Major, Years 3 and 4				Bachelor of Business, Years 1 and 2					
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Graduate Pathways and Destination *	Secondary school graduates		Foundation	Workforce
	<p>Employment</p> <p>This programme prepares students for careers or employment opportunities and not limited to the following list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commercial banker• Commodities trader• Corporate banker• Portfolio analyst• Investment banker• Securities analyst• Stock broker• Corporate treasury <p>The programme should achieve widespread international recognition and allow students to progress to further fields of study, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional Certifications in Financial Analysis or Investment such as CFA• Masters in Finance or MBA.			
	Employability Skills Generic Definition:			
	Communication	Communicate in ways that contribute to productive and harmonious relationships across employees and customers.		
	Team work	Work effectively independently and in collaboration with others.		

Other Information *	Problem solving	Think critically and respond appropriately to changing needs within a growing and diversifying economy.
	Initiative and enterprise	Apply resourcefulness, innovation and strategic thinking to a range of workplace situations.
	Planning and organisation	Plan and manage their working lives.
	Self management	Demonstrate self discipline and adaptability, and be able to plan and achieve personal and professional goals.
	Learning	Understand the need for and engage with continuous learning throughout the lifespan.
	Technology	Utilize information technology effectively and ethically in their personal and professional lives.

Programme Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this programme the learner will be able to :

Description
Demonstrate a detailed knowledge of core business concepts and a broad understanding of the changing business environment
Evaluate business perspectives and adapt strategies to deal with varied (defined and some undefined) business contexts
Solve organizational financial challenges using portfolio management theories
Manage organizations' funds effectively through knowledge of the key financial factors and the methods of managing funds
Apply the fundamentals of circulation of money, credit and investment in order to ensure appropriate organizational growth
Contend with financial securities transactions with local, regional and international frameworks
Apply government and economic policies and comply with financial parameters set by the regulators
Practice as a professional using 21st century skills

Semester Schedules

Year 1 / Semester 1

Core	
Course Code	Title
BU6008	Applied Communication
EL6003	English Skills A
BU6005	Introduction to Accounting
BU6004	Introduction to Management

Year 1 / Semester 2

Core	
Course Code	Title
BU6013	Business Mathematics
EL6005	English Communication Skills 4
BU6007	Introduction to Economics
BU6001	Introduction to Marketing

Year 2 / Semester 1

Core	
Course Code	Title
BU6009	Introduction to Finance

BU6010	Management Information Systems
NR	National Requirements
BU6006	Quantitative Business Methods
Optional	
Course Code	Title
NR-Arabic	National Requirements- Arabic

Year 2 / Semester 2

Core	
Course Code	Title
BU6015	Business Analytics
BU7003	Business Law
BU6011	Business Research Methods
BU7002	Human Resource Management

Year 3 / Semester 1

Core	
Course Code	Title
BU7300	Corporate Finance
BU8300	Financial Risk Management
BU7302	Investment & Portfolio Management
Elective	
Course Code	Title
BU7400	Financial Accounting

Year 3 / Semester 2

Core	
Course Code	Title
BU8301	Derivatives & Alternative Investments
BU7301	Money and Banking

BU6012	Project Management
Elective	
Course Code	Title
BU7306	Financial Technology

Year 4 / Semester 1

Core	
Course Code	Title
BU7305	Financial Markets and Institutions
BU8302	International Finance
BU8306	Islamic Finance and Takaful
Elective	
Course Code	Title
BU8305	Behavioral Finance

Year 4 / Semester 2

Core	
Course Code	Title
BU8099	Cooperative Industry Project Business