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Welcome to the College

Congratulations on joining Imperial College London, the only university in the UK to focus exclusively on science, medicine, engineering and business.

From Fleming’s discovery of Penicillin to Gabor’s invention of holography, Imperial has been changing the world for well over 100 years. You’re now part of this prestigious community of discovery and we hope you will take this opportunity to make your own unique contribution.

You’re now very much a part of this community of discovery and we hope you will take this opportunity to make your own unique contribution. At Imperial, we expect all members of our community, whether students or staff, to share and demonstrate our values of respect, integrity, collaboration, innovation and excellence in all we do and strive to achieve.

We understand that this is a challenging time for our student community due to the impact of coronavirus and we are committed to providing you with the very best academic resources to enrich your experience. Information on teaching and learning, services and facilities to support the wider student experience during the Covid-19 pandemic can be found on the College’s webpages, alongside local information provided by your Department. We also provide a dedicated support network and a range of specialist support services to make sure you have access to the appropriate help, whether that’s further training in an academic skill like note taking or simply having someone to talk to.

You’ll have access to an innovative range of professional development courses within our Graduate School throughout your time here, as well as opportunities to meet students from across the College at academic and social events – see page 6 for more information.

We actively encourage you to seek out help when you need it and try to maintain a healthy work-life balance. Our choice of over 360 clubs, societies and projects is one of the largest of any UK university, making it easy to do something different with your downtime. Access to the gym and other sporting facilities will be dependent on government guidance. We are working to ensure that you have access to a variety of resources online to support your health and wellbeing if there are restrictions.

As one of the best universities in the world, we are committed to inspiring the next generation of scientists, engineers, clinicians and business leaders by continuing to share the wonder of what we do through public engagement events. Postgraduate students, alongside our academics and undergraduate students, make a significant contribution to events such as our annual Imperial Festival and our term-time Imperial Fringe events – if you’re interested in getting involved then there will be opportunities for you to do so.
Our Principles
In 2012 the College and Imperial College Union agreed ‘Our Principles’ a series of commitments made between students and the College. The Principles are reviewed annually by the Quality Assurance and Enhancement Committee and changes recommended for Senate approval.

Imperial will provide through its staff:
• A world class education embedded in a research environment
• Advice, guidance and support
• The opportunity for students to contribute to the evaluation and development of programmes and services

Imperial will provide students with:
• Clear programme information and assessment criteria
• Clear and fair academic regulations, policies and procedures
• Details of full programme costs and financial support
• An appropriate and inclusive framework for study, learning and research

Imperial students should:
• Take responsibility for managing their own learning
• Engage with the College to review and enhance provision
• Respect, and contribute to, the Imperial community

The Imperial College Students’ Union will:
• Support all students through the provision of independent academic and welfare assistance
• Encourage student participation in all aspects of the College
• Provide a range of clubs, societies, student-led projects and social activities throughout the year
• Represent the interests of students at local, national and international level

www.imperial.ac.uk/students/our-principles
Welcome to Imperial College London and the Graduate School!

The Graduate School is responsible for the postgraduate experience at the College and we work closely with the Union and the Graduate Students’ Union to ensure that when decisions are being made, which affect your time at Imperial, your voice is heard.

Another important aspect of our role is to offer you a free and exciting range of professional development opportunities which you can access wherever you are in the world.

Our team of tutors have a variety of research and other career experiences. We understand the importance of developing professional skills and our programmes will help you to progress in your academic studies and research and will prepare you for your future career. Whether you wish to pursue a career in academia, industry or something else, professional development training will improve your personal impact. You will also get to meet students from other Departments when attending our courses.

The Graduate School runs exciting competitions throughout the year which are an opportunity to broaden your knowledge as well as to meet other students and have fun. Our primary way to communicate to you will be through our monthly newsletter. However, do check our website, blog and social media platforms to keep up to date with all the latest activities available to you.

Finally, Imperial College is an extremely exciting, stimulating and diverse environment in which to work, to study and to research. Do make the most of all that the College and your programme has to offer.
The Graduate School

You automatically become a member of the Graduate School when you register as a postgraduate student at Imperial.

The Graduate School has been set up to support all postgraduate students at the College through:

- Training and development courses
- Networking activities, social and academic events to encourage cross-disciplinary interactions
- Forums to represent the views of postgraduate students throughout the College

‘Masterclass’ professional skills courses

You can see the full range of free professional skills courses for postgraduate students on the Graduate School website:

[www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/graduate-school/students/masters/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/graduate-school/students/masters/)

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1. Introduction to the Department

Welcome from Head of Department

Dear MSc Students,

Welcome to Imperial College and welcome to the Mathematics Department!

Imperial Mathematics is a diverse and world-leading research centre and a fantastic place to study – especially in our Award-Winning MSc Programme in Mathematical Finance. I very much hope that you enjoy your time in London at that your postgraduate studies at Imperial are productive and rewarding.

Best wishes,

Professor David van Dyk

Welcome from PG Director

Dear MSc Students,

I’d like to offer you a very warm welcome to the Mathematics Department. The Department’s academic staff and administrative support team hope to make your time at Imperial as rewarding and positive as possible. This handbook contains a wealth of useful information about your MSc programme — please read on and keep a copy at hand throughout your studies.

Each of our five taught MSc courses (Applied Mathematics, Machine Learning and Data Science, Mathematical Finance, Pure Mathematics, and Statistics) are truly world-class programmes. I hope that you will find both your modules and your research project to be enriching and productive experiences.

I also encourage you to engage fully with your MSc course. Many students find discussing mathematics with other students to be an essential element of learning. Your course lecturers will be very happy to discuss course material during office hours. Outside of your MSc, you may find some of the Departmental seminars and colloquia, at which you are welcome, to be enriching.

I wish you a productive and enriching year.

Dr Ryan Barnett
Welcome from Programme Directors

Dear all,

Welcome to the MSc in Mathematics and Finance in the Department of Mathematics, Imperial College London. We hope you will enjoy studying here and take profit from all the opportunities offered by the department, and by the College as a whole.

Mathematical Finance is a subject that is both mathematically challenging and deployed every day by sophisticated practitioners on financial markets. Our objective is to provide you with all the tools you will need to get into this area at a level where you can understand and contribute to the latest advances.

To achieve this, we have designed a full-year course, consisting of lectures, problem classes, meetings with practitioners, career events and an end-of-year project. Through the modules offered during the year, you will learn the mathematical, statistical and programming tools used on financial markets, and become aware and critical of current practices in the financial industry at large: some modules concentrate on the financial aspects (option pricing, market microstructure, algorithmic trading), while others provide training in Mathematics (stochastic analysis, partial differential equations, Statistics); several modules, in particular machine learning, numerical methods and programming will allow you to test the theory against real data, and a range of elective modules to choose from will give you the opportunity to specialise yourself in some specific areas of Mathematical Finance.

The final part of the curriculum is devoted to a research project – ideally as part of an internship -- which culminates in an MSc thesis. In addition, a certain number of additional modules are offered by the College for your personal development, covering a range of transferable skills such as presentation, academic writing and negotiation skills.

The current situation, with its social distance restrictions, has forced us to update the way we will be teaching the programme, having online lectures, and limiting face-to-face meetings. However, we guarantee that the full contents of the programme will be delivered and will use all available online tools to make sure that you will not miss out on any opportunities.

This booklet provides an overview of the programme structure. We encourage you to read it carefully and to keep it for future reference.

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**English language requirement**
If you are not a native English speaker you must meet the College’s English language requirements.

See the Admissions website for details:

첨 www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply/requirements/english

**Attendance and absence**
You must inform your Senior Postgraduate Tutor if you are absent from the College for more than three days during term. If the absence is due to illness you must produce a medical certificate after seven days. If you are ill and miss an assessment deadline (this could be an examination, presentation or a coursework submission) you will need to make a claim for mitigating circumstances within 10 working days of the deadline. Please see the section on mitigation below.

The Registry will be informed of all student non-attendances as the College is obliged to report the non-attendance of students on Tier 4/Student Route visas to the Home Office.

You are required to attend all online meetings, problem classes and events organised by the MSc in Mathematics and Finance. In case of illness or other personal circumstances, you must produce a medical certificate within seven days. If you are ill and miss an assessment deadline (examination, presentation or coursework) you will need to make a claim for mitigating circumstances within 10 working days of the deadline. Please see the section on mitigation page 36.

**Key dates 2021–22**

**Term dates**
- Autumn term: 2 October 2021 - 17 December 2021
- Spring term: 8 January 2022 - 25 March 2022

**Closure dates**
- Christmas/New year: 24 December 2021 - 1 January 2022
  (College reopens on 4 January 2022)
- Easter Holiday: 12 April 2022 – 19 April 2022
  (College reopens on 20 April 2022)
- Early May Bank Holiday: 2 May 2022
- Spring Bank Holiday: 2 June 2022
- Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday: 3 June 2022
- Summer Bank Holiday: 29 August 2022

**Key events**
- Induction week: 4 - 8 October 2021
- Examinations first term: January 2022
- Examinations second term: May 2022
2. Programme Information

The Mathematical Finance Section

The Mathematical Finance group sits within the Department of Mathematics in Imperial College London and is one of the largest in the world.

The research carried out by its members (see the full list below) span a wide range of areas in the fields of stochastic analysis, probability, machine learning and statistics. Many research-related events are organised throughout the year, including seminars, conferences, colloquia, providing a deep understanding of the cutting-edge research in the area of Mathematical Finance. Most seminars and conferences are free to attend, and registration may or may not be required. You are more than welcome, and encouraged, to attend them. [link](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/mathematics/seminars/)

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Personal Tutors

Each student is assigned a personal tutor from the Mathematical Finance Section, with whom a meeting is arranged during the first week of term. The tutor is the first point of contact and offers advice regarding module selection and other matters as needed. Your personal tutor is likely to be one of the people you may ask later for reference letters; it is therefore advisable that they get to know you, and you are encouraged to keep in touch with them while enrolled in the MSc and to keep them informed about any factors, such as illness, that may affect performance. Communication between a student and his/her personal tutor (and potentially the Course Director) is treated in full confidentiality. The personal tutor is not responsible for administrative issues, and for any such matter, Rula Murtada, the MSc Mathematics and Finance Administrator, will be able to help you.

Should you have any difficulties contacting your personal tutor, you are strongly encouraged to contact the MSc Course Director.

The MSc: inside out

Blackboard

Most of the information you will need during the year, from lecture notes, courseworks, past exams, to timetables and special events are available on Blackboard: https://bb.imperial.ac.uk. A calendar with all events and timetables can be found on your personal Blackboard.

The Alumni network

Part of the strength of the programme, apart from its academic contents, is its large network of alumni since its inception in 2000. The Imperial College Mathematics and Finance MSc Alumni Group has a LinkedIn group dedicated to alumni of the programme, and advertises job positions and events

https://www.imperial.ac.uk/mathematics/postgraduate/msc/mathematical-finance/alumni/

Several events will be organised throughout the year to allow you to expand your network. More information will be given in due time.

Meeting with Practitioners

Compulsory weekly meetings with practitioners are organised, in order to familiarise yourself with the many sides of the financial industry, from hard-core quantitative research to hedge funds, risk management, regulators, and software development. These meetings will also help you find a project for the end of the year. You are strongly encouraged to be proactive during those lectures.
Programme Structure

To qualify for the degree of MSc in Mathematics and Finance, you must take examinations in 12 modules, achieving a passing grade (50%) in at least ten of them, an overall average of at least 50%, and at least 50% in each examination. You must achieve a grade of at least 50% in the Project Thesis at the end of the year. The 12 modules taken must include the seven core modules. The remaining five modules can be selected from the available electives.

Autumn Term 4 October – 17 December 2021

Week 1 Induction Week: There is a refresher, non-assessed introductory short module:
- Refresher in Mathematical (Dr Alexandre Pannier)

Weeks 2-11: The following four core modules must be taken:
- Fundamentals of Option Pricing (Dr Siropas) MATH97236
- Stochastic Processes (Dr Neuman) MATH97113
- Quantitative Risk Management (Dr Sanchez-Betancourt) MATH97108
- Statistical Methods in Finance (Dr Cass) MATH97115

Elective modules available in the Autumn term: Three elective modules and one compulsory non-credit module
- Python for Finance (Drs Jacquier and Muguruza Gonzalez) MATH97308 (compulsory/non-credit): (20 hrs- Weeks 2-11)
- Data Science for Fintech Regtech and Suptech (Dr Soramäki) MATH97406 (15 hrs- Weeks 2-6)
- Quantum Computing (Drs Jacquier and Kondratyev) MATH97407 (15 hrs- Weeks 7-11)
- Deep Learning (Dr Pakkanen) MATH97231 (15 hrs- Weeks 7-11)

Spring Term 8 January–25 March 2022

Week 1 Examinations on the Autumn Term modules.

Weeks 2-11: You must take the following three core modules:
- Computing in C++ (Dr Bilokon) MATH97112
- Interest Rate Models with Credit Risk, Collateral, Funding Liquidity Risk and Multiple Curves (Prof Brigo) MATH97114
- Simulation Methods for Finance (Dr Zheng) MATH97116

In addition, the following elective modules are available:
- Numerical Methods in Finance (Dr Salvi) MATH97110 (15 hrs- Weeks 2-6)
- Convex Optimization (Dr Hernandez) MATH97117 (15 hrs- Weeks 2-6)
- Advances in Machine Learning (Dr Bilokon) MATH97119 (15 hrs- Weeks 2-6)
- Topics in Derivatives Pricing (Dr Tse) MATH97120 (15 hrs- Weeks 2-6)
- Advanced topics in Data Science: Signatures and Rough Paths in Machine Learning (Dr Salvi) MATH97229 (15 hrs- Weeks 7-11)
- Market Microstructure (Dr Pakkanen) MATH97230 (15 hrs- Weeks 2-6)
Summer Term 20 April–30 September 2022

Weeks 1-2 Examinations of the Spring Term modules.

Week 3 onwards Project work begins.
Thesis submission deadline: no later than 16:00, 6 September 2022

Notes:
1. You must take the examinations in all seven core modules and in five elective modules. You will be asked to complete a form stating what elective examinations you plan to take.
2. Examination arrangements vary. Each module is assessed by a three-hour written examination for core modules and one and a half hours for elective modules in the beginning of the following term. In most cases, a component of assessed coursework, or a small project to be completed in a limited time, will also be required. The lecturer will specify early in the term exactly what the examination arrangements will be. Previous examination papers are usually available.
3. ECTS credits: The lecture modules taken together are worth 77.5 ECTS (7.5 ECTS for each core module and 5 ECTS for each elective module), and the project is 12.5 ECTS.

Module Descriptions

Core Modules

Fundamentals of Option Pricing (P. Siorpaes) MATH97236
Option pricing is a core area of Mathematical Finance. The module will cover both financial and mathematical concepts, such as:

- Financial markets, forwards, options and financial derivatives
- Self-financing portfolios and non-anticipative strategies
- Absence of arbitrage, the domination property and law of one price
- Complete and incomplete markets, pricing by replication
- Change of measure and the Radon-Nikodym theorem
- Linear programming, equivalent martingale measures, the fundamental theorems of asset pricing, the risk-neutral pricing formula
- Change of numeraire
- Conditional expectation: definition, properties, and computation
- Martingales and Markov processes
- Brownian motion and the Black-Scholes model as continuous-time limits of scaled random walks
- Why Riemann integration and ordinary calculus do not apply to Brownian motion
- The stochastic integral, semimartingales and their canonical decomposition, quadratic variation, Ito's formula
• Hedging derivatives in the Black-Scholes model, delta-hedging
• The Black-Scholes PDE (Partial Differential Equation), the heat equation, and the Feynman-Kac formula
• Girsanov’s theorem, the martingale representation theorem, Levy’s characterisation of Brownian motion

Stochastic Processes (E. Neuman) MATH97113
This module gives an introduction to probability theory and measure theory and introduces stochastic processes and the basic tools from stochastic analysis to provide the mathematical foundations for option pricing theory. It includes an intermediate introduction to axiomatic probability theory and measure theory, explaining notions like probability spaces, measures, measurable functions, integration with respect to measures, convergence concepts for random variables, joint distributions, independence and conditional expectations. It studies stochastic processes in discrete and continuous time; mainly the random walk, Brownian motion, and their properties. These in turn involve notions like the quadratic variation, the reflection principle, the Markov property and the martingale property. We will cover the stochastic Ito integral, the Ito formula, and their mathematical applications; for example, stochastic differential equations and some references to partial differential equations.

Quantitative Risk Management (L. Sanchez-Betancourt) MATH97108
This module introduces the key concepts and methods of quantitative risk management, with an emphasis on market risk and volatility. We endeavour to cover the following topics:

• Risk management and stylised facts: taxonomy of risks, the regulatory framework, overview of quantitative risk management, stylised facts of asset returns.
• Basic concepts of risk management: risk factors, loss distributions, risk measures (including value-at-risk and expected shortfall), historical simulation, Monte Carlo simulation, backtesting.
• Univariate time series modelling: ARMA and GARCH models, estimation and forecasting, applications to risk measures.
• Heavy-tailed distributions and extreme value theory: characterisations of heavy-tailed distributions and examples, the distribution of maxima, modelling of threshold exceedances, applications to risk measures.
• Multivariate time series and covariance modelling: multivariate time series models, multivariate GARCH models, applications to equity portfolio risk.
• Copulas and dependence modelling: basic properties of copulas, classification of copulas with examples, measuring dependence, estimation of copulas, applications to portfolio and credit risk.
• Market microstructure and high-frequency data: market microstructure primer, market liquidity risk, volatility estimation and forecasting using high-frequency data, applications to risk measures.

Statistical Methods in Finance (T. Cass) MATH97115
The financial industry has changed dramatically over the past few years, and the new regulations imposed to banks require more statistical knowledge. The aim of this core module is to reflect these changes, and to make students up to date with the current needs of the financial sector.
This course is concerned with essential statistical methods for the analysis of financial data. Topics covered include regression methods (including ordinary and generalised least squares), Random matrices, statistical tests Bayesian analysis, parametric estimation methods (including maximum likelihood estimation and classical asymptotic theory), and non-parametric estimation methods. The various methods are illustrated by applications in Finance and tests on real data.

**Python for Finance** (A. Jacquier and A. Muguruza Gonzalez) MATH97237  
**(Compulsory-Non-Credit)**

Python has become a key programming language today, due to its versatility, open-source nature and wide range of capabilities, from big data management to numerical analysis and visualisation tools. In and in banks. Python is now a fundamental tool to quantitative analysis, and a pre-requisite for job applications. The goal of this module is to introduce the key concepts of the Python programming language and its main characteristics, in particular:

- Programming features: Functional Programming to Object-oriented programming
- Big data analysis: Pandas, Dask,
- Statistical tools and libraries
- Web-scraping
- Visualisation tools

All these concepts will be illustrated with real data and in the context of Quantitative Finance.

**Computing in C++: Object oriented programming** (P. Bilokon) MATH97112

The module gives an introduction to object-oriented programming in C++. In contrast to structured programming, where a programming task is simply split into smaller parts, which are then coded separately, the essence of object-oriented programming is to decompose a problem into related subgroups, where each subgroup is self-contained and contains its own instructions as well as the data that relates to it. Starting from the simple concept of a class that contains both data and methods relating to that data, the module will cover all the major features of object-oriented programming, e.g. encapsulation, inheritance and polymorphism. To this end, the module will address operator overloading, virtual functions and templates.

**Interest rate models with credit risk, collateral, funding liquidity risk, multiple curves**  
(D. Brigo) MATH97114

This is a module that deals with the theory and practice of the term structure of interest rates when including also credit risk, funding liquidity costs, collateral modelling and multiple curves. The paradigm of derivatives valuation is shifting from complex payouts designed on simple single asset class risks to simple products that are now managed by analysing previously neglected complex and interconnected nonlinear risks. The module starts by briefly putting derivatives valuation into context, in connection also with the onset of the 2007-2008 crisis that prompted many of the changes we are seeing now. The module then moves to classic interest rate models based on a risk-free rate, on classical instantaneous forward rates, and on default free LIBOR and SWAP rates, also in presence of volatility smile. Several families of models are introduced and studied in detail, with an eye both to a rigorous theoretical derivation and to practical implementation and calibration. Following the classical part, the increasingly important issues of multiple discount curves, credit risk, credit and debit valuation adjustments, collateral modelling, gap risk and funding liquidity costs are analysed quantitatively. The related notions of CVA, DVA and FVA are analysed and criticised in detail,
and their significance for the general derivatives valuation paradigm is discussed. The specific case of trading through central clearing (CCPs) is hinted at. Finally, an analysis of Risk measures for interest rate derivatives products is presented, with a case study highlighting the role of correlation and dependence in Risk measurement.

**Simulation Methods for Finance (H. Zheng) MATH97116**

This module is an introduction to simulation methods in finance and more generally to probabilistic numerical methods for PDEs. It starts with discussion of random number generators, statistical tests and moves on to cover numerical schemes for solving Stochastic Differential Equations: the Euler, Milstein and certain higher-order schemes. Properties of weak and strong convergence, consistency and numerical stability are established. It then discusses variance reduction techniques and estimation of sensitivities. The module will be concluded by studying a numerical method for American Options and non-linear PDEs, if time permits.

**Elective modules:** Electives are grouped in three indicative streams:

- **Derivatives Pricing Stream:** Topics in Derivatives Pricing, Selected Topics in Quantitative Finance, Numerical Methods in Finance
- **Market Microstructure Stream:** Convex Optimisation, Stochastic Control in Finance, Algorithmic and High-Frequency Trading, Market Microstructure, Portfolio Management
- **Machine Learning in Finance Stream:** Advances in Machine Learning, Advanced topics in Data Science: Signatures and Rough Paths in Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Data Science for Fintech, Regtech and Suptech: Methodological Foundations and Key Applications, Quantum Computing in Finance

**Topics in Derivatives Pricing (A. Tse) MATH97120**

Derivatives pricing is the core area quantitative finance which is relevant to various roles in the industry such as quant, trader, structurer and risk manager. The goal of this module is to introduce the required theoretical tools to understand the pricing and hedging of different financial derivatives.

While the exposition of the topics will be done in a theoretical manner, the module will also emphasise on the practical aspects of derivatives trading (e.g. pricing of structured products traded in real life, backtesting of hedging strategies via numerical studies, etc).

**Selected Topics in Quantitative Finance (A. Jacquier and V. Lucic) MATH97234**

Option markets are extremely diverse, spanning several different asset classes and many pricing and hedging strategies. The goal of this module is to complement the other option-flavoured modules, focusing on the specificities of Foreign Exchange and Fixed Income markets. For each of these markets, the module will study their specific characteristics and evolutions, develop the technical tools needed to understand the pricing of derivatives, and explain how to set up trading and hedging strategies therein. A strong emphasis will be given on the actual implementation of the models and their calibration to real data.

**Numerical Methods for Finance (C. Salvi) MATH97110**

The goal of this module is to complement the Core module on Simulation Methods to investigate other techniques that are widely spread among the financial industry. We shall investigate two popular techniques, namely PDE methods and Fourier methods.
For each approach, we will start with a theoretical framework, explaining how an option pricing problem can be turned into a dynamic programming problem, a PDE or a Fourier integration. We shall then focus on the numerical methods to solve these problems. Practical implementations on real models/data will be emphasised.

Convex Optimization (C. Hernandez) MATH97117
The module covers both the theoretical underpinnings of convex optimisation and its applications to important problems in mathematical finance. A brief outline of the course reads as follows:

- Fundamental properties of convex sets and convex functions
- The basics of convex optimisation with special emphasis on duality theory
- Markowitz portfolio theory and the CAPM model
- Expected utility maximisation and no arbitrage
- Convexity in continuous time hedging

Stochastic Control in Finance (TBC) MATH97232
Many problems in mathematical finance (and in other areas) are essentially optimisation problems subject to random perturbations, where some controls play the role of a performance criterion. The goal of this module is to bring the main concepts and techniques from dynamic stochastic optimisation and stochastic control theory to the realm of quantitative finance. It will therefore naturally start with a theoretical part focussing on required elements of stochastic analysis, and with a motivation through several examples of control problems in Finance. We will then turn to the classical PDE approach of dynamic programming, including controlled diffusion processes, dynamic programming principle, the Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman equation and its verification theorem. We will finally see how to derive and solve dynamic programming equations for various financial problems such as the Merton portfolio problem, pricing under transaction costs, super-replication with portfolio constraints, and target reachability problems.

Algorithmic and High-Frequency Trading (L. Sanchez-Betancourt) MATH97233 –
The increase in computer power over the last decades has given rise to prices being quoted and stocks being traded at an ever-increasing pace. Since humans are not able to place orders at this speed, algorithms have replaced classical traders to optimise portfolios and investments. In this module, we will study specificities of this market, and in particular, we shall develop the mathematical tools required to develop such algorithms in this high-frequency framework. The module will start with a short review of stochastic optimal control, which forms the mathematical background. We shall then move on to study optimal execution, namely how and when to place buy/sell orders in this market, both assuming continuous trading and in the context of limit and market orders. The last part of the module will be dedicated to the concept of market making and statistical arbitrage in high-frequency settings.

Pre-requisite MATH97232 Stochastic Control in Finance

Market Microstructure (M. Pakkanen) MATH97230
The goal of the module is to develop thorough understanding of how form, information is aggregated, and trades occur in financial markets. The main market types will be described as well as traders’ main motives for why they trade. Market manipulation and high-frequency trading strategies have received a lot of attention in the press recently, so the module will illustrate them and examine recent developments in regulations that aim to limit them. Liquidity is a key theme in market microstructure, and the students will learn how to measure it and to
recognise the recent increase in liquidity fragmentation and hidden, “dark” liquidity. The Flash Crash of 6 May 2010 will be analysed as a case study of sudden loss of liquidity.

**Portfolio Management (J. Muhle-Karbe) MATH97235**
This module gives students a foundation for quantitative portfolio management and for understanding market price determination. Key concepts include risk measurement, risk-reward trade-offs, portfolio optimization, benchmarking, equilibrium asset pricing, market efficiency, and pricing anomalies. Specific portfolio management tools include mean-variance optimization, CAPM and APT asset pricing, factor models (e.g., Fama-French), momentum strategies, and performance evaluation. The course will present essential theories and formulas and will also review important institutional and empirical facts about equity, bond, and commodity markets.

**Advances in Machine Learning (P. Bilokon) MATH97119**
The module introduces the latest advances in machine learning. We start with reinforcement learning and demonstrate how it can be combined with neural networks in deep reinforcement learning, which has achieved spectacular results in recent years, such as outplaying the human champion at Go. We also demonstrate how advanced neural networks and tree-based methods, such as decision trees and random forests, can be used for forecasting financial time series and generating alpha. We explain how these advances are related to Bayesian methods, such as particle filtering and Markov chain Monte Carlo. We apply these methods to set up a profitable algorithmic trading venture in cryptocurrencies using Python and kdb+/q (a top technology for electronic trading) along the way.

**Advanced topics in Data Science: Signatures and Rough Paths in Machine Learning (C. Salvi) MATH97229**
Rough path theory was developed in the 1990s in order to understand the response of a nonlinear system to highly oscillatory input signal. A key element of this theory so-called signature transform which gives an economical way to represent and extract information from high dimensional ordered data, such as a complex financial time series. Over the last decade it has been used to achieve state-of-the-art outcomes in several data science challenges. This short module will give an overview of the mathematical properties of the signature, explain how it can be used as a feature set in machine learning application with a particular emphasis on problems inspired by finance. Topics covered will include:

- Key mathematical properties of the signature transform
- The use of the signatures a feature set in machines learning. Two examples will be developed in detail to illustrate this: (a) learning a solution to a stochastic differential equation, and (b) learning a high-frequency trading strategy. Computational methods. Other examples will be explored in the coursework and as time permits.
- Recovering information about a data stream from the signature, the asymptotic analysis of the signature.

**Deep Learning (M. Pakkanen) MATH97231**
Deep learning is subfield of Machine Learning that applies deep neural nets to represent and predict complex data. It has recently revolutionised several areas such as image recognition and artificial intelligence and it is currently gaining traction also in the financial industry. The module will first introduce the multi-layer neural nets and explain their universal approximation property. Subsequently, the module proceeds to the training of neural nets, starting from the derivation of the gradient of a neural net and its evaluation through backpropagation, culminating in the stochastic gradient descent and related modern optimisation methods.
Techniques to avoid overfitting in training are also elucidated. The remainder of the module focuses on the practical implementation and training of deep neural nets using Keras and TensorFlow, with examples in computational and statistical finance. Time permitting, elements of recurrent neural nets are also sketched.

Data Science for Fintech, Regtech and Suptech: Methodological Foundations and Key Applications (K. Soramäki) MATH97406
Advances and innovations in computational technology have allowed data scientists to explore and understand increasingly complex financial problems. However, emerging opportunities require financial professionals to update their analytical skills and embrace new technologies, methods, and data sources. The goal of this module is to provide students with an interest in quantitative finance an overview of the evolution of data science in the context of Fintech, RegTech and Suptech, as well as to equip them with the skills to apply new analytical techniques to real world challenges. The emphasis will be on practical applications; and to this end, the module will be led by industry experts and include regular hands-on exercises involving the use of advanced data analytics.

Quantum Computing in Finance (A. Jacquier and A. Kondratyev) MATH97407
Quantitative Finance is a rapidly changing environment, and the financial industry is always on the lookout for new techniques and new technologies able to harness the rise of big data and the availability of computing power. Quantum computing, though not a recent field, has gained huge popularity in the past few years with the development of small-scale quantum computers and quantum annealers. These have in turn pushed for new algorithms, hybrid between classical and quantum, and tailored for such computers. The financial industry is now looking at such developments and there is a common agreement that this will be one of the leading advances in the coming decade.

The goal of this new Elective (so far not given in any similar MSc programmes around the world) is to introduce students to this new technology and these new algorithms and show them how they can be used to solve financial problems, in particular
- For portfolio optimisation,
- For data generation,
- For Machine learning and neural network.

The module will strike a fair balance between theoretical concepts of Quantum Computing, their implementation (in Python using IBM’s Qiskit framework) and their application to real financial problems.

Placements and project
The College defines a placement as:

“work experience, assessed project work, a period of course-based study or a period of research (for which academic credit is awarded and/or where the student remains subject to College student regulations during the relevant period) and where there is a transfer of direct supervision of the student to a third party (i.e. where a member of staff at the third party acts as the day-to-day supervisor/manager) for a period of two weeks or more.”

Academic departments are responsible for managing any study or work placement which forms part of your degree programme. It is expected that you will contribute to the process of planning your placement.

For guidance on this, see the College’s Placement and Learning Policy and associated good practice:
Your Departmental Placement Coordinators:

- Mrs Rula Murtada
- Dr Antoine Jacquier

The Careers Service is available to provide students with additional support in sourcing placement opportunities and preparing to apply for placement opportunities:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/careers/jobs-and-experience/work-experience/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/careers/jobs-and-experience/work-experience/)

For general information on undertaking a placement visit the Placements website:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/placements](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/placements)

If you are considering/planning a placement outside the UK, you should also refer to the Placement Abroad Handbook:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/placements/information-for-imperial-college-students](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/placements/information-for-imperial-college-students)

### Overview

The project is a substantial component of the MSc in Mathematics and Finance, occupying up to four months of the MSc programme. It is a piece of original work undertaken by you under the direction of an academic project supervisor and in most cases also an external supervisor. Our intention is that most projects will be carried out in association with a bank, finance house, hedge fund, consultancy, or systems provider in the finance industry, and we endeavour to arrange suitable placements. The project may be an ‘internship’, where you work at the bank full time, or a collaborative arrangement where you work in the College and visit the company on a regular basis to discuss the project. In either case you will be assigned an academic project supervisor who will be a member of staff of the Mathematical Finance Section.

Arranging placements is a complex process where we are ultimately dependent on the goodwill of our industrial partners and on market conditions. Students must also bear in mind that they must pass companies’ own assessment processes before being offered a placement. It cannot be guaranteed that everybody will get exactly what he or she wants, but every effort will be made to achieve reasonably satisfactory arrangements. If you have your own contacts in the industry, or specific ideas as to your project topic, you should discuss these with your tutor at the earliest possible time, so that these can be taken into consideration.

We will be using software InPlace to manage the Placement administration and more guidance will be made available to you during the year. Below are some of the methods in which we allocate placements.

### Company presentations

From October there will be a series of talks given by our industry partners. These events provide an opportunity for students to find out more about companies and offer the chance to network with employees in an informal environment. You will be invited to apply to their internship programmes after attending the events.
CV Book

Before starting the course, you will be asked to provide us with your CVs. These are collated into a CV book which is distributed to our industry partners, who may get in touch with students directly with internship opportunities.

Student referral

The majority of project allocation takes place from February, once the first term assessments are completed. Opportunities will be advertised on InPlace and students will be invited to express an interest in applying. The Programme team will shortlist students based on how well the specified criteria is met. Companies then select who they wish to invite for interview. Alongside our referrals, we also expect students to be proactive in applying for placements and finding their own opportunities. Only MSc students who have achieved an acceptable level of academic competence will be offered as candidates to an external sponsor.

Placement requirements

When you seek your own placement, the duration should be at least 10 weeks and the topic of project should be quantitative in nature. You may also choose to pursue an internship or job opportunity incompatible with an MSc project, in which case we will offer you an internal project with a member of academic staff at Imperial. We, however, urge you to discuss this first with your course adviser or Programme Director, as successfully combining an MSc project with an unrelated internship tends to be challenging.

Project theses must be submitted electronically as a PDR to the MSc administrator by 16.00 on 6 September 2022. The length of the thesis is usually around 50 typed pages, and it must be typed in LaTeX following a provided template.

The Careers Service is available to provide students with additional support in sourcing placement opportunities and preparing to apply for placement opportunities: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/careers/opportunities/internships/

For general information on undertaking a placement visit the Placements website:

www.imperial.ac.uk/placements

If you are considering/planning a placement outside the UK, you should also refer to the Placement Abroad Handbook:

www.imperial.ac.uk/placements/information-for-imperial-college-students

MSc Prizes

The Stochastic Analysis Prize is awarded every year to the best performance in stochastic analysis modules. Furthermore, we have a strong track record of Natixis Prize awards.
Imperial Mobile app
Don’t forget to download the free Imperial Mobile app for access to College information and services anytime, anywhere, including your programme timetable, College emails and a library catalogue search tool.

www.imperial.ac.uk/imperialmobile

Welcome to Imperial app
The College has a Welcome to Imperial app which contains important information about campus operations, aspects of student life, a schedule of welcome activities and information about life in halls. All new students should download this guide to ensure they have the most up to date information and event schedule for the start of term.

You can download the App from the Apple or Google App Stores.

Imperial Success Guide
The Imperial Success Guide is an online resource with advice and tips on the transition to Master’s level study. More than just a study guide, it is packed with advice created especially for Imperial Master’s students, including information on support, health and well-being and ideas to help you make the most of London.

www.imperial.ac.uk/success-guide
3. Assessment

Degree Classification

Pass
A student must:

- Achieve a mark of 50% on all modules offered;
- Achieve a passing mark of 50% on at least 10 modules. A student may carry a condoned fail in maximum of two modules (1 core /1 elective or 2 electives) and;
- Achieve an overall average mark greater than or equal to 50%.

Merit
A student must:

- Pass all taught modules offered as described above, at the first attempt;
- Achieve an overall average of 60% or more in the taught component;
- Achieve a mark of 60% or more for the project thesis;
- Discretion will be given to award a merit to a candidate who obtains a mark between 40 - 49 in one module but obtains an average of 60 or above in the taught component and project.

Distinction
A student must:

- Pass all taught modules offered as described above, at the first attempt;
- Achieve an overall average of 70% or more in the taught component;
- Achieve a mark of 70% or more for the project thesis;
- Discretion will be given to award a merit to a candidate who obtains a mark between 45 - 49 in one module but obtains an average of 70 or above in the taught component and project.

Notes:

Taking an extra elective – please read carefully

To meet the requirements of the degree, students must take five elective modules. Students are permitted to take an exam for an extra elective (so six electives in total) and the elective with the lowest mark will not be counted when deciding the final degree award. Before you decide to take an extra elective, please keep in mind the following:

- The extra module will be listed on your transcript, regardless of what grade you get. It will be marked as N/A whilst the modules that do count towards your degree will be marked as Pass/Fail.

- However, if you simply do not turn up to an exam and there are no mitigating circumstances to explain your absence, that module will be marked as a fail on your transcript, though it will not count towards the calculation of your final degree. There will be a “grace period” where you will be permitted to change your mind about which electives you want to take without penalty. If after the end of the grace period you decide to drop an elective or if you do not turn up to the exam without prior explanation, you will be regarded as having failed that module. The module will be marked as a 0 on your transcript and it will be marked as fail.
• The MSc in Mathematics and Finance is a difficult programme already, with students having to take 12 modules. Think carefully whether you will have the time to prepare for an extra module.

• A lot of preparation is required to organise the exams and if students continually change their minds this wastes a lot of time. If you are not sure which modules to take, seek advice from your lecturer, course adviser, the Programme Director or your peers.

Assessed coursework must be submitted by the announced deadline. See Late Submission page 35.

Thinking the unthinkable: If you do not achieve the above criteria, you cannot receive the MSc degree at the end of the academic year, but you have the option to retake examinations (and/or the project thesis) the following year, only once. You can only retake examinations you have failed, and—at the discretion of the lecturer—any coursework satisfactorily completed the first time may be carried forward. No fees, apart from an examination re-entry fee, are payable in September resits (for more information see the website http://www.imperial.ac.uk/student-records-and-data/for-current-students/undergraduate-and-taught-postgraduate/exams-assessments-and-regulations/resitting-examinations/). Marks for resit examinations are capped at the pass mark (50%).

Interruption of studies: It sometimes happens that a student’s studies are interrupted for personal reasons (illness, etc.). Another thing that has occasionally happened in the past is that a student is hired by a company and obliged to start work before the completion of the MSc (e.g. to participate in the company’s induction training programme). If something of this sort happens to you tell the MSc Mathematics and Finance Administrator straight away. It is important, for anything more than a brief absence, to apply to the College via My Imperial for an “interruption of studies”, which essentially “stops the clock” while you are away. This interruption cannot exceed two years. See also: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/success-guide/pgt/getting-started/breaks-in-study/

Mitigating circumstances (e.g. illness) can affect your academic performance, examinations and projects; if you feel they should be taken into consideration, you should inform the MSc Mathematics and Finance Administrator as soon as possible who will guide you on the process. For more information see page 36.

Award and classification: they will be decided mid to late October 2022 by the examination board, which has the final authority in these matters. The board will also consider borderline cases and take into account mitigating circumstances. The final results are released by Registry by mid-November. During the year you will receive indications of your results in the form of letter grades, which are provisional and still subject to confirmation by the examination board. The coding used is A++=85+, A+=70-84, B=60-69, C=50-59, D=40-49, F=39-0.

Academic and Examination regulations can be found at https://www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/regulations/

Marking criteria MSc thesis

A thesis in the distinction range (70-100) is a sustained, coherent contribution that:

• demonstrates broad understanding of the subject
• demonstrates a high level of independent and/or critical thinking
• demonstrates evidence of effective synthesis of ideas
• demonstrates thorough investigative research, high level problem-solving and creative performance
demonstrates the ability to critically evaluate one’s own research in the context of existing literature
• may demonstrate originality in topic, method, theoretical development, creative practice or findings and conclusions (this would be expected at A+ level)
• may include material of publishable quality (this would be expected at A+ level)
• is presented to a consistently high standard

More specifically, the following subdivision applies:
• 90-100: written to publishable standards – contains good original work, with a significant result, explained very well, with very good account of references to existing work. Presentation excellent.
• 80-89: written to almost publishable standard – containing good original work, with interesting well-explained results, with good account of the existing literature. Good presentation.
• 70-79: good original work, completing a new well-explained result, linked to existing literature.

Merit theses (60-69) are sound and compelling and demonstrate evidence of critical thinking and an understanding of a significant body of knowledge. Work at this level also:
• provides a logical overall argument
• selects and applies suitable methods
• gathers original data (where applicable) and analyses it in a careful and coherent manner
• provides evidence which clearly supports its findings and arguments
• may in parts be more descriptive than evaluative or synthesised
• may not fully realise the possibilities of the research data/findings
• includes discussions / conclusions which show some appreciation of the significance of the findings
• may make fewer or weaker links to existing research, theoretical concepts or creative practice than would be expected in Distinction level work
• is presented to a generally high standard but may contain noticeable errors in referencing, punctuation, grammar and/or spelling

More specifically, the following subdivision applies:
• 65-69: some good original ideas, developed independently, but not far enough to complete a significant result; the work still explained well and with good account of and references to existing work. Close to Distinction but not quite there.
• 60-64: some good ideas, developed independently, but not far enough to reach a significant result; fair explanation of the work and with some account of and references to existing work.

A thesis in the pass range (50-59):
• demonstrates understanding and analytical ability at a level clearly beyond undergraduate level
• presents an overall argument, but may not be fully developed or consistent in its application
• outlines a research plan and applies appropriate methods
• demonstrates competence in the formulation, conduct and analysis of independent research
• is generally sound but may be uneven or limited in some respect
• may demonstrate limited evidence of synthesis and critical engagement with
  literature
• is likely to focus more on description than analysis of findings
• has appropriate, but limited, evidence in the support of its findings and arguments
• is competent in its presentation, but may have numerous, obvious errors of
  referencing, punctuation, spelling and/or grammar.

More specifically, the following subdivision applies:

• 55-59: an explanation of the problem and the work of others on it, but without much
  independent work of the candidate’s own.
• 50-54: as above but in some way defective – for example one from: few references,
  some unclear text, poorly presented; however still showing some understanding.

A thesis in the D-F range (0-49) demonstrates serious deficiencies in one or more
elements:

• may present research literature, theory or methods ineffectively, inaccurately or
  unreflectively
• may lack an overall argument
• lacks breadth and depth
• lacks cohesion a cross the thesis
• contains limited or inappropriate evidence
• interpretation may be minimal or flawed
• poor presentation poor with many errors of referencing, punctuation, spelling,
  grammar.

For assessments that take place in the autumn term, or at the start of the spring term of the
2021-22 academic year, where there was to be an in-person on-campus written examination,
these will be assessed by timed remote assessments, irrespective of whether there are
restrictions in place or not. We may continue to deliver examinations by timed remote
assessments where these are deemed the most appropriate method of assessment.

Instruction to Candidates for Examinations
Students who are candidates for examinations are asked to note that all examinations are
conducted in accordance with the College Regulations. The relevant set of regulations will
depend on your programme and year of entry, please see our Regulations webpage to
determine which apply to you:

åde www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/regulations/

Instructions for exam candidates can be found here:

clide www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/administration-and-support-
services/registry/academic-governance/public/academic-policy/exam-arrangements-
and-re-sits/Instructions-to-candidates-for-examinations.pdf
Academic Integrity and Academic Misconduct

As your programme of study continues, you will be taught the concept of academic integrity and how you can ensure that any work that you complete now, or in the future, conforms to these principles. This means that your work acknowledges the ideas and results of others, that it is conducted in an ethical way and that it is free from plagiarism.

Academic misconduct is the attempt to gain an academic advantage, whether intentionally or unintentionally, in any piece of assessment submitted to the College. This includes plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, exam offences or dishonest practice. Full details of the policy can be found at:


Definitions of the main forms of academic misconduct can be found below:

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the presentation of another person’s thoughts, words, images or diagrams as though they were your own. Another form of plagiarism is self-plagiarism, which involves using your own prior work without acknowledging its reuse. Plagiarism may be intentional, by deliberately trying to use another person’s work by disguising it or not citing the source, or unintentional where citation and/or referencing is incorrect.

Plagiarism must be avoided, with particular care on coursework, essays, reports and projects written in your own time but also in open and closed book written examinations. You can support your understanding of proper referencing and citation by using the resources available from the College such as the Library learning support webpages at:

www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/library/learning-support/plagiarism-awareness/

Where plagiarism is detected in group work, members of that group may be deemed to have collective responsibility for the integrity of work submitted by that group and may be liable for any penalty imposed, proportionate to their contribution.

TurnitinUK is an online text matching service which assists staff in detecting possible plagiarism. The system enables institutions and staff to compare students’ work with a vast database of electronic sources. Your programme team will explain how it is used in your programme

www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/ict/self-service/teaching-learning/turnitin/

Collusion

This is the term used for work that has been conducted by more than one individual, in contravention of the assessment brief. Where it is alleged that there has been collusion, all parties will be investigated under the Academic Misconduct procedure.

You should note that whilst the College encourages students to support each other in their studies you should be careful to ensure that you do not exceed any assessment brief with regards to individual work, acknowledge the contributions of others in your work, and do not leave yourself open to allegations that you have supplied answers to enable another student to commit academic misconduct.
Exam offences
Exam offences fall into two categories. These are offences that may be disruptive in the exam venue or are considered an attempt to cheat. This can include behaviour such as bringing unauthorised material into an exam, attempting to communicate with others apart from the invigilator, trying to remove examination material without permission, taking an exam for someone else or getting someone else to take an exam for you. It would also include having an electronic device that has not been fully turned off or failing to follow a reasonable instruction of the invigilators.

Dishonest practice
This is the most serious category under the procedure. Examples of dishonest practice include bribery, contact cheating (buying work from an essay mill or other individual to submit as your own), attempting to access exam papers before the exam, making a false claim for mitigating circumstances or providing fraudulent evidence, falsifying documentation or signatures in relation to assessment or a claim for mitigating circumstances.
4. Board of Examiners

Board of Examiners

This includes the Programme Director, all faculty involved in lecturing an MSc course or supervising an MSc project in the Mathematical Finance Section

External Examiners

Dr Tiziano de Angelis
Associate Professor (Probability and Mathematical Statistics)
School of Management & Economics (Dept. ESOMAS)
University of Turin
https://sites.google.com/site/tizianodeangelis/home

External examining acts as an essential part of the College’s quality assurance and enhancement process, serving to ensure that academic standards are maintained. The knowledgeable and independent views of external examiners are invaluable in certifying that the College’s awards are appropriate and comparable as well as highlighting good practice and potential areas of enhancement.

During your programme you may be invited to meet your external examiners to discuss how you have found the programme. It is not appropriate however, for you to seek to submit complaints or representations directly to external examiners or to seek to influence them other than by giving feedback in a meeting. Inappropriate communication towards an examiner would make you liable for disciplinary action.

A summary of External examiners reports from the previous academic year can be found here:

www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/external-examining/
5. Location and Facilities

Imperial has a number of campuses in London and the South East. All have excellent travel links and are easily accessible via public transport.

Your main location of study will be:
South Kensington Campus
Huxley Building, 180 Queen’s Gate, London - SW7 2AZ

Facilities
Level 2
MSc Student computer room/ Common Room - 215

Level 4
Mathematics Learning Centre – 416 contains 64 computers, two study desks fitted out with audio-visual facilities for project presentations, two printers and a range of additional study areas.

MSc Silent Study Room – 413 Given the current situation the room will not be used until safety guidance changes.

Level 6
The printing room is located opposite the lifts.

Lockers: There is a (limited) number of lockers on Level 1 of the Huxley building.

Please note that the building has maximum safe occupancy limits to assist with social distancing and some of these facilities my not be accessible during the autumn term.

The Mathematical Finance Section is in Weeks Building.
MSc Mathematics and Finance Administrator’s office is Weeks 809.

Library Services
The Central Library at South Kensington is open around the clock for study space pretty much all year. Make sure you find out who your departmental librarian is as they’ll be able to help you find resources for your subject area. Also, don’t forget to check out the Library’s range of training workshops and our other campus libraries for access to specialist medicine and life sciences resources. Alongside these physical spaces and resources, the Library provides over 300,000 electronic books, journals and databases available both on and off campus and a free document delivery service to help you source books and articles from around the UK and the rest of the world. In order to keep you safe many of our services are operating remotely and we will be controlling the numbers who can visit our libraries. Services may be slightly reduced but you can keep up to date with the latest developments on our website and on Twitter @imperiallibrary.

www.imperial.ac.uk/library

Maps
Campus maps and travel directions are available at:

www.imperial.ac.uk/visit/campuses
Accessibility

Information about the accessibility of our South Kensington Campus is available online through the AccessAble access guides:

www.accessable.co.uk/organisations/imperial-college-london

Smoke-Free Policy

All Imperial campuses and properties are smoke-free. This means that smoking by staff, students or visitors is not permitted on or within 20 metres of College land. The policy covers all College properties, including student accommodation and sports grounds.

www.imperial.ac.uk/smoke-free

SafeZone

SafeZone is a College app through which you can quickly and directly contact the Security team whenever you need them. Whether you're in an emergency situation, in need of First Aid or want to report an incident on campus, SafeZone allows you to be immediately put in touch with a member of our Security team and, at the touch of a button, can share your location and personal profile so that they can respond quickly and effectively to your specific needs. It also allows the entire College community to stay informed in the event of a major incident in London or wherever you may be in the world. SafeZone also provides information on other services, such as real-time updates on the College shuttle bus.

SafeZone is optional to register for and is now available to download on the Apple and Android App stores. Visit www.imperial.ac.uk/campus-security for more details about SafeZone.

All existing phone numbers for the Security team are still operational. In the event of an emergency, you can still call 4444 from any internal College phone. In the event of a wider incident in London, you can now also call 0300 131 4444, Imperial's Emergency Recorded Message Line, which will point you in the direction of up-to-date information and advice.

Changes due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The College will keep you informed about any further changes that may affect you due to the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19). The COVID-19 FAQs on the website are a repository of helpful information and the latest guidance can be found at:

www.imperial.ac.uk/about/covid-19/students
6. Working While Studying

If you are studying full time, the College recommends that you do not work part-time during term time. If this is unavoidable we advise you to work no more than 10–15 hours per week, which should be principally at weekends and not within normal College working hours.

Working in excess of these hours could impact adversely on your studies or health.

If you are here on a Tier 4/Student Route visa you can work no more than 20 hours a week during term time. Some sponsors may not permit you to take up work outside your studies and others may specify a limit.

If you are considering part-time work during term time you are strongly advised to discuss this issue with your supervisor or Personal/Senior Personal Postgraduate Tutor. If you are on a Tier 4/Student Route visa you should also seek advice from the International Student Support team regarding visa limitations on employment.

The College’s examination boards will not normally consider as mitigating circumstances any negative impact that part-time work during term-time may have had on your performance in examinations or in other assessed work. Examinations or vivas cannot be rescheduled to accommodate your part-time working arrangements.
7. Health and Safety

Keeping you safe is a top priority for us. We continue to be guided by the latest official government guidance. At Imperial, we also have some of the world’s leading researchers of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic who are advising governments around the world on the most effective measures to take to protect people from the virus as well as developing and testing a new vaccine.

You will be required to follow the safety requirements put in place on campus and in all College buildings (including halls) to ensure we keep the campuses and the Imperial community safe and to mitigate the impact of the pandemic, particularly in our ability to deliver your degree programme and to offer you a full student experience.

You can find the latest guidance on the measures we are taking for your safety, plus information about the healthcare support available to you at:

www.imperial.ac.uk/about/covid-19/students/keeping-you-safe/

The College’s Health and Safety Policy can be found at:


Your Departmental safety contact is:

Andy Pope

131 Huxley Building

020 7594 8544

a.pope@imperial.ac.uk

You are required to complete inductions and attend training sessions to safely complete this course. These include:

- Introduction to Safety at Imperial (PG Maths)
- COVID19 arrangements (for all new students and those returning that hadn’t been on site previously)

The College Safety Department

The Safety Department offers a range of specialist advice on all aspects of safety. This includes anything which you feel might affect you directly, or which may be associated with teaching, research or support service activities.

The College’s activities range from the use of hazardous materials (biological, chemical and radiological substances) to field work, heavy or awkward lifting, driving, and working alone or late.

All College activities are covered by general health and safety regulations, but higher risk activities will have additional requirements.
The Safety Department helps departments and individuals ensure effective safety management systems are in place throughout the College to comply with specific legal requirements.

Sometimes the management systems fail, and an accident or a near-miss incident arises; it is important that we learn lessons from such situations to prevent recurrence and the Safety Department can support such investigations. All accidents and incidents should be reported online at:

www.imperial.ac.uk/safety

To report concerns or to ask for advice you should contact your programme director, academic supervisor or departmental safety officer in the first instance. You may also contact the Safety Department directly.

**Occupational Health requirements**

The College Occupational Health Service provides services to:

- protect health at work
- assess and advise on fitness for work
- ensure that health issues are effectively managed

The Service promotes and supports a culture where the physical and psychological health of staff, students and others involved in the College is respected, protected and improved whilst at work.

www.imperial.ac.uk/occupational-health
8. College Policies and Procedures

Regulations for Students
All registered students of the College are subject to the College Regulations. The relevant set of regulations will depend on your programme and year of entry, please see our Regulations webpage to determine which apply to you:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/regulations](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/regulations)
- [www.imperial.ac.uk/students/terms-and-conditions](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/terms-and-conditions)

Academic Feedback Policy
We are committed in providing you with timely and appropriate feedback on your academic progress and achievement, enabling you to reflect on your academic progress. During your study you will receive different methods of feedback according to assessment type, discipline, level of study and your individual need. Further guidance on the Policy of Academic Feedback can be found on the Academic Governance website:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/administration-and-support-services/registry/academic-governance/public/academic-policy/academic-feedback/Academic-feedback-policy-for-taught-programmes.pdf](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/administration-and-support-services/registry/academic-governance/public/academic-policy/academic-feedback/Academic-feedback-policy-for-taught-programmes.pdf)

Please note that your examination scripts once completed belong to the College under the GDPR legislation. Please see the College GDPR webpages for further information at:


Provisional Marks Guidance
Provisional marks are agreed marks that have yet to be ratified by the Board of Examiners. These results are provisional and are subject to change by the Board of Examiners. The release of provisional marks is permitted except in certain circumstances. Further information can be found in the Guidelines for Issuing Provisional Marks to Students on Taught Programmes:


Late Submission Policy
You are responsible for ensuring that you submit your coursework assessments in the correct format and by the published deadline (date and time). Any piece of assessed work which is submitted beyond the published deadline (date and time) would be classed as a late submission and will incur a penalty (a cap at the pass mark, or it is classed as a fail). Further guidance on Late Submission of Assessments can be found on the Academic Governance website:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/administration-and-support-services/registry/academic-governance/public/academic-policy/marketing-and-moderation/Late-submission-Policy.pdf](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/administration-and-support-services/registry/academic-governance/public/academic-policy/marketing-and-moderation/Late-submission-Policy.pdf)
If you submit late due to mitigating circumstances, you may be able to make a claim that means that the cap on your mark is lifted. Please see below and the policy document.

**Mitigating Circumstances**

During your studies you may be affected by sudden or unforeseen circumstances. You should always contact your personal tutor for advice and support. If this happens at the time of, or immediately preceding your assessments you may be able to make a claim for mitigating circumstances. If successful this claim enables the Board of Examiners when reviewing your marks at the end of the year to have greater discretion with regards to offering repeat attempts (either capped or uncapped), a repeat year, or with your progression or final classification. Please note, the Board are not permitted to amend the marks that you were awarded, only to take your claim into account making decisions.

All claims must be supported by independent evidence and submitted within 10 working days of the assessment deadline. Any claim made after this deadline is likely to be rejected unless there is a good reason (such as you were still unwell) until the point of submitting the claim. Details of the College’s Mitigating Circumstances procedure can be found under the Mitigating Circumstances tab on the page below:

[www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/exams-and-assessment/](www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/exams-and-assessment/)

Through the procedure you may also be able to request an extension deadline to some forms of assessment. Wherever possible it is expected that this is used as it will enable to you complete your studies within the same College year (rather than over the summer holiday or in the next year).

Your department will have specific instructions for making a claim for mitigation or for requesting an extension.

Support for ongoing or long-term conditions, or for registered disabilities would not normally fall under the remit of mitigating circumstances and students should be supported through their studies with Additional Examination Arrangements. More details can be found at:

[www.imperial.ac.uk/disability-advisory-service/support/exams/](www.imperial.ac.uk/disability-advisory-service/support/exams/)

**Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures**

As has been highlighted under the Academic Integrity section, it is important that you learn how to properly attribute and acknowledge the work, data and ideas of others. Any proven form of academic misconduct is subject to penalties as outlined in the College’s Misconduct Policy and Procedures.

[www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/exams-and-assessment/](www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/exams-and-assessment/)

**Unsatisfactory Progress**

Unfortunately, sometimes students struggle to make satisfactory progress in their study or their engagement with their studies falls below our expectations. The College has a process to identify and support students by reaffirming these expectations with an action plan. The full details of this process, and the appeals procedure relating to it can be found at:

[www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/complaints-appeals-and-discipline](www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/complaints-appeals-and-discipline)
Academic Appeals Procedure
We have rigorous regulations in place to ensure assessments are conducted with fairness and consistency, claims for mitigating circumstances have been considered reasonably and in line with the regulations of the College, and that the decisions of the Boards of Examiners maintain the integrity of our academic awards. In the event that you believe that you have grounds to appeal these decisions, we have laid out clear and consistent procedures through which appeals can be investigated and considered:

www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/complaints-appeals-and-discipline

Arithmetic Marks Check
If you consider that there may have been an error in the adding up of your marks, you may request an arithmetic mark check. Please note that this must be requested within 10 working days of the official notification of your results from the Results team in Registry. You may not request a marks check for a previous year of study.

Student Complaints
The College strives to ensure that all students are well supported in their studies and receive a good experience of their programme and the wider College activities. If you feel that your experience has not lived up to these expectations the College has an agreed Students Complaints process through which your concern can be investigated and considered.

If you have any concerns about your experience at the College and have been unable to address these informally, you should contact Student Complaints who can provide advice about what is the appropriate way to seek to resolve this at:

student.complaints@imperial.ac.uk

www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/complaints-appeals-and-discipline

Student Disciplinary Procedure
The College has the right to investigate any allegation of misconduct against a student and may take disciplinary action where it decides, on the balance of probabilities, that a breach of discipline has been committed. The general principles of the Student Disciplinary Procedure are available on the College website:

www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/secretariat/college-governance/charters/ordinances/students/

Intellectual Property Rights Policy
For further guidance on the College’s Intellectual Property Rights Policy is available on the College website:

www.imperial.ac.uk/research-and-innovation/research-office/ip/ip-policy/

Further information about the Imperial Enterprise Lab can be found at:

www.imperial.ac.uk/students/enterprising-students
www.imperialenterpriselab.com/support/experts-in-residence
Use of IT Facilities
View the Conditions of Use of IT Facilities:

www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/ict/self-service/computers-printing/staff-computers/conditions-of-use-for-it-facilities/

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
All staff and students who work with personal data are responsible for complying with GDPR. The College will provide support and guidance but you do have a personal responsibility to comply.

In line with the above please see the College’s privacy notice for students which form part of the terms and conditions of registration with the College.

9. **Wellbeing, Support and Advice**

**In your department**
Your department has a system of academic and pastoral care in place to make sure you have access to the appropriate support throughout your time at Imperial.

**Your Personal Tutor**
Your Personal Tutor is your first point of contact for pastoral support and advice. You can arrange to have a meeting with them at any time during your studies (although most Personal Tutors will have set office hours or may require you to make an appointment).

If necessary, they will direct you to an appropriate source of support.

Mathematics Department PG Welfare Officer
Dr Gunnar Pruessner
6M32 Huxley Building
020 7594 8534
g.pruessner@imperial.ac.uk

**Departmental Disability Officers**
Departmental Disability Officers are the first point of contact in your department for issues around disability. They can apply for additional exam arrangements on your behalf and will facilitate support within your department.

Your Departmental Disability Officer is Sai Yoghananthan
Email: sai.nathan@imperial.ac.uk

More information on Departmental Disability Officers is available at:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/disability-advisory-service/support/ddos](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/disability-advisory-service/support/ddos)

More information about how to request additional arrangements for exams if you have a disability is available at:


**Your Union**
All Imperial students automatically become members of Imperial College Union when they register at the College. The Union provides a range of independent support.

**Imperial College Union Advice Centre**
The Union’s advisers are on hand to provide free, confidential, independent advice on a wide range of welfare issues including housing, money and debt, employment and consumer rights, and personal safety.

- [www.imperialcollegeunion.org/advice](http://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/advice)
**Student representatives**
Imperial College Union operates two Representation Networks of over 600 elected student representatives – the Academic Representation Network and the Wellbeing Representation Network. Reps represent the voice of students and can direct you to internal and external support services. The Union’s Liberation Officers also work to make sure that the views of under-represented and interest groups are heard at the College.

If you have any feedback about issues in your department relating to academic or wellbeing issues, you can speak to one of your student representatives.

[www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/your-representatives/a-to-z](http://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/your-representatives/a-to-z)

**Student Hub**
At the Student Hub, you can access advice about accommodation, admissions and financial support and get help with international student enquiries, questions about student records, and exams.

[www.imperial.ac.uk/student-hub](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/student-hub)

**Student Support Zone**
If you have moved home to take up your place at Imperial you will need to register with a new doctor (also known as a General Practitioner or GP) so that you can access NHS healthcare. It’s important that you register with a doctor soon after you arrive – don’t wait until you are sick, as this could delay your access to treatment.

Student Support Zone has lots of information about the resources available at Imperial and beyond to help you to stay healthy and happy. It’s a great place to start when you’re looking for some support – it covers advice about housing and money, health, wellbeing and maintaining a good work-life balance, and provides the details of who you can contact if you need some extra support.

[www.imperial.ac.uk/student-support-zone](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/student-support-zone)

**Useful support contacts**

**Health and wellbeing**

Imperial College Health Centre

40 Prince’s Gardens, South Kensington Campus

020 7584 6301

imperialcollege hc@nhs.net

[www.imperialcollegehealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.imperialcollegehealthcentre.co.uk)

Imperial College Dental Centre

Prince’s Gardens, South Kensington Campus

020 7589 6623

[www.imperialcollegedental.co.uk](http://www.imperialcollegedental.co.uk)
Student Counselling and Mental Health Advice Service

020 7594 9637
counselling@imperial.ac.uk
www.imperial.ac.uk/counselling

Multi-Faith Chaplaincy Service

Chemistry Building, South Kensington Campus
chaplaincy@imperial.ac.uk
www.imperial.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Disability Advisory Service

Room 566, Level 5, Sherfield Building, South Kensington Campus
020 7594 9755
disabilities@imperial.ac.uk
www.imperial.ac.uk/disability-advisory-service

International students’ support

Centre for Academic English

Level 3, Sherfield Building, South Kensington Campus
english@imperial.ac.uk
www.imperial.ac.uk/academic-english

International Student Support team

020 7594 8040
www.imperial.ac.uk/study/international-students

Careers Service

Level 5, Sherfield Building, South Kensington Campus
020 7594 8024
careers@imperial.ac.uk
www.imperial.ac.uk/careers

ICT and software

ICT Service Desk

Central Library, South Kensington Campus
020 7594 9000
www.imperial.ac.uk/ict/service-desk

Software shop

www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/ict/self-service/computers-printing/devices-and-software/
10. Student Administration

The Student Administration Team are responsible for the administration and maintenance of the student records for all students studying at the College. This includes enrolments, programme transfers, interruption of studies, withdrawals and processing of examination entry for research degree students. The team also use this information to fulfil reporting duties to the Student Loans Company, Transport for London and the UKVI, as well as other external bodies.

The Team is responsible for the processing of student results and awards on the student record system as well as the production and distribution of academic transcripts and certificates of award.

The Student Administration Team produce a variety of standard document requests for both current and previous students including council tax letters, standard statements of attendance and confirmation of degree letters.

Student Records
+44 (0)20 7594 7268
student.records@imperial.ac.uk

Degree certificates
+44 (0)20 7594 7267
certificates@imperial.ac.uk
13. Work-life Balance

The pace and intensity of study at Imperial can be demanding so it’s important to find time for outside interests.

**Graduate Students’ Union**
The Graduate Students’ Union is the postgraduate arm of Imperial College Union. The GSU works alongside the Imperial College Union President to ensure that the requirements of postgraduate students are catered for. It also organises a number of academic and social events during the year.

**Move Imperial**
Imperial College has a wide range of sports and activities on offer that cater for all standards and abilities. We have a recreational activity offer, competitive sports teams and an elite sport programme. We are dedicated to ensuring we have a diverse, inclusive and exciting offer for all.

Whilst we are closely monitoring government advice, we are also beholden to the overarching College strategy of a phased return to campus and a reduction in on-campus activity until at least the beginning of the 2021-22 academic year. In line with this, we are anticipating being able to begin to reopen some of our facilities from Monday 7 September; details will be communicated regularly to our community.

More information about Imperial student memberships and updates to our services can be found at:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/ethos/memberships/students](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/ethos/memberships/students)

With an annual fee of £30 you will get use of the gym and swimming facilities on our campuses.

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/sport](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/sport)

We have a huge collection of online resources, home workout videos, healthy recipes and playlists available to all as part of our MoveFromHome campaign, more information can be found at:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/sport/movefromhome](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/sport/movefromhome)
14. Student feedback and representation

Feedback from students
The College and Union is committed to continually improving your education and wider experience and a key part of this is your feedback. Feedback is thoroughly discussed by your student representatives and staff.

Student representation
Student Representatives are recruited from every department to gather feedback from students to discuss with staff. More information about the role, and instructions on how to become an academic representative, are available on the Imperial College Union website.

www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/your-representatives/academic-representatives/overview

Staff-Student Committee
Staff-Student Committees are designed to strengthen understanding and improve the flow of communication between staff and students and, through open dialogue, promote high standards of education and training, in a co-operative and constructive atmosphere. College good practice guidelines for staff-student committees are available here:

www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/student-feedback
15. **Student Surveys**

Your feedback is important to your department, the College and Imperial College Union.

Whilst there are a variety of ways to give your feedback on your Imperial experience, the following College-wide surveys give you regular opportunities to make your voice heard:

- PG Student Online Evaluation (SOLE) module survey or departmental equivalent
- Student Experience Survey (SES)

The PG SOLE module survey (or equivalent for your department) runs at the end of the autumn and spring terms. This survey is your chance to tell us about the modules you have attended.

The Student Experience Survey (SES) is an opportunity to give your views on your experience beyond the lecture theatres or labs. This survey will cover a range of College services and on the Imperial College Union.

All these surveys are confidential and the more students that take part the more representative the results so please take a few minutes to give your views.

The Union’s “You Said, We Did” campaign shows you some of the changes made as a result of survey feedback:

[www.imperialcollegeunion.org/you-said-we-did](http://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/you-said-we-did)

The Union’s response to surveys can be found here:

[www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/your-representatives/responses](http://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/your-representatives/responses)

If you would like to know more about any of these surveys or see the results from previous surveys, please visit:

[www.imperial.ac.uk/students/academic-support/student-surveys/pg-student-surveys](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/academic-support/student-surveys/pg-student-surveys)

For further information on surveys, please contact the Registry’s Surveys Team at:

[surveys.registrysupport@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:surveys.registrysupport@imperial.ac.uk)
16. And finally

Alumni Services
When you graduate you will be part of a lifelong community of over 190,000 alumni, with access to a range of alumni benefits including:

- discounts on further study at the College and at Imperial College Business School
- alumni email service
- networking events
- access to the Library and online resources
- access to the full range of careers support offered to current students for up to three years after you graduate
- access to our Alumni Visitor Centre at the South Kensington Campus, with free Wi-Fi, complimentary drinks, newspapers and magazines, and daytime left luggage facility

Visit the Alumni website to find out more about your new community, including case studies of other alumni and a directory of local alumni groups in countries across the world.

www.imperial.ac.uk/alumni

Opportunities for Further Study
After you have completed the MSc in Mathematics & Finance, you may choose to pursue options in a variety of areas. Previous graduates have often gone on to pursue PhD degrees in related fields, as well as to work in the private sector, including industry, consulting, and the financial services.