

Progression Agreement 2020-2021 Between The London Institute of Banking & Finance & Laser Learning Awards

Introduction

The London Institute of Banking & Finance is a registered charity incorporated by Royal Charter. We have held degree awarding powers since 2010 and offer a range of specialist financial education programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels in both full-time and part-time modes. We were founded in 1879 as the Institute of Bankers and have evolved to remain at the forefront of financial education.

Our specialised degree programmes are ideal for students who are looking to get ahead in the banking & finance sector. As we are a professional body, our students have the advantage of becoming part of our global community; they have access to unique networking opportunities through our prestige evening lectures delivered by industry leaders. Our graduates become our associate members and our alumni can achieve Chartered Status of The London Institute of Banking & Finance once they have worked within the sector for three years. We are committed to providing an excellent student experience to all students regardless of background.

Our recent achievements in higher education demonstrate our progress in providing an outstanding experience for our students:

- 92% overall student satisfaction on our full-time undergraduate programmes (National Student Survey 2017)
- 100% of students employed within six months of graduating (DLHE 2016/2017)

The London Institute of Banking & Finance has significant involvement in raising the attainment of young people from underrepresented groups. We particularly focus on enhancing the financial capability of young people from all backgrounds through our direct links with schools and charities. We are committed to promoting access to our higher education programmes and our Access & Participation Plan highlights our strategic aims to continue to enhance our work in increasing access and raising attainment and progression from underrepresented groups.

We are The London Institute of Banking & Finance, lifelong partners in financial education.

Progression Agreement aims

- To increase access on our HE Programmes from Laser Learning Awards Access to HE learners.
- To widen participation for our key access target groups: mature learners, females from POLAR4 Q1 & 2 and BAME students.
- To provide unique opportunities for Laser Learning Awards Access to HE learners during the admissions and enrolment process
- To provide ongoing support throughout the student lifecycle for Laser Learning Awards Access to HE learners
- To create links with further education colleges

Entry criteria for Laser learners

Programmes	Diploma subjects	Agreement	Additional requirements
BSc (Hons) Banking & Finance	Business Studies Business & Accounting Business & Law Accounting & Finance	Guaranteed offer of Pass of Laser Learning Awards Access to HE Diploma with 45 level 3 credits including 30 credits at grade Distinction and 15 credits at grade Merit. Guaranteed interview (with a possibility of an offer) of Pass of Laser Learning Awards Access to HE Diploma with 45 level 3 credits with 15 credits at grade Distinction and 30 credits at grade Merit.	GCSE grade 6 in GCSE Maths & GCSE grade 4 in English Language (or equivalent). If the learner has a grade 5 in GCSE Maths, we will invite them to sit a Maths admissions test.
BSc (Hons) Finance, Investment & Risk	Business Studies Business & Accounting Business & Law Accounting & Finance	Guaranteed offer of Pass of Laser Learning Awards Access to HE Diploma with 45 level 3 credits including 30 credits at grade Distinction and 15 credits at grade Merit.	GCSE grade 6 in GCSE Maths & GCSE grade 4 in English Language (or equivalent).

Support for students & colleges

Talks and taster sessions

We deliver a range of free activities for schools and colleges including

- Talks on our degree programmes and the benefits of studying banking & finance at HE
- Taster lectures
- Personal statement advice
- Student life talk
- Careers in Banking & Finance talk
- On campus visits
- Off-site school visits

- Routes to Enhancing Achievement events (REACH)

We are able to tailor school visits to individual needs and work closely with teachers to ensure we meet the visit aims.

Open Days

At our Open Days students can:

- Find out more about the degree programmes at The London Institute of Banking & Finance
- Experience a taster lecture from one of our academics
- Find out about support on offer: academic, pastoral, careers & financial
- Meet current students
- Tour our unique Lovat Lane campus in the heart of the Financial District

Ongoing support for students

To ensure Laser Learning Awards students are fully supported throughout the admissions and enrolment cycle we will ensure that they are:

- Allocated a current student buddy through our new buddy scheme for offer holders.
- Prioritised for our Support to Enhance Performance & Success programmes (STEPS). STEPS is a new programme we will be launching in September 2019 which will include: invitation to a pre-enrolment day to meet key staff members, access to a Peer Mentor (current student), prioritisation for our nano placements in the industry and an allocated Programme Support Officer for regular support meeting throughout their studies.
- Considered for a scholarship by the Scholarships, Bursaries & Grants Committee.

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