# Postgraduate Taught Induction



# Programmes – Course Structure

### **MSc Programme**

- Schedule:
- 1. Pre-sessional courses: Maths and Stata (Econ), or Malab (Finance)
- 2. <u>Autumn term</u>: Four compulsory courses plus research methods
- 3. <u>Spring term</u>: (Econ) Three elective courses, or (Finance) Two elective and one compulsory course, plus dissertation proposal for all.
- 4. <u>Summer term</u>: dissertation, if exam results allow (see below)
- Exams take place in May. Subject to passing exams students progress to writing dissertation (see Programme Specification for information on progression)

### 2 year MSc Programme

In the first year, students take three year-long core courses (2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate). In the second year, students follow the regular MSc Economics programme

## MSc Finance – Course Structure

Pre-sessional (no credits)

#### Required:

**Pre-sessional Quantitative Methods** EC5555
(no credits)

Matlab (0 Credits) (Grade counts in EC5001) Autumn Term (60 credits)

#### Required:

Corporate Finance EC5310 (20 credits)

Quantitative Methods for Finance EC5330 (20 credits)

Foundations of Finance EC5320 (20 credits)

Mathematical Methods EC5051 (no credits)

Research Methods (part of dissertation)

Spring Term (60 credits)

### Required:

Financial Econometrics EC5333 (20 credits)

Summer Term (60 credits)

#### Required:

**Dissertation** EC5001 (60 credits)

#### Choose 2 from:

**Investment and Portfolio Management** EC5321 (20 credits)

**Fixed Income Securities and Derivatives** EC5340 (20 credits)

**Decision Theory and Behaviour** EC5070 (20 credits)

Origins of Financial Crisis EC5060 (20 credits)

Private Equity EC5370 (20 credits)

### MSc Economics – Course Structure

Pre-sessional (no credits)

#### Required:

**Pre-sessional Quantitative Methods** EC5555
(no credits)

Stata course Grade counts in EC5000 (dissertation) Autumn Term (60 credits)

#### Required:

Microeconomics EC5110 (20 credits)

**Econometrics** EC5040 (20 credits)

Macroeconomics EC5120 (20 credits)

Mathematical Methods EC5051 (no credits)

Research Methods
( Part of dissertation)

Spring Term (60 credits)

Summer Term (60 credits)

Required:

**Dissertation** EC5000 (60 credits)

#### Choose 3 from:

Industrial Economics EC5020 (20 credits)

Advanced Topics in Microeconomics EC5111 (20 credits)

**Decision Theory and Behaviour** EC5070 (20 credits)

Public Economics EC5150 (20 credits)

Labour Economics EC5220 (20 credits)

Advanced Topics in Macroeconomics EC5230 (20 credits)

Evaluation Economics EC5180 (20 credits)

Financial Econometrics EC5333 (20 credits)

Origins of Financial Crises EC5360 (20 credits)

# MSc Finance/MSc Economics ,Two Year Programme

<u>In the first year</u>, students take three year-long core courses (2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate):

- EC4201 (EC2201) Microeconomics
- EC4202 (EC2202) Macroeconomics
- EC4203 (EC2203) Quantitative Methods

### and also:

One year-long OR two term-long courses (3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate).

<u>In the second year</u>, students follow the regular MSc Economics or MSc Finance depending upon which they enrolled.

### Dissertation

Process during the year to prepare students for the dissertation writing phase:

- (Econ) STATA course in Week 2, (Finance) MATLAB course Weeks 4,5,6,8 and 9
- Research Methods course in the Spring
- Students sign up for topics provided by Department
- Allocated either before Christmas for MSc in Finance, or Spring reading weeks for the other MSc's
- Students hand in preliminary report in January for MSc in Finance or in March for the other MSc's (research question, methods, planned data sources...) and discuss with supervisor
- Series of dissertation workshops to discuss proposals
- Final dissertation of 8,000 10,000 words submitted in September

### Assessment

- Students assessed via combination of tests/exams and coursework
- Details of in-year assessment will be published shortly on the Current Students/Course information tab of Economics Department website
- All tests held in the week after reading week in the Autumn and Spring Terms
- End of year exams are held in May

DISTINCTION - 70% +

MERIT – 60% to 69%

PASS - 50% to 59%

FAIL - 0% to 49%

CONDONABLE FAIL – 40% to 49%

(Students receiving Condonable Fails or needing to resit courses are not eligible under <u>College</u> regulations to receive a Merit or Distinction as the overall programme result)

## Other Information

- The Postgraduate Taught handbook is a comprehensive guide to your course, it can be found on our webpage at current students/postgraduate taught/useful stuff.
- Material for most courses are posted on Moodle. Logging on to http://moodle.rhul.ac.uk/ using your college username and password gives you access to the courses for which you are registered.
- Computer facilities are available across Campus, including access to Bloomberg terminals in the Moore Building.
- MSc and 2 year MSc students in this
   Department have a study space in Horton 307.

