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University of Wales
Validated Diplomas in

Banking and Finance
Islamic Finance
Accounting



**Leading to Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Banking and Finance
or Accounting and Finance
(final year to be studied at the Bangor University - UK)**



Dear Prospective Student,

We hope that you will soon be joining the University of Wales Validated Diploma at the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance.

At the end of your study, if you are successful, you will be awarded a Diploma by the University of Wales.

By drawing upon the wealth of academic expertise across the diverse range of subjects, the University is able to offer its qualifications at over 60 educational institutions in the United Kingdom and overseas. Such collaborations are facilitated and monitored by the activities of the Validation Board and Unit.

The aims of the University of Wales Validation Board include the establishing and maintenance of mutually beneficial links with centers of good standing world wide. This is achieved through the provision of an international validation service across all subject boundaries. Currently, there are approximately 10000 students undertaking studies for the University of Wales, awards on validated schemes of study stretching from Glasgow to London within the UK, and from as far as Germany, Bahrain, Singapore and Malaysia.

As a major national institution and degree awarding body, the University of Wales is committed to maintaining the highest academic standards in respect of its qualifications. For validated schemes, this is achieved by a rigorous quality assurance system, involving the University of Wales, appointed Moderators and External Examiners. These are academic experts from within the University and from other UK Universities who ensure that the standards are comparable to those within the University and at other UK Universities.

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Welcome to the University of Wales Validated Program

Dear Prospective Applicant,

Welcome to the University of Wales Validated Program offered by Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF). We are very pleased to be associated with the University of Wales in offering a unique program, where students spend three years comprising a Foundation year and two years of undergraduate studies after which students attain a Validated Diploma leading to a Bachelor of Arts after spending the final year in Wales at Bangor University. This validated program offers students the opportunity of studying at home, for Bahraini nationals, and experiencing British campus life in the final stage of the program.

Since this program was offered six years ago, it has met with tremendous success. Year after year, applicants applying for admission are on the increase. Due to the high demand, admission is becoming very competitive as the process requires students of high standing in their scholastic achievements and proficiency in the English Language. These are the major criteria for admission, among other requirements..

BIBF is an environment of serious learning where its state-of-the-art facility offers the best possible aid in the learning process. In addition to that, the carefully selected faculty of international mixture makes studying here an enjoyable experience.

If you decide to enroll in this program you will realize how a great experience awaits you in an institute where learning never stops.

Dr. Mohammed A. Alkhozai
Head, Academic & Executive Center

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Venue for the University of Wales programs

BIBF is the venue for the University of Wales Validated Program. Students will study a year of foundation and two years here in Bahrain utilizing BIBF's excellent facilities and outstanding faculty. Teaching materials developed by BIBF staff, in addition to extra text books and materials offered by the University of Wales visiting panel of expert assessors have been prepared for the courses. End of semester examinations will also be run by BIBF faculty in Bahrain, but approved by the Exam Board from the University of Wales as moderator and an external examiner from another British University (excluding the University of Wales).

Fee

BIBF has brought to Bahrain a variety of study programs leading to British qualifications at an enormous saving for the students and their families. In addition to saving in the traveling, accommodation and living costs abroad, the University of Wales Validated Program offers savings in the tuition fees as well.

The following is the fee structure

Tuition BD 1,800 per semester

Full Tuition fees are payable at the beginning of each semester when a student registers for subjects.



Program Structure

University of Wales Validated Diplomas comprise sixteen subjects each program excluding the foundation year which is composed of eight subjects in two semesters. For a full time student this course of study requires 3 years. The BIBF Calendar comes in two semesters: semester one is from September to January and semester two is from February to June.

Under the University of Wales Validated program, the following three diplomas are offered :

- Banking and Finance (leading to BA in Banking and Finance)
- Islamic Finance (leading to BA in Banking and Finance or Accounting and Finance)
- Accounting (leading to BA in Accounting and Finance)

For all diplomas, the Foundation year structure is identical but the structure for years 1 and 2 is different. After completing the foundation year students are required to choose one of these diplomas to continue their studies. Once registered in a particular diploma, changing or switching is not allowed.

The Award (British Qualification)

University of Wales Validated Programs at BIBF offer students who successfully complete the course of study and pass the exams, the award of a University of Wales Diploma. It also offers Diploma holders the opportunity to continue their studies for a Bachelor of Arts in Banking and Finance or Accounting and Finance at the Bangor University, UK.

Transferring Students

Candidates transferring from other universities to join the diploma program should also submit official transcripts and syllabus details. Based on these documents student may obtain exemption from the University of Wales Validation Unit.



Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the University of Wales Validation Diploma Program, the candidate must supply:

- ▶ An acceptable school leaving qualification with a GPA not less than 3.0 (out of 4.00) or 80% overall average
 - High school diploma
 - GCE 3 A Levels - A & B Grades will be exempted from foundation year
 - International Baccalaureate (IB) 28 & above will be exempted from foundation year
- ▶ Proof of proficiency in English for non-native speakers. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) a minimum of 550 Score is required or IELTS minimum 6.0 is acceptable
- ▶ Transcript of the past three grades (10, 11 & 12)
- ▶ Writing an essay
- ▶ Two recommendation letters
- ▶ Copy of passport
- ▶ Copy of CPR
- ▶ Two Photographs



About University of Wales



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Founded by Royal Charter in 1893, the University of Wales is the degree-awarding body for the majority of higher education students in Wales, as well as for many at other higher education institutions in the United Kingdom and overseas.

The University's position enables it to focus not only on its primary functions as a degree-awarding body and provider of services to the Welsh higher education sector but also, as a national institution, on playing an enhanced role in protecting and promoting the economy, culture and language of Wales.

Recently, the University has signed a memorandum of understanding with six of the university institutions in Wales, with whom it will be working closely on collaborative ventures, research groupings and other new initiatives. These institutions are:

Glyndr University
Swansea Metropolitan University
University of Wales Institute, Cardiff (UWIC)
University of Wales, Newport
University of Wales, Lampeter
Trinity University College

About Bangor

Bangor is very much a university city. The cost of living is lower than in most UK cities. Also worth bearing in mind is the fact that, compared to many other university cities, Bangor is also considered to be a safe place to be a student. The crime rate for North Wales is one of the lowest in the UK.

The latter two institutions are set to merge in 2010 to become University of Wales, Trinity St David.

The University is also maintains links with Aberystwyth University, Bangor University, Cardiff University and Swansea University.

The University is also the degree-awarding authority for more than 120 other higher education institutions both within the United Kingdom and overseas, with which it also enjoys close links. Annually, it awards around 15,000 initial degrees and more than 4,000 higher degrees, making it the second largest degree-awarding body in the United Kingdom. The number of students, from all over the world, pursuing University of Wales degrees is around 70,000, and their studies cover a wide range of subjects.

The University is a major national institution in Wales. While it is, of course, committed to helping to fulfil the educational and economic needs of Wales and to supporting its linguistic, cultural, and national heritage, the University is also committed to its international role and to enhancing its standing across the UK and overseas. As well as its validation role and the international projects undertaken by its Global Academy, the University sponsors a number of cultural initiatives, such as the prestigious Dylan Thomas Prize, for young writers, which attracts entries from all over the world.



Who should join The University of Wales Validated Diploma Program?

The University of Wales Validated programs have been structured for and are offered to those who need a reputable International University qualification in the field of Banking, Islamic Finance and Accounting.

We target school leavers whose primary focus is on education for a university degree.

University of Wales Validated Institutions

The University validates programmes of study at the institutions listed below :

United Kingdom	Japan	Bahrain
Kenya	Belgium	Malaysia
Canada	Poland	China
Romania	Czech Republic	Russia
Finland	Singapore	France
Spain	Germany	Sri Lanka
Greece	Switzerland	India
Ireland	Italy	

Dates, Timing and Applications

- Application for Admission starts in February
- First semester will start in September
- Admissions are done only once a year
- Application forms are available at BIBF. You can also obtain one by fax or e-mail or download from our website

About BIBF

BIBF is a professional, world class provider of performance improvement solutions to individuals, the financial services sector and other organizations in their pursuit of excellence through lifelong learning.

- BIBF has been recognized as provider of superior value, uncompromising high levels of customer satisfaction and result oriented solutions.
- BIBF has highly qualified faculty members of diverse nationalities devoted to advancing and enriching the human experience.
- BIBF has delivered quality programs in countries around the globe including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, UAE, Malaysia, Indonesia, Sudan, and it has provided instruction to participants from over 50 countries at BIBF.
- BIBF enjoys strategic relationships with internationally recognized professional organizations which deliver programs jointly with BIBF. Among such organizations, for example, are The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, American Bankers Association, US Securities and Exchange Commission, NASDAQ, Darden Graduate School of Business (University of Virginia), Bentley



College, Chartered Institute of Banking and University of Wales - UK.

In October 1983, the BIBF introduced the Banking Studies Diploma Program in the form of a series of academic evening courses at both Intermediate and Advanced levels. The Treasury Capital Markets Diploma and the Securities Investment Representative Program (series-7 Guidelines) were introduced in 1998, to meet the increasing needs of the Investment Community. In 1986, the Insurance Learning Center was established at the institute to support the training and development needs of Bahrainis employed by the insurance industry. In 1997, The Islamic Finance Learning Center was established to meet the specific needs of the Islamic Finance Sector. Both centers offer a full range of professional programs and qualifications.



When I graduated from high school, I found it quite difficult to choose a degree program. There were more than a few universities that seemed very appealing to me. Since I have been interested in the field of banking and finance, the University of Wales Validated Diploma Program looked like the perfect choice for me.

The reason why I chose the University of Wales was because it has an excellent reputation worldwide as one of the best universities in the UK. In addition, BIBF is recognized as one of the finest institutions in the banking sector.

I believe that this program, with experienced and supportive lecturers, gives the opportunity to learn in the best possible ways and gain different experiences and skills needed for the future.

So far I have really enjoyed the program and it has fulfilled all my expectations. It is well organized and provides a great foundation for further studies.

Nadia Mahmood Khursheed

2nd Year Student in Wales Program



As a graduate student from high school, the choice of university is an essential decision. All universities have their own special character; therefore, you need to identify which is the best for your particular major. I have chosen the University of Wales Validated Diploma Program, since it is the best choice for students who are seeking to make a positive difference in the

banking and financial sector and also aiming to be successful in their future careers.

The information, advice and knowledge provided by the lecturers in the University all have a positive effect on undergraduate students. Moreover, the group work and assignments given by the lecturers has assisted in enhancing students' knowledge and developing their academic, entrepreneurial and leadership skills.

The administration and lecturers in the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance have welcomed me with open arms for any comments or feedback about the program, since students' opinions and recommendations are one of their main priorities. Another great feature in this program is that it allows students to continue their Bachelors degree in Bangor, UK. Thus, it gives students the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with students from a range of backgrounds, cultures and countries.

Finally, this program has definitely lived up to my expectations – it's a great place for learning and it is great to be part of a university with an excellent academic record.

Mariam Adnan Kamal

2nd Year Student in Wales Program



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