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معهد البحرين للدراسات المصرفية و المالية
BAHRAIN INSTITUTE OF BANKING AND FINANCE

Introduction

The BIBF is a semi-government training institute affiliated with the Central Bank of Bahrain, established in 1981. The Institute plays a vital role in the training and development of human capital in Bahrain and beyond.

The BIBF's commitment to excellence has strengthened its position as the leading educational provider across all major business disciplines. The Institute serves as a partner to numerous world-class institutions; delivering Thought Leadership, Assessment and Training in the areas of Banking, Islamic Finance, Executive Development, Accounting and Finance, Academic Studies, Leadership and Management, Insurance, Digital Transformation and Project Management and Supply Chain Management; resulting in a complete business solution.



Student Lounge



Global Reach



The BIBF qualifies over 20,000 learners a year across all major business disciplines and economic sectors. Since its establishment, it has provided training and development opportunities in 64 countries giving the institute a global footprint.

The BIBF has delivered training to over

360,000

Students since its inception in 1981





Welcome message from The BIBF

I am delighted to introduce the Bangor University validated programmes, offered by the BIBF as one of the most prestigious business qualifications in the Kingdom of Bahrain. As a Registered Centre of the Bangor University, we are very proud to bring this internationally-renowned programme to Bahrain.

The Bangor University graduate programme at the BIBF is one of the most successful undergraduate programmes in the Kingdom, combining exceptional academic programme and the unparalleled learning environment. Graduates are also favoured by the local banking industry.

The key component about the programme is the flexibility that it provides, as you have the option of completing your BSc Honours degree at Bangor University in Wales or at the BIBF in Bahrain. If you wish to study abroad, you will have the opportunity to live in a foreign nation, meet people from other parts of the world, and gain new life experiences. If you prefer, you can choose to complete three years in Bahrain at the BIBF, obtain a validated Diploma, and still become a valuable contributor to the financial sector.

The BIBF has a learning environment where its state-of-the-art facilities offer the best possible aid in the learning process. In addition, the personal contact you have with our highly qualified and diverse faculty make studying here an impactful experience as they are always ready and willing to help with any difficulties you may encounter.

I am confident that our future graduates of the programme will go on to make a significant mark and will contribute positively to the Kingdom's financial sector. I look forward to welcoming you personally to the BIBF.

Dr. Ahmed Abdulhameed Abdulghani Al Shaikh
Director, BIBF



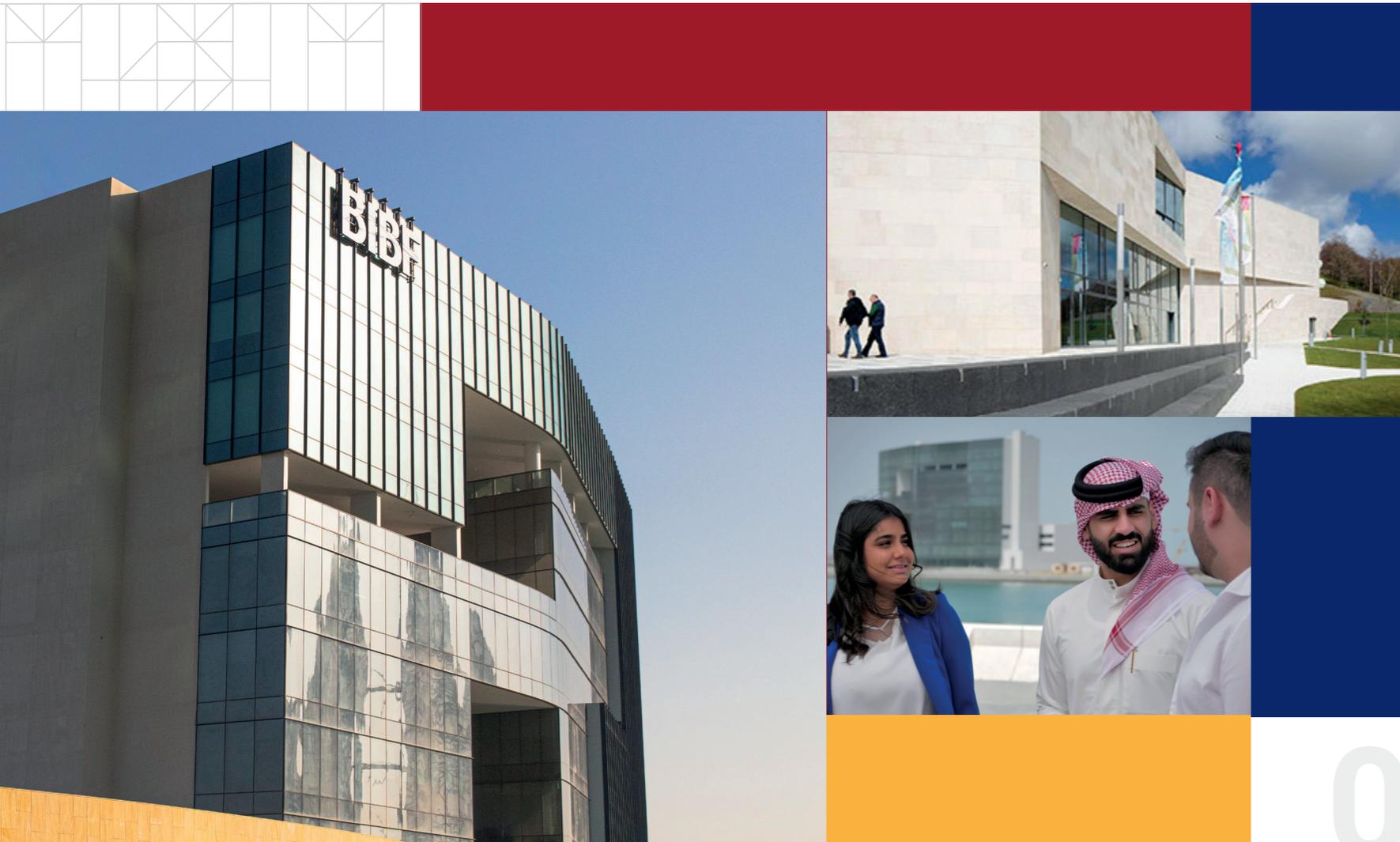
Welcome Message from Bangor Business School

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Bangor University programmes offered by the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance. This unique programme is a partnership between the Bangor Business School, United Kingdom, and the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance, and is one of the most prestigious qualifications available in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Bangor University has a long history in banking and financial education and can trace its roots in this area back to 1902. Bangor staff are world-class academics whose research helps lead and inform policy development in the fields of Banking and Finance. These flexible programmes offer a number of pathways from the Diploma attained after two years of study through completing your Honours degree in BSc Banking and Finance or BSc Accounting and Finance, either at Bangor University or at the BIBF in Bahrain.

Living and studying in the UK offers many benefits, and Bangor University is committed to delivering the best possible student experience. Bangor University achieves high levels of student satisfaction and attracts students from many countries worldwide. Both Bangor University and the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance offer state-of-the-art facilities that will contribute significantly to your educational experience. Whether you decide to complete your Bangor University degree in Bahrain or at Bangor in the United Kingdom, you can be sure of receiving a world-class education. We look forward to working with you and helping you develop the skills you need for your future career, in the financial sector in Bahrain and beyond.

Professor Bruce Vanstone
Head of School
Bangor Business School



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The Bangor University programmes give participants the opportunity to graduate from one of the UK's most respected and well-established institutions. Bangor has an excellent international reputation for research, particularly in the fields of Banking and Finance. It is ranked in the top 25 institutions in the world according to the REPEc ranking for research in banking. The recent "BIBF Graduate Destination Survey" shows that about 85% of our graduates successfully find a job or pursue post-graduate study within 12 months of graduation, reflecting the strong reputation that the programme has built over the years amongst employers and the quality of our graduates. The degree programmes are designed to offer a comprehensive scheme of academic study with a special focus on real life application.

Degree Streams

The BIBF offers three Bachelor's Degree streams in partnership with Bangor University-UK. The programmes aim to offer students in Bahrain the opportunity to gain internationally regarded and vocationally relevant degrees.

The three streams offered at the BIBF include:

- BSC Accounting and Finance
- BSC Banking and Finance
- Diploma in Islamic Finance with a BSc in Banking & Finance

The Final year of the programme can be completed at Bangor University, UK, or in Bahrain.





Students have the option to choose one of the following structures:

- 1 year in Bahrain & 2 years at Bangor (UK); or
- 2 years in Bahrain & 1 year at Bangor (UK); or
- 3 years in Bahrain

Course Structure:

- Three academic years (2 years for the validated Diploma + the final year)
- Two semesters (from Sept-Jan & from Feb-June)
- Four modules per semester
- A combination of guided-learning and self-study is required
- Sessions are conducted in small groups allowing for maximum support and interaction
- Receive training in the only “Dealing Room” simulation in the region
- Access to internship opportunities and extracurricular activities
- Assessed through a mixture of continuous assessment and written examinations.
- Assignments completed such as collecting and analysing information from commercial databases or the internet, preparing business case studies, writing essays and completing problem-solving exercises

Study Options:

Fees:

BD 2000 per semester (excluding books and lab fees)

Final Year In Bahrain **BD 3000** per semester (excluding books and lab fees)

BSc in Accounting & Finance

Description:

This programme offers students a comprehensive understanding of how the design, operation and validation of accounting systems affect, and are affected by, individuals, organisations, information technologies, markets, society and the environment. The programme provides a strong foundation for numerically focused careers such as accountancy, financial analysis, insurance, tax, and banking. The first year gives students a broad understanding of the role of accounting and its context in the business world. It also encourages them to think about the internal and external factors that shape organisations through modules like Principles of Management and Money and Macroeconomics. The second and third year will cover accounting and financial theories and techniques in more details, going from intermediate to advanced stages in financial and management accounting, and exploring modules such as Corporate Finance, Auditing and Taxation. The programme will encourage students to think about the practical challenges that surrounds the application of accounting standards at work, through the discussion of Business and Professional Ethics; and it will give students a hands-on experience in using Accounting Information Systems including the "Sage" software. Some modules cover material from professional accounting examinations, which means that students may receive exemptions from accounting bodies including the ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants).



Programme Aims

- Develop a comprehensive understanding of the conceptual and applied aspects of the study of accounting and finance, and its relation to other relevant subject areas including management and economics.
- Develop an appreciation of the legal, ethical and social contexts within which accounting and finance are applied.
- Develop the ability to provide and analyse information for various types of decision making accountability, managerial, regulatory and resource allocation purposes.
- Develop a range of transferable and intellectual skills that will allow graduates to undertake a career in accountancy, finance or a wider business and successfully study for professional accountancy or other qualifications.



YEAR 1

Code	Semester I	Code	Semester II
ACC1101	Introductory Financial Accounting	ACC1103	Financial Markets & Institutions
QM1100	Quantitative Methods for Accountants	ACC1104	Introductory Management Accounting
ECO1102	Money & Macro Economics	ACC1105	Audit and Assurance I
MGT1101	Principles of Management	ACC1106	Accounting Information System I

YEAR 2

Code	Semester I	Code	Semester II
ACC2107	International Financial Accounting & Reporting	ACC2109	Business & Professional Ethics
ACC2108	Management Accounting & Control	ACC2110	Financial Statement Analysis I
LW2201	Business & Commercial Law	ACC2111	Accounting Information Systems II
FIN2101	Corporate Finance	OPTIONAL	

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS YEAR 2

Code	Semester I	Code	Semester II
	N/A	ACC2112	Audit and Assurance II
	N/A	MGT2102	Management & Organization

YEAR 3

Code	Semester I	Code	Semester II
ABB3103	Financial Accounting	ABB3105	Advanced Corporate Finance
ABB3104	Financial Statement Analysis II	ABB3106	Advanced Accounting Theory & Practice
ABB3101	Taxation	ABB3107	Advanced Audit
ABB3102	Company Law for Business		

BSc in Banking & Finance

Description:

This programme offers students a comprehensive theoretical and practical knowledge of how the banking and financial sector operates. It provides learners with the specialised knowledge, analytical, quantitative and communication skills required by leading employers in the commercial and investment banking sector, as well as other financial and business institutions.

The first year will give students an overview of finance and the way financial information is reported and used in decision making. It will also shed light on the internal and external factors that shape banking and financial institutions through modules like Principles of Management and Money and Macroeconomics. The second and third year will cover finance and investment theories and techniques in more depth and allow students to explore modules such as Corporate Finance, Bank Lending, Risk, International Banking and Econometrics. The programme allows students to use trading terminals and simulated markets to advance their understanding of the interaction between economic policies and the stock market.

Programme Aims

- Develop a comprehensive understanding of the conceptual and applied aspects of the study of banking and finance, and its relation to other relevant subject areas including management and economics.
- Develop an understanding of the structure and activity of national and international banking and financial services and the interaction between capital markets and various economic units, including households, firms, financial institutions and governments.
- Develop the ability to provide and analyse information for various types of decision making, accountability, managerial, regulatory and resource allocation purposes.
- Develop a range of transferable and intellectual skills that will allow graduates to undertake a career in banking, finance or a wider business and successfully study for a postgraduate degree in finance or other qualifications.



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YEAR 1

Code	Semester I	Code	Semester II
ACC1101	Introductory Financial Accounting	ACC1102	Financial Reporting & Analysis
QM1101	Quantitative Methods I	QM1102	Quantitative Methods II
MGT1101	Principles of Management	IT1101	Managing Information
ECO1102	Money & Macro Economics	ECO1103	Managerial Economics

YEAR 2

Code	Semester I	Code	Semester II
FIN2101	Corporate Finance	LW2101	Banking Law
MKT2101	Principles of Marketing	BAK2102	Risk Analysis
BAK2101	Bank Lending	MGT2102	Management & Organization
OPTIONAL		OPTIONAL	

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS YEAR 2

Code	Semester I	Code	Semester II
IF2103	Islamic Commercial Banking	IF2104	Islamic Investment Banking
IF2108	Accounting, Auditing & Governance for Islamic Financial Institutions	ACC2109	Business & Professional Ethics

YEAR 3

Code	Semester I	Code	Semester II
ABB3108	Advanced Investment Theory & Practice	ABB3105	Advanced Corporate Finance
ABB3109	Investment & Investment Banking	ABB3112	Comparative Banking
ABB3110	International Banking	ABB3113	Econometrics
ABB3111	Money & Banking		

Diploma in Islamic Finance

Description:

This programme is designed to offer a qualification addressing the needs of financial institutions providing Islamic Banking services and products. The main subject groupings in the programme are: Islamic Commercial Jurisprudence, Islamic Economic Thought, Islamic Investment Banking, Islamic Insurance (Takaful), Risk Management for Islamic Financial Institutions and Shari'a Audit and Compliance. In these subject offerings, there is a natural progression from one year to another. During the year I & II students will focus on the study of Islamic Finance.



Programme Aims

- To provide students with an understanding of the jurisprudential and theoretical fundamentals of Islamic Banking and Finance
- To provide an appreciation of the investment regulations related to the banking industry and to Islamic banks in particular
- To ensure that in completion of the programme the students would have developed the skills and confidence required to take the responsibilities of junior banking positions particularly in the area of Islamic Finance
- Develop a range of transferable and intellectual skills that will allow graduates to undertake a career in both Conventional or Islamic Banking and Finance



YEAR 1

Code	Semester I	Code	Semester II
ACC1101	Introductory Financial Accounting	ACC1102	Financial Reporting & Analysis
QM1101	Quantitative Methods I	IF1101	Islamic Commercial Jurisprudence
MGT1101	Principles of Management	IT1101	Managing Information
ECO1102	Money & Macro Economics	IF1102	Islamic Economic Thought

YEAR 2

Code	Semester I	Code	Semester II
FIN2101	Corporate Finance	IF2104	Islamic Investment Banking
IF2108	Accounting, Auditing & Governance for Islamic Financial Institutions	MGT2102	Management & Organization
IF2103	Islamic Commercial Banking	IF2107	Banking Business & Trust Law
OPTIONAL		OPTIONAL	

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS YEAR 2

Code	Semester I	Code	Semester II
BAK2101	Bank Lending	ACC2109	Business & Professional Ethics
MKT2101	Principles of Marketing	BAK2102	Risk Analysis



A Supportive Environment

Academic advice and support for individual students:

- Individual Math tutoring will be available to all students based on request
- Support and remedial sessions also available as needed
- Student extracurricular activities through the student council
- A wide range of activities are made available to students

According to a recent survey (2021), about 66% of the **BIBF's graduates are employed** within 3 months after graduation.

Employability

The BIBF's academic programmes are developed in collaboration with best-in-class international universities and are recognised by the Bahrain Higher Education Council (HEC). A true testament to BIBF's efforts in ensuring that these academic programmes are a best-fit for the labour market is the institute's employability statistics over the years. Our recent undergraduate destination survey of 2021 indicates that 88% of our graduates have been employed within 12 months of graduation. Our survey also indicates that most of our graduates are likely to be employed within their fields of Banking & Finance or Accounting & Finance, mainly in auditing firms and banks, and is evident in the tables.



Graduates	Within 3+ months of graduation	Within 1+ year of graduation
Employed full time	12%	57%
Employed part time	54%	32%
Not seeking employment	-	4%
Seeking a job	34%	7%
Working & Studying at the same time	-	19%
Already Obtained a MSc or Professional Certificate	-	5%

A detailed employability analysis is also available on the [BIBF website](#).





Employer's Feedback

Student Testimonials

“BIBF graduates have continuously proven to possess a remarkable balance of strong technical knowledge and interpersonal skills, which add great value to the workplace.”

Ali Al-Marzooq

Senior Manager, Talent Management
Human Resources



“My choice to study Banking & Finance specifically at BIBF was one that was reinforced by two facts. The first is how well past graduates described their experience at the Institute, and second, the level of respect and prestige the Institute carries through its history, quality of education, and reputation. It has been several years since my graduation, and I can confidently say that BIBF has truly upheld its promised quality of education and continues to do so till this day.”

Hassan Salah Sater

Director of Financing Operations Directorate
at Ministry of Finance and National Economy

“BIBF graduates have proven that they are well prepared for the job market. Most of the candidates were extremely professional”

Sara Bucheri, Assoc CIPD

Deputy Manager - Human Resources



“As an alumni, I witnessed how BIBF with its international educational partners has been delivering high class sustainable education for all. What I personally enjoyed most during my time at BIBF was the practical experience provided by experienced lectures and bankers, coupled with an international education. Not only does this allow students to connect with regional and global themes and economic trends, but it also prepares students for strategic roles for a better tomorrow.”

Maryam Kameshki

Head of MENA IRFX Trading - Global Markets Bahrain.
BNP Paribas

“BIBF constantly produces high caliber candidates that are equipped with quality education and skills enabling them to thrive in a professional working environment.”

Salman Alzayani

Head of Human Resources
Bahrain Bourse



“My journey with BIBF and Bangor University has been an extremely fulfilling and rewarding experience. Choosing to do my bachelor's degree in banking & finance through this program proved to be a key success factor in my personal and professional life, with special thanks going to my lecturers and fellow classmates. I was able to start my career in the financial industry within months of graduating. Throughout the years, I have realized that a solid foundation through proper education has been fundamental in allowing me to gain the necessary experience to grow professionally. Credit goes to BIBF for providing me that foundation. I am confident that the program will continue to reward future and existing students for the rest of their lives. I wish them all the success.”

Nasser AlAwadhi

Head of Digital Banking
STC Bahrain



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