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ABOUT BIBF

The Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) was established in 1981 under the Central Bank of Bahrain. The BIBF has since emerged as a leading educational and training provider with a mission to develop human capital in Bahrain and around the world.

The BIBF offers an extensive range of programmes and initiatives across various business disciplines, focusing on cutting edge training programmes and trending technologies. The institute covers areas such as **banking, finance, insurance, Islamic finance, digital transformation, project management, leadership, management assessment, as well as executive education and academics.** The BIBF provides comprehensive training and development opportunities for individuals and organisations.

The BIBF is an official partner to numerous professional and educational institutions worldwide, solidifying its global presence in 64 countries. This widespread reach positions the BIBF as a prominent player in the education and training industry, enabling it to effectively contribute to the growth and development of professionals across diverse sectors.

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 in **64 countries** since its inception in **1981**

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Welcome Message
The BIBF

I am delighted to welcome you to the BIBF' s International Foundation Programme.

The next year is an opportunity for you to grow and develop a plan that will shape your career path, making it a crucial period of decisive choices, significant plans and firm determinations.

This programme provides you with an opportunity to broaden your horizons, experience leadership opportunities, establish lifelong friendships, gain real-world learning and, of course, have fun.

Now that you have joined to the BIBF, what happens next? This brochure is a useful resource in answering that question and offers some helpful information for you and your family.

The BIBF is a world-class institution having offered training in 64 countries worldwide and has an impressive reputation with employers in Bahrain and the region.

Once again, congratulations. You deserve to be proud of your achievements, and I look forward to welcoming you to the BIBF community.

Dr. Ahmed Al Shaikh
Chief Executive Officer, BIBF

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Welcome Message
The Head of Centre for Academic Studies

I am delighted to welcome you to BIBF, where your energy and excitement enrich our learning environment. You are joining a remarkable community consisting of future leaders – you -, distinctive academics and trainers, competent management and leading bankers and financiers; all are excited to help you develop the skills and experience needed to pursue your career goals.

With a culture of curiosity, critical thinking, and collaboration, you have the opportunity to participate in cutting-edge learning. The BIBF International Foundation Programme is a school-university bridging program. It aims to build the main academic skills and knowledge to prepare you for further studies. The program is spread over two semesters where four modules are taken per semester. A combination of guided learning and self-study is required along with small group sessions, and unlimited access to online resources and Peer-Tutoring Scheme.

As an institution dedicated to educating the next generation of contributors and leaders, we are excited to invest in your future, and to partner with you as you pursue your dreams. We trust you will find unlimited opportunities for growth at BIBF.

Dr. Haifaa Khalaf
Head of Academic Centre

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THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (IFP)

The BIBF International Foundation Programme (IFP) is the only programme of its kind in Bahrain that has been formally recognised by UK ENIC – the body responsible for determining the equivalence of qualifications in the UK – as equivalent to A Levels and the IB Diploma. The IFP allows participants to spend an extra year in their home country without losing their chances of joining a UK university of their choice for the degree programme. In fact, more than 21 UK universities have signed direct progression agreements with the BIBF, providing our students a place on selected courses at these universities. The list currently includes universities such as: Cardiff, Leeds, Reading, Warwick, and York and many others. The scope of the programme focuses on providing participants with the key verbal, numerical and study skills required for academic success in a wide range of degrees within the area of
social sciences.
The International Foundation Programme aims to enable students holding a Bahrain High School diploma, or other qualifications below the standard entry requirement for a UK degree programme, to progress to their intended undergraduate degree. The programme consists of a number of subjects that are expected to equip learners with an introductory-level knowledge of specific topics related to economics, business, and finance; as well as the essential academic skills required to succeed in higher education, such as critical thinking, academic writing, and numeracy. The level of attainment is recognised against the UK's Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA)'s 'A' level standard.

PROGRAMME AIMS

- Help students coming from different educational systems (public and private schools) to align their existing qualification to the UK education system and become eligible for admission.
- Additional English language support to students.
- Building the main academic skills required to succeed in any course of study including critical thinking, essay writing and presentation skills.
- Interactive learning experience that involves group work and research projects.

STUDY OPTIONS

After completing the International Foundation Programme, students can choose any of the following pathways:

Proceed to the undergraduate degree programmes offered at the BIBF in partnership with the Bangor University or the University of London.
upon meeting the progression requirements of each of the programmes.

- Bangor University: Passing all of the modules of the International Foundation Programme and achieving an overall IELTS UK VI Score of 6.0 with no band score less than 5.5
- University of London (BSC Economics & Management) Passing all of the modules of the International Foundation Programme and achieving an overall IELTS UK VI Score of 6.0 with no band score less than 5.5
- University of London (BSC Data Science and Business and busniess analys) Achieving an overall average score of 85% at the BIBF International Foundation Programme and passing all modules. Scoring an overall 90% in Math100 and STA100. Attaining an IELTS UK VI Score of 6.0 with no band score less than 5.5

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- High School Diploma
- IELTS score of 6

COURSE STRUCTURE:

- One academic required for year for completion
- Two semesters (from September - January and from February - 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
- Access to online resources through “MyLabs”
- Additional academic support through “Peer Tutoring Scheme”
- You will be assessed through a blend of continuous assessment and written examinations
- You will complete group projects, presentations, individual essays, and problem-solving exercises

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY?

SET 1	
BST100	Emerging Business Trends
MAT100	Introduction to Mathematics
BEN100	Business English
ACS100	Academic Study Skills

SET 2	
STA100	Introduction to Statistics
AWP100	Academic Writing and Presentation Skills
ECO100	Introduction to Economics
ACF100	Principles of Accounting & Finance

FEES

A once-off Registration payment at the time of registration BHD 100/-

BD 2,500 per semester
(Excluding books and lab fees)
(2 Semesters in the programme)

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

Units at Glance

SET 1

Emerging Business Trends:

This module provides students with a basic understanding of the business environment, emerging business trends and ethical and social responsibility concepts. It will focus on introducing the students to entrepreneurship, managing and organising business, employee behaviour, and motivation.

Academic Study Skills:

This unit focuses on a number of topics including understanding yourself as a learner, study techniques, academic reading and writing, academic integrity and avoiding plagiarism.

Business English:

This unit is designed to ensure that students have the necessary English language skills, both receptive and productive, to be able to proceed effectively and with confidence in an English medium academic environment.

Introduction to Mathematics for Business & Finance:

The aim is to provide students with a knowledge of mathematical tools and techniques required to solve business-related problems. This module focuses on numerical skills students will need at the next levels of study. The unit focuses on a number of topics including working with numbers, algebra, linear equations, and probability.

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SET 2

Principles of Accounting:

This module covers the basic principles of the theory and practice of Financial Accounting, Management Accounting and Financial Management, both for non-specialist students and as a foundation for further study in the area. It covers the basic principles and underlying concepts and the ways in which accounting statements and financial information can be used to improve the quality of decision-making.

Introduction to Economics:

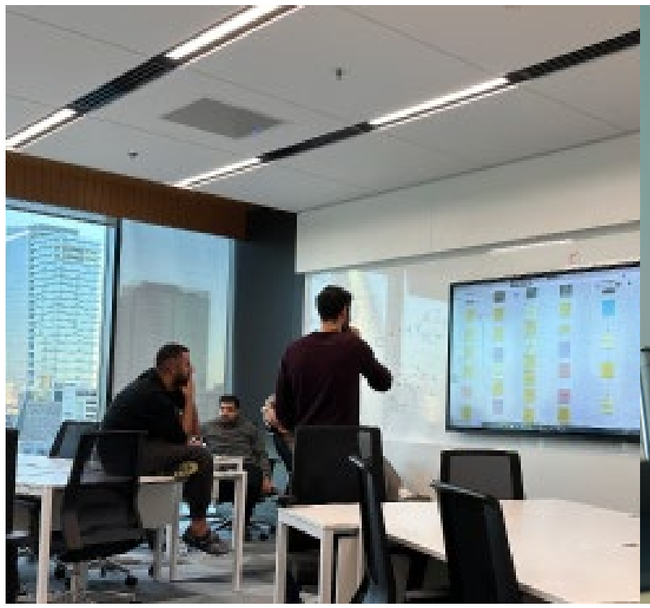
This unit provides students with a more general introduction to the concepts and principles of economics, in preparation for the more specialised introductory microeconomics and macroeconomics modules taken during Year One in university. The topics covered in the unit include subjects like Economic Problems, Market Structures, Data of Macroeconomics and Money, and Monetary Systems. Apart from that, students will attend simulation sessions at the BIBF's Dealing Room. The simulation activities will allow students to enhance their understanding of the interaction between macroeconomics, interest rates as well as the demand and supply of money.

Introduction to Statistics:

This is intended towards developing the statistical skills students will need to progress to the next levels. The unit focuses on a number of topics including descriptive statistics, inferential statistics, variables, and index numbers.

Academic Writing & Presentation Skills:

This is to ensure that students have the ability to produce academic work such as essays, projects, and presentations of satisfactory quality, and to develop and encourage a proactive, independent approach to academic study. During this unit you will take a journey through the different stages related to writing an extended research paper starting from finding a topic to presenting your findings to an audience. and probability.



WHY JOIN THE BIBF?

1. The BIBF's International Foundation Programme is recognised by UK ENIC (21 UK Universities)

   (The Worlds leading providers in the recognition and evaluation of qualifications and skills)

2. The BIBF graduates are employable internationally and acquire international competencies

3. To benefit from an industry-oriented blend of Academia and Professional Competencies

4. 90% employment rate (within one year based on a BIBF Survey)

5. Access to attend Tech-Talks. Awareness sessions aligned with market needs: Cyber Security, Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence

6. Counseling and Preparation for the Job Market

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

BACHELOR PROGRAMMES

possible progression oppotunities after the **BIBF IFP**

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Option **1**

PRIFYSGOL BANGOR UNIVERSITY

- BSc in **Accounting & Finance**
- BSc in **Banking & Finance**
- BSc in **Banking with Financial Technology**

Option **2**

Awarding Body: UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

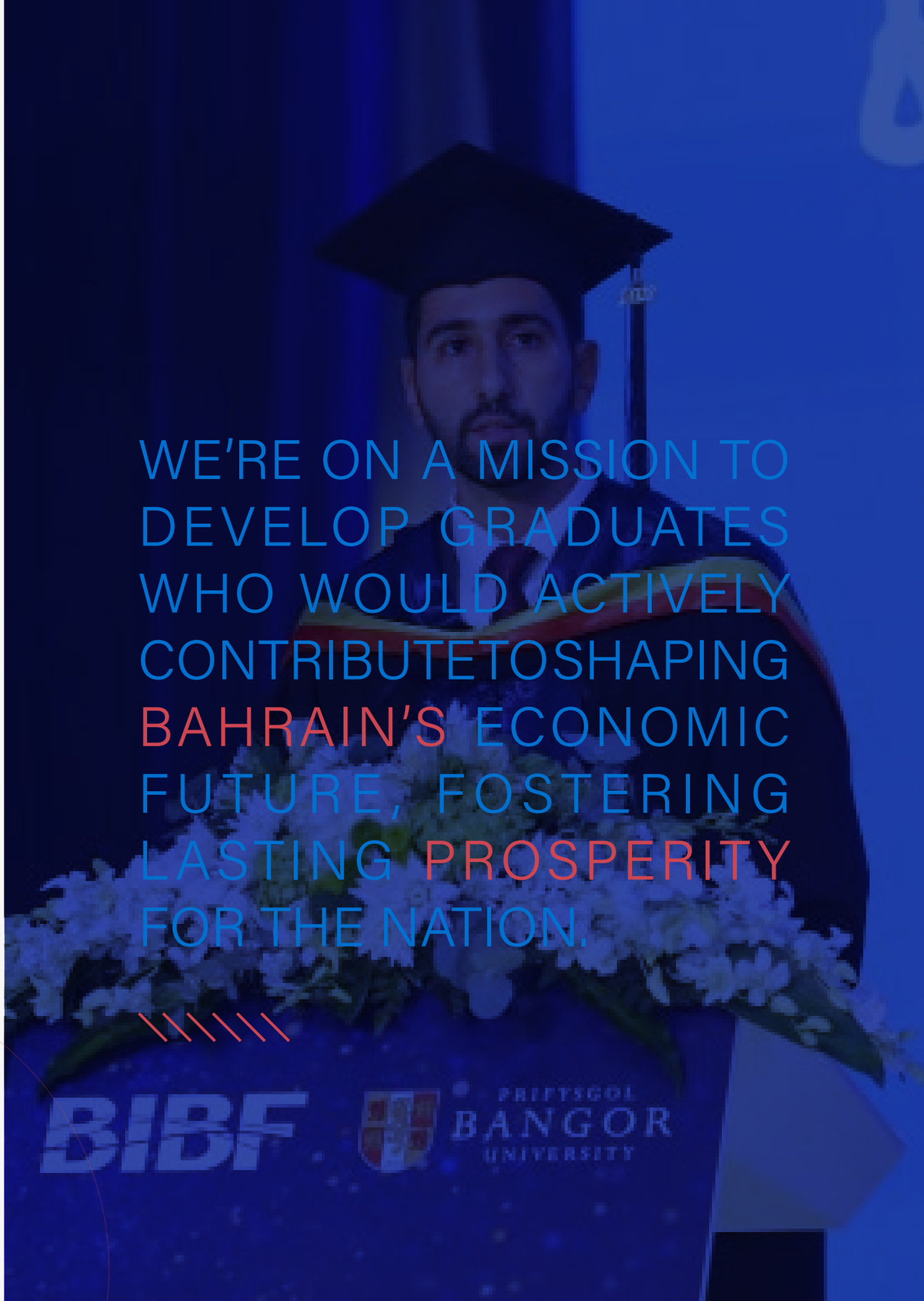
Academic Direction: LSE THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

- BSc in **Economics & Management**
- BSc in **Data Science & Business Analytics**

Option **3**

UK ENIC

- Any of our **affiliated Universities**



According to a recent survey

90%

of the BIBF's Graduates are Employed within 3 Months after Graduation.

GRADUATION

In a first-of-its-kind initiative in graduation ceremonies globally, actual jobs were awarded to graduates on stage in collaboration with industry partners in the financial sector.

At the BIBF, we constantly encourage the students to partake in National competitions and have a track record of success.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Won 1st Place for 2 consecutive years

TradeQuest

Won 1st Place for 2 consecutive years

CFA Challenge

Won 1st Place in the (My Path) Challenge

Masari Challenge

(Company of the year) Injaz Bahrain Young Entrepreneurs Competition

INJAZ Bahrain

EMPLOYERS **FEEDBACK**

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

Mr. Ali Al-Marzooq
Senior Manager, Talent Management
Human Resources

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

Ms. Sara Bucheeri, Assoc CIPD
Deputy Manager - Human Resources

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GULF INSURANCE GROUP

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

Mr. Salman AlZayani
Head of Human Resources
Bahrain Bourse

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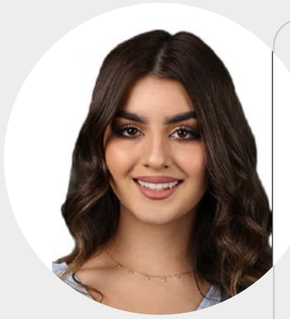
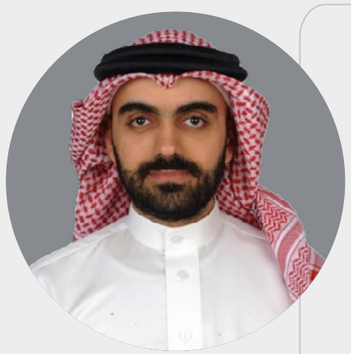


' As a student enrolled in the BSc degree in Islamic Finance at the BIBF, completing the BIBF Foundation Programme was an incredible opportunity. The diverse courses in the programme helped me expand, develop, and build the skills and knowledge I need for my degree study. Moreover, the supportive and encouraging learning environment, admin members, and lecturers gave me the confidence and courage to pursue my degree study.'

Ms. Fatema Kazerooni

"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."

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



"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."

Mr. Nasser AlAwadhi
Head of Digital Banking
STC Bahrain

STUDENT **TESTIMONIALS**

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