



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS STUDIES

IBA, located in Karachi—the financial hub of Pakistan—and is one of the country's most prestigious higher education institutions. The School of Business Studies (SBS), accredited by AACSB, serves as its largest and flagship school, widely recognized for academic excellence and leadership in business education.

SBS features a state-of-the-art campus aligned with international standards, offering a collaborative and innovative learning environment. Its faculty includes distinguished scholars with doctorates from globally renowned institutions. SBS offers a wide array of programs across management disciplines, aimed at nurturing the next generation of high-potential executives.

WHY MS-FINANCE AT IBA?

IBA's MS Finance program is designed to address the complexities of today's financial world through rigorous coursework, a research-driven environment, and applied learning. The curriculum, developed by leading academics and industry experts, blends theory with advanced computational tools, equipping students to navigate both local and global financial challenges. Supported by IBA's strong industry ties, institutional reputation, and experienced faculty, the program offers a distinctive edge in a competitive market.

- 36 credit hours, evening and weekend classes
- 1.5 years minimum completion time
- Focus on theoretical and quantitative finance
- Training in corporate finance & investments
- Wide range of electives
- Specializations in Market or Corporate Finance



COURSE STRUCTURE

The MS Finance program at IBA is more than a series of courses; it's a carefully curated learning journey spread across three semesters, totaling 36 credit hours. It blends theory, research, and hands-on learning to shape the researchers of tomorrow.

SEMESTER 1

- Corporate Finance
- Research Methodology in Finance
- Investments
- Financial Analytics

SEMESTER 2

- Seminars in Finance
- Financial Econometrics
- Ethics & Corporate Governance
- Elective I

- Elective II
- Elective III
- Thesis (Research) or Project + Extra Elective

SEMESTER 3

ELECTIVE COURSES

The MS Finance program offers a range of electives across Corporate Finance, Market Finance, and General Finance. Options include Mergers and Acquisitions, International Finance, Applied Security Analysis, Empirical Asset Pricing, Derivatives and Risk Hedging, and Mathematical Finance. Students can also explore emerging areas like Fintech, Behavioral Finance, Islamic Finance, Risk Management, Advanced Econometrics, and Python for Finance, allowing them to specialize based on career goals and industry needs.

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Installment Plan: The students can apply for 2-3 installments per semester. However, the installments must be paid within the same semester.

Qarz-e-Hasna: The IBA facilitates its students in securing an interest-free loan (Qarz-e-Hasna) to pay their tuition fee during their study period.

Need-based Financial Assistance: The IBA encourages aspiring students from diverse social backgrounds to enroll and study at the IBA.

Research & Teaching Assistantships (RA/TA): IBA offers part-time, paid opportunities for students to work as Research Assistants (RAs) or Teaching Assistants (TAs) as part of its financial assistance and academic enrichment initiatives.



ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING & A LIFELONG MINDSET

Experiential learning is embedded through thesis/projects and course assignments that connect students with industry professionals and real financial challenges. Core courses in finance, econometrics, and financial analysis build essential research and analytical skills, preparing students for lifelong learning. Students then specialize through a thesis or project aligned with their interests.

FINANCE LAB & PRACTICAL EXPOSURE

A dedicated Finance Lab is being developed to provide hands-on exposure to securities analysis, investment strategies, and portfolio management, bridging classroom learning with market practice using real-time market data.

ETHICAL FOCUS & SOCIETAL IMPACT

Aligned with IBA-SBS's mission, the curriculum embeds ethics and social responsibility across courses. Students are encouraged to select thesis topics that address real societal challenges with clear ethical considerations.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the MS Finance program are prepared for diverse and impactful roles, including:

- Investment Banking
- Asset and Wealth Management
- Financial Technology (Fintech)
- Risk and Compliance
- Corporate Finance
- Academia and Research Institutions

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must have at least 16 years of education from a recognized institution with a minimum CGPA of 2.5 or 60% marks in their most recent degree.

Applicants without a BBA or BS in Accounting & Finance must complete a Business Orientation Program (BOP) before enrolling in the main courses.

APTITUDE TEST EXEMPTION

Minimum score of 600 on the GMAT, or a GRE score of 160 in quantitative and 150 in verbal.



FOR MORE INFORMATION



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