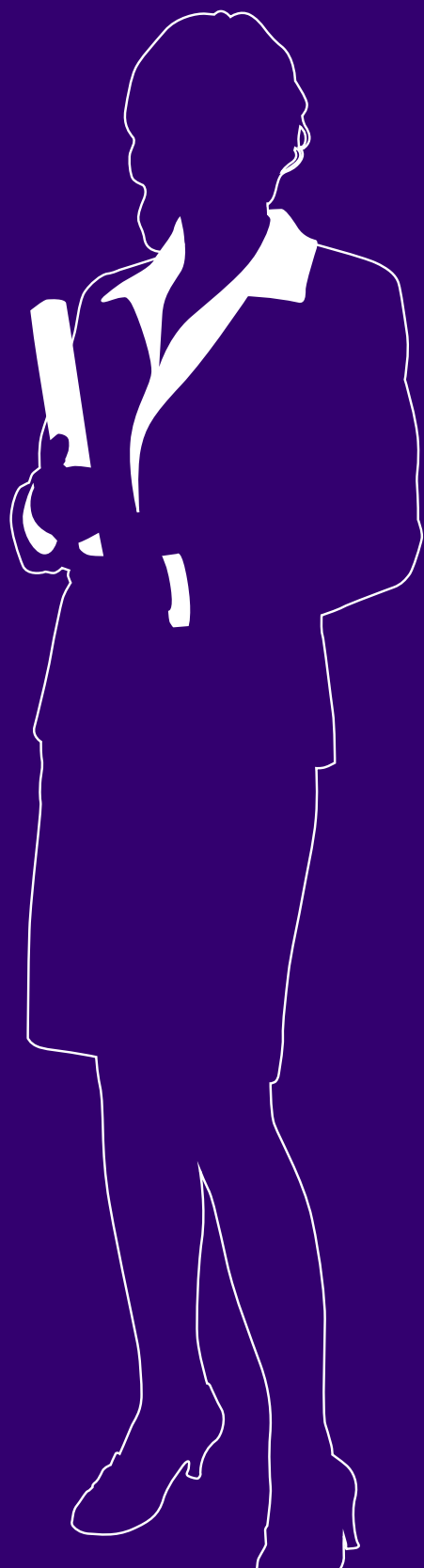


MSc in Insurance & Risk Management

2014–15 Part-time and Full-time



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MSc in Insurance and Risk Management

A world-class qualification to enhance your professional standing

Developed by Cass Business School and the CII, the MSc in Insurance & Risk Management explores the growing relationship between insurance, risk management and financial services. The programme combines a practical approach with sound theory, providing the all-round skills and knowledge necessary for success in a competitive global business environment.

Management of risk is now a key issue for all major businesses. Risk takes many forms: fluctuations in currencies, interest rates and commodity prices; threats to physical assets from earthquake, windstorm and other natural perils; man-made threats of terrorism, fraud and criminality. These are in addition to the host of operational and financial risks that surround all commercial enterprises.

This course will help you understand how to identify, control and finance risk by combining insurance programmes, hedging strategies and techniques such as Alternative Risk Transfer (ART).

Today's employers recognise the value of relevant, post-graduate qualifications in helping managers and senior executives, and those who aspire to reach this level, to develop advanced technical and business skills.

Cass and CII: a meeting of minds

The MSc in Insurance & Risk Management is a ground-breaking collaboration between the premier insurance educational bodies. The CII, with over 110,000 members, is the world's largest professional body dedicated to the insurance and financial services sector. Cass houses Europe's largest Faculty in insurance, risk and actuarial science and is universally respected for the breadth and quality of its teaching.

Creating a new class of insurance professional

The MSc has proven popular with a wide range of individuals keen to progress their professional careers and employer organisations looking to bolster and enhance their management/executive development programmes.

Among the many organisations whose staff have benefited from the course are:

- Accenture
- ACE Insurance
- AIG
- Allianz Cornhill
- Aon Risk Services
- AXA Insurance
- Bank of America Merrill Lynch
- Bank of China
- Brit Insurance
- China Life Insurance
- Credit Suisse
- Deloitte
- Goldman Sachs
- Heath Lambert Group
- Hiscox
- Jardine Lloyd Thompson
- Lloyd's of London
- Lloyds TSB
- Marsh
- McKinsey
- Munich Re
- PwC
- RSA
- Swiss Re
- Tokio Marine & Fire Insurance Company
- Towergate
- Willis Re
- Wilson Re (P&I) Ltd
- Zurich Insurance

Why the MSc in Insurance & Risk Management is right for you

Expertise – you will work with internationally-renowned academics and leading industry practitioners.

World-class – Cass Business School possesses the sought-after ‘triple crown’ gold standard in business education which comprises AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB accreditation. This places Cass in an elite group of global business schools.

Accessible – the course is open to anyone holding a good honours degree or equivalent, with a unique fast-track completion route available to CII Advanced Diploma in Insurance/Associateship (ACII) holders.

Tailored – you can devise a programme to meet your career needs and aspirations.

Flexible – there is a choice of full- and part-time study programmes.

First class facilities – Cass is situated in the heart of London’s financial district.

Established – the Cass MSc programme is proven to deliver real business benefits.

Rewarding – completion meets the core educational requirement (‘Major Achievement’) of the CII Fellowship programme or, for those not already holding it, up to 210 of the 290 credits required for completion of the Advanced Diploma in Insurance.

Fast-track completion for Advanced Diploma/Associateship (ACII) holders

Holders of the CII’s Advanced Diploma in Insurance/Associateship (ACII) can apply to take a fast-track route to completion, which offers exemptions from four of the compulsory eight core courses.

Typically, full-time students should complete the MSc degree in eight months rather than the standard 10 months. Part-time students should complete in approximately 20 months, rather than the 24 months it typically takes.

What’s more, Advanced Diploma in Insurance/Associateship (ACII) holders accepted onto the fast-track route benefit from a discount of more than 25% on the standard programme fees.

In order to be eligible for study on the fast-track route, applicants must:

- have completed at least 70% of their Advanced Diploma/Associateship through direct examination with the CII, as opposed to via recognition of prior learning; and
- have completed their Advanced Diploma/Associateship studies within five years of applying for entry on to the MSc programme.

Study routes for candidates not holding the Advanced Diploma/Associateship (ACII)

In addition to the fast-track route, the MSc is available to students not holding the Advanced Diploma in Insurance/Associateship (ACII).

In general terms, students are required to hold:

- a good honours degree from a British university; or
- its equivalent from an overseas university; or
- an equivalent professional qualification combined with work experience in a relevant field.

Upon completion holders will, in addition to gaining the MSc, receive up to 210 credits towards the Diploma/Advanced Diploma in Insurance (120 or 290 credits required respectively for completion – further completion requirements also apply) or up to 60 credits to be used towards the Diploma/Advanced Diploma in Financial Planning (credits awarded are dependent on modules chosen). Holders will also be exempt from the core educational requirement (the ‘Major Achievement’ element) of the CII Fellowship should they wish to study for this after completing the Advanced Diploma.

What the graduates say

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The lecturers are academics with an impressive background and experience in the field.
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“This course is unique because it is the only Masters in the UK that combines insurance and corporate risk management. I especially appreciate the fact that the course is about so much more than theory. We are applying newly acquired knowledge to real-life scenarios and we are tested on our opinions, too.”

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Cass is an international destination with a wide range of student nationalities from all over the world. It offers a very warm, yet highly professional, environment and my advice to prospective students is to take advantage of the social and networking opportunities on offer.”

Elena Papoui
Graduated 2013

“I chose Cass because of its reputation, teaching standards and links within the industry – all useful from both a learning and careers perspective.”

The opportunity to take electives from a wide range in the final term made the MSc in Insurance and Risk Management stand out because it allowed me to tailor the course to suit my career goals.

I also gained more knowledge about different areas in the financial environment, helping me broaden my skill set, and the focus on group work in the course allowed us to learn from different people’s backgrounds and experiences. My ambition now is to complete the CII Advanced Diploma in Insurance and gain more qualifications to help me progress in my career.”

Tosin Okusaga
Graduated 2010
Analyst
Bank of America Merrill Lynch

Course structure and content

The course can be studied on either a full-time or a part-time basis:

- **Full-time programme** – the full-time course runs for approximately 12 months from September and typically involves an afternoon and evening session twice a week*. Exemptions for Advanced Diploma in Insurance/Associateship (ACII) holders mean that they commence the course in January and can complete the course within eight months.
- **Part-time programme** – the part-time course runs over approximately 24 months and typically involves an afternoon and evening session each week*. Exemptions for Advanced Diploma in Insurance/Associateship (ACII) holders mean that they can complete the course in approximately 20 months.

The table below outlines the available course options and timescales applicable to both the full-time and part-time courses. Full details are available from Cass.

MSc programme	Full-time	Part-time
Induction: September (two weeks) Use of databases (Excel)	Mandatory	Mandatory
Term I: October–December <i>Four core modules</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Theory of Risk and Insurance Markets 2 Risk Management 3 Insurance Law and Regulation 4 Principles of Finance and Financial Analysis 	Advanced Diploma in Insurance/Associateship (ACII) holders following the fast-track route are exempt from modules 1, 2 and 3. These students take module 4 (Principles of Finance and Financial Analysis) in Term II and therefore do not attend classes in Term I Other students take all four modules	Advanced Diploma in Insurance/Associateship (ACII) holders taking the fast-track route are exempt from modules 1, 2 and 3. These students may take module 4 (Principles of Finance and Financial Analysis) in Term II of Year 1 or Term I of Year 2 Other part-time students take two modules in Year 1 and two modules in Year 2
Term II: January–March <i>Five core modules</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Principles of Finance and Financial Analysis (fast-track only) 5 General Insurance 6 Accounting and Financial Management in Insurance 7 Risk Analysis and Modelling 8 Business Organisation and Corporate Strategy in Insurance and Financial Services 	Advanced Diploma in Insurance/Associateship (ACII) holders following the fast-track route take modules 4, 6, 7 and 8, and are exempt from module 5 Other students take modules 5, 6, 7 and 8	The requirements under 'Full-time' apply equally to part-time students, who must complete these modules over the two year period. The normal pattern is to take two modules in Year 1 and two modules in Year 2
Term III: April–June Business research project plus three elective modules. <i>Typical electives include:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative Risk Transfer (ART) and Risk Securitisation • Claims Management • Credit Risk Management • Financial Derivatives • Financial Methods in Insurance • Financial Risk Management • Liability Insurance • Life Insurance and Pensions Management • Marine, Aviation and Transport Insurance • Marketing of Financial Services • Operational Risk Management • Property Insurance • Reinsurance • Stochastic Claims Reserving in General Insurance Electives are shared with other courses and may be subject to change. This list reflects a selection from a wide range of electives available.	Mandatory	Mandatory – to be completed by the end of Year 2 – a minimum of two modules are to be taken in Year 1
Dissertation (business research project) Approximately 10,000 words in length, this enables candidates to select a topic which relates to their current/future career requirements. Research Project Management Skills workshops will be offered.	Deadline for submission is 01 September 2014	Deadline for submission is 01 September 2015

* Please note, the timetable varies from year to year and students may, on occasions, be required to attend lectures on alternative days.

Frequently asked questions

Is there a closing date for entry on to the course?

Yes. For students who do not hold the Advanced Diploma in Insurance/ Associateship (ACII), applications will be accepted until 01 August 2014, however, early application is strongly recommended to avoid disappointment. Typically the majority of applications are received before 15 May in any given year. For those who already hold this qualification and are applying for the fast-track route the deadline is 19 December 2014.

How many teaching hours will I have per week?

On the full-time course there are usually between 12 and 18 teaching hours per week. For each lecture you attend, we anticipate that you will have to do another three hours of self-study. Part-time students attend a minimum of six hours per week; this may increase depending on which electives you choose and if we have international academics visiting.

Do I have to write a dissertation?

In term three, students write a 10,000 word business research project, allowing them to explore a chosen subject in depth.

Can dissertations completed for the CII Fellowship be employed towards the MSc?

Yes. Subjects researched for the CII Fellowship dissertation (typically 5,000 words) can be enhanced to meet the requirements of the MSc dissertation (10,000 words).

Is there a distance-learning option for the MSc?

No. Central to the thinking behind the development of the MSc is a belief in the importance of face-to-face learning. Much of the value of the course is derived from 'live' discussion, explanation and debate with expert tutors and fellow students. While textual study and analysis makes up a large part of the programme, it cannot encompass the full range of material covered.

Is it necessary for candidates whose first language is not English to take a language exam?

Applicants whose first language is not English and who are neither working nor studying in an English-speaking environment may be asked to provide further evidence of competence in the English language (for example, a score of at least 7 in the IELTS test).

What are the fees?

Advanced Diploma/Associateship (ACII) holders on the fast-track route:

Full-time tuition fees = £13,500

Part-time tuition fees = £14,000 (£7,000 per annum)

Standard programme:

Full-time tuition fees = £18,000

Part-time tuition fees = £18,000 (£9,000 per annum)

Your next step

To find out more about the MSc in Insurance & Risk Management, call Cass on **+44 (0)20 7040 5150**.

A course adviser will talk you through the application procedures, the subjects on offer, payment facilities, etc. and provide a brochure containing full course details.

Alternatively, visit the website www.cass.city.ac.uk/irm to view full details online or email cass-masters@city.ac.uk for further information and to obtain a prospectus.

Please note that the closing dates and fees are correct at the time of going to press.

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The MSc in Insurance & Risk Management is part of the Cass Specialist Masters portfolio, which attracts international acclaim. All specialist masters courses have a strong practical focus and have been developed to meet the needs of today's financial services employees.

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The Chartered Insurance Institute (CII)

As the premier professional body for the insurance and financial services profession, the CII promotes higher standards of integrity, technical competence and business capability.

With over 110,000 members in more than 150 countries, the CII is the world's largest professional body dedicated to this sector.

Success in CII qualifications is universally recognised as evidence of knowledge and understanding. Membership of the CII signals a desire to develop broad professional capability and subscribe to the standards associated with professional status.

The CII works with businesses to develop bespoke, company-wide solutions that ensure competitive advantage by enhancing employees' technical and professional competence.

Individually, CII's members are able to drive their personal development and maintain their professional standing through an unrivalled range of learning services and by adhering to the CII's Code of Ethics.

Further information on the CII and its wide range of products and services can be found at www.cii.co.uk

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