Dual Degree – SSBF and Aston University, UK

SSBF: Master of Business Administration with specialization in Financial Services

Aston University: MSc Finance

Dear Aspirant,

Thank you for registering for the Dual degree program with Aston University.
Below are eligibility and other relevant information, kindly double check all the information
For any further queries feel free to write to us – adminofficer@ssbf.edu.in

We are pleased to offer the opportunity to participate in our Dual Degree Program, which allows you to earn two Master degrees within 2 years. This unique opportunity is tailor-made and offered to you by Symbiosis School of Banking and Finance with our partner university - Aston University, UK. Before applying, please ensure that you have carefully read the following:

1. **Admission Requirements**: Admission criteria for the dual degree program may differ between institutions. You must meet the requirements set forth by Symbiosis School of Banking and Finance and the partner university Aston. Failure to meet the criteria of either institution will lead to disqualification for the program.

2. **Academic Regulations**: You must comply with both institutions' academic regulations, policies, and procedures. This includes, but is not limited to, attendance, assessment, grading systems, and degree completion requirements.

3. **Eligibility:**

The candidate should be a graduate from any recognised University/ Institution and should not have any backlogs. Candidate should be able to furnish required academic records on demand.

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Eligibility Requirement at SIU (as per SIU norms)

- Graduate from any recognised University/ Institution of National Importance with aminimum of 65% marks or equivalent grade
- A candidate who has completed a qualifying degree from any Foreign University must obtain an equivalence certificate from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).
- All foreign degrees/ qualifications need to be verified from AIU by the candidate before seeking admission to any program of SIU.
- The Evaluation Division of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) issues equivalence certificate for foreign degrees/qualifications.

- Additionally for dual degree programme student needs to secure at least 6.5 GPA in the first semester at SSBF

Eligibility Requirement at Aston University (in addition to the above)

- 60% overall in Bachelor's Degree | 6 out of 10 GPA |4.2 out of 7 GPA + a content minimum of 50% from any one of the following areas: Economics(micro/macro), Statistics, Quantitative Methods, Mathematics, Finance
- A minimum of 75% (CBSE/ISC) or 80% (State Board/NIOS) in Standard 12th English for the reasons of compliance OR 6.5 (3 bands at 6.0, and 1 band at 5.5) in IELTS
- Letter of Recommendation (LOR) from your previous institute or employer.
- Prior work experience is preferred however not mandatory. Work experience/ Internship document to be provided, if applicable.

  Please see https://www.aston.ac.uk/study/courses/finance-msc for more details

3. **Financial Obligations**: Tuition fees and other associated costs will be determined by both universities. Refer to the fees and funding options with the respective institutes. It's your responsibility to get adequate funding for the program.

4. Fee Structure

The fee structure at Symbiosis School of Banking and Finance, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), India, please see SSBF website

Fee structure at Aston University, UK

Kindly check the weblink for the same https://www.aston.ac.uk/study/courses/finance-msc from Aston University, UK

Fees for International students for the year 2024-25 is £23,500. However, there might be an approximate increase of 3-7% increase in the fees for AY 2025-26. The same shall be communicated in due course and when published by the university.

Scholarship:

15% Scholarship for 50-59% and 20% Scholarship for 60% or above

5. **Valid Passport**: The candidate should have a valid passport with a validity of minimum two years. In case of any visa rejection from UK, Australia or any other country in the past, students must present a Copy of visa refusal notice and a note explaining reason for visa refusal.

6. **Visa and Immigration:** Candidates applying for the dual degree program should hold a valid passport with at least 2 years of validity. Upon securing admission, candidate will need to apply for visa and should to comply with the immigration regulations of the host country. Candidate will be responsible for securing the necessary documentation and maintaining their

legal status throughout the study period. Candidates will need to comply with the language proficiency requirements of the host institute and provide IELTS score if required.

7. **Travel and Accommodation**: Arrangements for travel, accommodation, and other living expenses are the responsibility of the student. It is advisable to research and plan these aspects thoroughly to ensure a smooth transition and stay in the host country.

8. **Health and Safety**: Candidate must obtain appropriate health insurance coverage for the duration of your stay abroad and should familiarize oneself with the healthcare system and safety regulations of the host country to ensure your well-being.

9. **Cultural and Social Adaptation**: Living and studying in a foreign country involves significant cultural and social adjustments. It is important to be prepared for these changes and seek support when needed to ensure a positive and enriching experience.

10. **Transfer of Credits:** Credit Transfers shall be done as per SIU's Credit Equivalency policy. The transfer of credits between Symbiosis School of Banking and Finance and the partner universities is subject to approval by both institutions. It is your responsibility to ensure that the courses you take abroad will be recognized and accepted towards the completion of your degree requirements. Please ensure that you submit the grade sheets/marks cards given to you by the partner university after completion of your courses at the partner university for the purpose of verification and credit transfer. To be eligible for degree from SSBF and the partner university, there should be no backlog in any of the subjects. There should be no backlog in Year 1 at SIU and any pending disciplinary action against the student at the time of application to the partner university. If any arise subsequently, it may lead to disqualification of the student from the dual degree program. Students must maintain at least 75% attendance record throughout the duration of study at SIU.

11. **Program Changes and Termination**: Both SSBF and the partner university reserve the right to make changes to the dual degree program, including curriculum modifications, changes in partnership agreements, and termination of the program. Students will be notified of any significant changes well in advance.

12 **Placement Assistance**: No direct placement assistance will be provided by SSBF and the partner university. Students can appear for ONLINE PLACEMENT PROCESS, on the surety to join if selected.

13. **Standard of Passing:**

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No backlogs

The assessment of the student for each examination is done, based on relative performance. Maximum Grade Point (GP) is 10 corresponding to O (Outstanding). For all courses, a student is required to pass both internal and external examinationsseparately with a minimum Grade Point of 4 corresponding to Grade P. Students scoring less than 40% absolute marks in each

head of passing will be declared FAIL. The University awards a degree to the student who has achieved a minimum CGPA of 4 out of maximum of 10 CGPA for the program.

At Aston University, you will be assessed through a combination of written and oral examinations, class tests, individual and group coursework, projects, presentations and practical assessments. Please see https://www.aston.ac.uk/study/courses/finance-msc for more details.

14. Award of Degree:

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Master of Business Administration (Banking and Finance) with specialization in Financial Services will be awarded at the end of semester IVexamination by taking into consideration the performance of first and fourth semester examinations after obtaining minimum CGPA of 4 out of maximum of 10 CGPA and successfully completing two semesters (one year including internship) examinations at Aston University, UK in completing MSc in Finance program.

By applying to the Dual Degree Program, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agreed to the above disclaimers. It is your responsibility to seek clarification and additional information as needed.

We wish you success in your academic endeavours and look forward to supporting you throughout this exciting journey.