



SUBJECT: Financial Studies (Diploma) A2

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:
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EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER:
LIBF-600/8537/X, 600/8551/4 / QAN: 60085514

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:

Topics Include:

- The value and purposes of money.
- The concept of the personal life cycle and external influences.
- The features of different types of financial product.
- The role of key stakeholders in financial services provision.
- The characteristics of financial products for managing money.
- Managing finance in the short term and the implication of poor decisions and changes in circumstances.
- The impact of legislation and regulations on earnings and the key features of income tax and National Insurance.

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

This qualification develops knowledge and understanding of the financial services sector and enhances skills that are valued within that sector and others.

SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:

- <https://www.libf.ac.uk/>
- <http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/>

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

The Certificate is comprised of two units: Part A 35 multiple choice questions. Part B a written exam based on a pre-released case study. The Diploma is comprised of a further two units: Part A 35 multiple choice questions. Part B a written exam based on a pre-released case study. Both units are made up of the following components: 45 minute multiple choice exam paper and a 1 hour 45 minute case study paper requiring essay style responses. There is a 40% pass mark for each unit, all components must be passed to achieve the certificate/diploma. The qualification is graded A-E.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students will be in a position to make informed choices related to pursuing one of the many roles available within the financial sector. This course also offers a strong grounding for undergraduate study in accounting, business, finance and banking.

LIBF also offer degree courses and will consider offering a financial incentive to students who achieve top grades in this course.

SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

You will need to meet the general sixth form matriculation to embark on this course.

To progress to the diploma course you will need to have passed the certificate course.