Give a man a fish and you feed him one day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a long time.

Chinese proverb

Prof. Dr. Güngör Turan
Head of Department
Why Banking and Finance?

...Banking and finance sector is one of the most developed sectors in the national and international arena. Banks and financial institutions are the financial engine of the economy. They accept deposits and make loans or credits. Consider a businessman who is planning to open and run a business. So, he or she needs a loan or credit. The most important function of a bank and a financial institution is to give loan or credit. Without banks or financial institutions we cannot finance our business or investments.
Why Banking and Finance at Epoka?

After finishing the department you’ll become bank and finance specialist. Profession of banker and finance specialist is accepting among the future’s professionals. Because of this, you’ll have very good job and career opportunities after graduation. You can start your career under a good professional job position as vice-expert in the finance department of any business/company or in any department of a commercial public/private bank inside Albania. Or you can work at the any international financial institutions like Moody, Merry Lich or organizations like World Bank, IMF. You’ll have very good professional knowledge and skills in the area of banking and finance.
Mission

Banking and Finance department aims at the qualification of new staff with professional knowledge, alert to the challenges in finance and banking sector. The department’s objective is to qualify new finance and bank specialists who are supplied with the field of professional knowledge and benefit from all the achievement of this interdisciplinary at the international context.
What do we offer?

...We are offering you international curriculum for banking and finance in English. Here, at the Epoka, we are teaching not how to eat a fish but how to catch a fish. We are teaching not only how to spend your money but also how to make money and trading like how to catch a fish instead of eating fish.

...Our academic staffs have professional experience and upper skill in teaching economics, banking and finance. They have longer international university experience in different countries like USA, UK and Turkey. They will offer you the most improved professional knowledge in the courses using improved teaching methods like learning by doing.
How to learn in Banking and Finance?

...Here, at the Epoka, we are using this method while giving all courses: learning by doing. This is the most effective contemporary education and training method used in the international university education. In the courses, we are using the most popular course materials in the area of banking and finance. We are using internet and PPP by giving all courses. As a practice, in the courses, we are using a lot of case studies, applications and solving problems in the area.

...We are inviting popular bankers and finance specialist from the banks and financial institutions in Albania or outside it. We are organizing seminars, international conferences and symposiums on current issues in banking and finance.

...And, in summer periods, we are offering internship opportunities in Albania or in the other countries like Turkey, UK, and Germany.
Job and career opportunities in Banking and Finance

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Program Offerings

- Bachelor in Banking and Finance
- Master of Second Level - MND (Master of Second Level) in Banking and Finance
- Master Programs - DND (Diploma of Second Level) in Banking and Finance
CURRICULUM

First Semester

Introduction To Economics I
Introduction To Business
Introduction To Law
Behavioral Sciences
Math. For Economics And Business I
Information Technologies and Applications

Second Semester

Introduction To Economics II
Sociology
Communication Skills
Introduction To Accounting
Math. For Economics and Business II
Business English
Third Semester

Microeconomics I
Macroeconomics I
Management and Organization
Business Law
Statistics I
Financial Accounting I

Fourth Semester

Microeconomics II
Macroeconomics II
Public Finance
Labor Economics
Statistics II
Financial Accounting II
### Fifth Semester
- Financial Institutions And Markets
- Principles Of Banking
- Fundamentals of Corporate Finance
- Monetary Theory and Policy I
- Elective I
- Elective II

**5th Semester - Elective courses**
- Total Quality Management
- E-Marketing
- Consumer Behavior
- International Economics I
- Banking Operations And Services
- Human Resources Management

### Sixth Semester
- Loan Management and Credit Analysis
- Financial Management
- Bank Accounting and Reporting
- Monetary Theory and Policy II
- Elective I
- Elective II

**6th Semester - Elective courses**
- Management of Financial Institutions
- Quantitative Techniques in Finance
- Management Information Systems
- Capital Markets Law
- Organization Theory
- International Economics II
**Seventh Semester**

- Portfolio Management
- Risk Management and Insurance
- Elective I
- Elective II
- Elective III
- Elective IV

**7th Semester - Elective courses**

- Project Evaluation And Finance I
- International Finance
- Financial Analysis
- Albanian Labor Law
- Financial Issues In Entrepreneurship
- Small Business Management And Entrepreneurship
- International Marketing
- Albanian Economy I
- Development And Growth I
- Economic Integrations And EU
- Quantitative Methods and Decision Making

**Eighth Semester**

- Bank Management
- International Banking and Financial Management
- Elective I
- Elective II
- Elective III
- Elective IV

**8th Semester - Elective courses**

- Project Evaluation and Finance II
- Monetary Stability in Financial Markets
- Albanian Tax Law
- Auditing
- Seminars On Economics
- Albanian Economy II
- Development And Growth II
Master Programs

DND (Diploma of Second Level) in Banking and Finance
Duration Two Academic Years (120 ECTS)

The Diploma of Second Level is a two-year program designed to follow a Bachelor’s Degree. In the Bologna system, the Diploma of Second Level is part of the second cycle of higher education studies and corresponds to a Master’s Degree in the European and American systems.
MND (Master of Second Level) in Banking and Finance
Duration One Academic Year (60 ECTS)

The Master of Second Level follows a Diploma of Second Level and is the beginning of the third cycle of higher education in the Bologna system, which is designed to continue on to a Ph.D.
CURRICULUM OF THIRD CYCLE PROGRAMS

First Term

Applied Microeconomics
Applied Managerial Economics
Albanian Banking System and Central Banking
Research Techniques (required)

Second Term

Applied Macroeconomics
Advanced Monetary Theory and Policy
Financial Markets and Institutions
Applied Finance Management
Seminars in Banking and Finance (required)
CURRICULUM OF SECOND CYCLE MASTER PROGRAMS

First Semester
Portfolio Management
Risk Management and Insurance
Elective I
Elective II
Elective III
Elective IV

Elective Courses
Project Evaluation And Finance I
International Finance
Financial Analysis
Albanian Labor Law
Financial Issues In Entrepreneurship
Small Business Management And Entrepreneurship
International Marketing
Albanian Economy I
Development And Growth I
Economic Integrations And EU
Quantitative Methods and Decision Making

Second Semester
Bank Management
International Banking and Financial Management
Elective I
Elective II
Elective III
Elective IV

Elective Courses
Project Evaluation and Finance II
Monetary Stability in Financial Markets
Albanian Tax Law
Auditing
Seminars on Economics
Albanian Economy II
Development And Growth II
CURRICULUM OF DEPARTMENT MASTER PROGRAMS

Third Term
Research Techniques in Banking and Finance
Seminars in Banking and Finance
Elective I
Elective II
Elective III

Fourth Semester
Thesis

Elective Courses
Applied Microeconomics
Applied Managerial Economics
Albanian Banking System and Central Banking
Applied Macroeconomics
Advanced Monetary Theory and Policy
Applied Finance Management