MSc - Sustainable Retirement Investment and Management

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Imperial College London is one of the world’s best universities, with an enviable reputation built on solid principles and practical expertise. In accordance with our Royal Charter, we provide excellent service to industry, along with the highest per capita industrial research income. Our Master of Sciences (MSc) in Sustainable Retirement Investment and Management produced in association with The Pensions Management Institute (PMI) provides the tools for career mobility throughout the employee benefits and retirement savings industry. The programme covers key issues around these two vital sectors and gives you access to the very latest research in these key social, business and financial areas. You also have access to a high-powered alumni network, and be part of a diverse cultural environment of the best staff and MSc candidates in a global context.
At Imperial College London we offer:

1. **A World Class Education**
   Our MSc programmes are ranked among the best in the world as are the supporting research projects that will take your degree experience to the next level.

2. **Access to Sustainable Retirement Savings**
   Experts from the Business Capital of the world The City of London provides the world’s largest financial and business hub for investment finance. This proximity offers MSc candidates a unique opportunity to learn from senior experts in leading employee benefits and sustainable retirement funding and investment global organizations with the added advantage of attracting numerous guest speakers from the industry. The programme’s association with the PMI ensures that financial sector experts, at the forefront of the pensions and retirement savings industry contribute to the delivery of the degree.

3. **A Highly Practical Cutting Edge Programme**
   Our programmes are constructed in a practical way, using case studies, group discussions, group teambuilding and coursework to make your learning highly relevant for these changing and competitive markets. Our MSc in Sustainable Retirement Investment and Management will keep you right up-to-date with the latest developments, knowledge, skills and practice appropriate to your chosen management position. In particular, our technical, practical and professional skills training will make you more attractive to your current or future employers. Our programmes use paperless delivery, reflecting changes in the business world and representing the leap forward in the learning and communication process.

4. **A Supportive Learning Environment**
   Group work is central to the way you learn on our MSc in Sustainable Retirement Investment and Management. Internationally proven expert-to-peer and peer-to-peer learning methods are standard practice here at Imperial. This approach offers a supportive environment and encourages collaborative skills, develops confidence, generates outstanding results, and helps you to build your personal and professional knowledge and networks in this dynamic and changing industry.
   - Imperial College London is ranked 2nd in the world QS world University rankings, 2014-5
   - Ranked 10th in the world, THE World University Rankings, 2013-4
   - Ranked 1st major university in the UK, for world-leading research (REF 2013 – 6 year review)

**The MSc in Sustainable Retirement Investment and Management Ethos**
Our MSc in Sustainable Retirement Investment and Management is an intensive one year programme (2 years part-time) aimed at equipping employee benefits and retirement savings managers and advisers with the technical, practical and professional skills training and knowledge development for executive leadership.

The MSc in Sustainable Retirement challenges participants to rethink conventional models of retirement provision with the aim of sustainable transformation in mind. The world today requires new tools for managing the transition to post-industrial society, a field of inquiry that has generally lacked political and academic leadership to date. In the context of this degree, our transition management methods aim towards greater focus on environmental, economic and social sustainability, in part, through changes in institutional governance. In particular, these concepts are applied both to the practices of businesses and corresponding government policy and law that regulate firms.
The aims and objectives of our MSc Programme are to:

- Educate new generations of sustainability practitioners, equipped with specific knowledge, training and skills to face the demands of performing in leading organizations concerned with sustainable retirement provision and investment
- Attract high quality, strongly motivated graduate students from the UK and abroad
- Provide graduates that are capable of research and external professional activities, which maintain the status of the College among the top tier of university institutions of national and international importance
- Offer students a chance to work on real world, sustainability challenges around retirement provision and investment with the aim of providing timely and relevant solutions
- Give students the opportunity to work in and with world-leading companies whose mission touches upon sustainability

Our course features two main modules one per academic term, a selection of electives to choose from and group and individual company projects as follows:

Providing for Sustainable Retirement (Module 1)
This term provides a broad knowledge and understanding of:
- The issues surrounding retirement provision and long term sustainability including social and political objectives
- Providing for sustainable retirement, the different options available, and in what circumstances each might be appropriate.
- New and developing savings and investment patterns with sustainability in mind
- Comprehensive professional skills development in stakeholder negotiations

Pensions, Employee Benefits and Sustainable Retirement Saving Arrangements (Module 2)
This term provides a detailed knowledge and understanding of the:
- Legal aspects and issues relating to UK pension arrangements.
- Principles of sustainable design, administration and financing for both trust and contract based arrangements.
- The main employee benefits and retirement saving options, their value, and how they interact with saving for retirement
- Professional skills development in multi-context investment analysis

Business Electives
Candidates are invited to select and study two electives from the following offerings:
1. Sustainable Corporate and Pensions Governance,
2. Corporate Pension, Savings Planning and Sustainability,
3. Member Communications,
4. Sustainable Investment,
5. Sustainable Personal Finance and

Group and Individual Business Projects for Employers
To complete the degree experience, a final project report is produced by each MSc candidate as part of their personal professional development. This individually-based study is undertaken through the development of business concepts that are at the core of your professional employment role in this sector. It is aimed to advance your career and that of your Department or Business Unit. You will be supported by world-class technical experts, a dedicated researcher and project manager. These support services significantly enhance degree and business success outcomes. This report can further develop degree project team group work with examples such as the following:
- Implementation Guidance on Risk Management for Pensioners
- Institutional Investment Risk appraisal in an Uncertain World
- Emerging Markets and Distributed Investment Risk
- Developing Emerging Market Strategies with Case Studies

In summary, an MSc in Sustainable Retirement Investment and Management from Imperial College London, in association with the PMI, is more than a qualification. It is a career development passport to executive leadership and management for high-calibre, motivated and ambitious professionals like you. If you are looking for an edge in today's competitive employee benefits and retirement savings marketplace then join us.

Price available on request.

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