



# Award in English for Development and Banking

★ MQF/EQF Level 5

★ Course Start Date: 05th April 2024

## Our Mission & Values

### EXCELLENCE

Excellence is the hallmark of all Ascencia Malta's educational programmes. Our programmes are homegrown, officially accredited by the Malta Further and Higher Education Authority, and designed to put our learners at the centre of their learning. We recruit from among the most talented professionals on the island to give our learners the benefit of first-hand industry experience combined with leading-edge pedagogies.

### ACCESSIBILITY

We strive to ensure that Ascencia Malta is an open to youths from all walks of life who might aspire to take their academic or professional careers to the next level. We prioritise dedication and ambition far above background or origins, as we believe these qualities drive personal growth and shape the leaders of the future.

### LEARNER-CENTREDNESS

To ensure that the ambitions of each individual are not only recognised but celebrated, we are proud to afford our learners individual attention in the classroom. Here, they will find training courses founded on participatory pedagogies and based on the value of concrete examples, real-world engagement, and constant exchange between learners and practitioners. Outside the classroom, we follow learners' progress closely and they know that our doors are open at any time for them to come and present their dream projects or to seek our practical advice.

## Why Malta as a study destination

1. **Cultural Immersion** in a vibrant Mediterranean context
2. **Proficiency in the English language**, one of Malta's two native languages
3. **Globally Recognised Quality Education** with unbeatable affordability
4. **Travel and Leisure**, an ideal staycation and a base for exploring the rest of Europe
5. **International Networking** inside a truly global community of students, professionals, and entrepreneurs
6. **Business-Friendly Environment** in a country that actively promotes innovation, entrepreneurship, and emerging industries
7. **Career Prospects** thanks to employers who value versatility and agility
8. **Personal Growth**, self-discovery and independence as the side-effects of the study-abroad experience

AWARD TITLE	STUDY-UNITS COVERED	NUMBER OF ECTS	TOTAL DURATION OF AWARD	TOTAL HOURS OF LESSONS	TOTAL HOURS OF TUTORIALS/ WORKSHOPS	TOTAL SELF-STUDY HOURS
Award in English for Development and Banking	Banking, Poverty, Development	1 ECTS	2 Weeks (full-time, consecutive)	21 Hours	N. A.	2 Hours

## Description

Map the relationships between financial institutions, poverty reduction, and economic development with this study-unit. Receive an overview of the concept of poverty and delve into language related to the services provided by financial institutions such as central banks, commercial banks, investment banks, and microfinance institutions. Gain insight into their respective roles in reducing poverty and promoting development. Then, move on to other facets of banking including making strategic alliances with banks, and the sometimes unfavourable impact that banks can have on businesses' reputations.

## What will I be able to do after this Award?

### SPEAKING

- o Think critically and speculate, recycling modals of possibility, about mixing business and charity
- o Persuade a partner to make any from a list of life changes
- o Roleplay spokespersons and mount a persuasive case for and against a claim about a bank

### LISTENING

- o Acquire detail from an interview about a strategic alliance and test ability to understand paraphrase
- o Develop the ability to reverse-paraphrase interview responses in technical terms
- o Become aware of the persuasion tactics being used by heard speakers and distinguish single approaches from a mixture

### READING

- o Get overall comprehension of a text
- o Compare and contrast the services offered by the bank in a text with another bank describe in an audio track and apply the knowledge of types of banks
- o Analyse individual reference words at work in sentences and in paragraphs

### VOCABULARY & ACCURACY

- o Use expressions with 'make' and a dependent preposition both in everyday speech and to talk about investments
- o Give both speaking and writing an easier to follow flow by using reference words

### WRITING

- o Suggest reasons a company should contribute more to microfinance in a letter/ e-mail to a company director
- o Write meeting minutes for a group discussion to include reporting words and phrases with infinitive and gerund structures