

# Embedding sustainability in finance education

## About

Dr Lianfeng Quan's initiative to integrate sustainability into the MSc Principles of Finance (PoF) module at the University of Greenwich reflects a commitment to embedding sustainable finance principles throughout the School of Accounting, Finance and Economics. This core module, shared across seven MSc programmes, enables students from diverse academic backgrounds to engage with crucial concepts such as Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors, climate risk and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



## Work

Through practical case studies, group discussions and the exploration of ESG risk factors, students develop a well-rounded understanding of sustainability's role in financial decision-making. This interdisciplinary approach to learning fosters an appreciation for how financial practices intersect with environmental and social impact, providing students with skills relevant to real-world sustainability challenges.

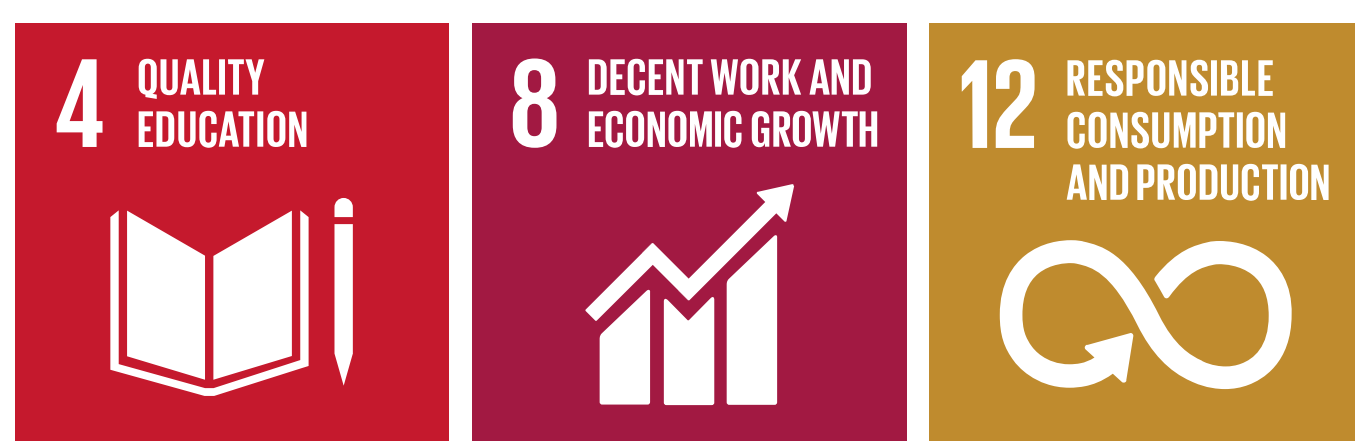
The module's accreditation with the Sustainability and Climate Risk (SCR) certification from the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) further reinforces the value of sustainability education. This internationally recognised certification enhances students' career readiness, providing them with the credentials necessary to excel in sustainability-focused roles within finance.

Students report that the module's focus on sustainability offers them a fresh perspective on finance, increasing their motivation to engage with the material and inspiring confidence to pursue roles that champion social responsibility and climate action.

The PoF module is set to evolve further as sustainability trends and challenges continue to develop. Future enhancements could include deeper engagement with emerging frameworks and coalitions in sustainable finance, offering students a broader understanding of sustainability's impact across industries.

Liangfen's work on integrating sustainability within the MSc Principles of Finance module demonstrates the University of Greenwich's commitment to preparing future finance professionals for an evolving industry landscape.

## SDGs



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