

Ever since I was a child the complexities of numbers have always piqued my interest, and my curiosity about the application of numbers in the real world intrigued me the most. I see Finance and Accounting as ubiquitous subjects that altered the way I view the world. As emerging market economies evolve at an alarming pace, new opportunities arise as firms are drawn to markets under which an influx of foreign direct investments generates the highest financial returns. As we shift towards a more unified world, understanding the coaction of different markets and economies is vital. Living in one of the world's fastest-rising economies, Saudi Arabia, also captivates me toward the versatility of financial economic expansion.

It is truly remarkable to me how an array of accounting administration blunders led to the downfall of one of the world's largest consulting firms, Arthur Anderson. The firm's inability to maintain trustworthy accounting standards, notably the Enron scandal, which involved enormous debts off the balance sheets, resulted in the demise of once a "Big Five" accounting firm. My deep passion for the practical application of statistics backed by my burning curiosity in this validation sparked my interest in Finance and Accounting. This fascination with how financial markets operate was further amplified by reading "The Total Money Makeover", which illustrated how to use the safety margin and expand probability through analytical evaluation. It also stressed the financial benefits of asset allocation and portfolio diversity. This paved the way for me to land an internship at Thiqah's headquarters financial department. During which, I was assigned to work in a team to implement operational, professional, and digital solutions. As I was introduced to invoicing and received firsthand experience in generating and analysing databases, I learned professional planning and research skills for firm solutions and financial development.

In today's globalised world, having a solid financial background is critical in making business decisions. This encouraged me to enrol in BTEC Enterprise back in Year 9, my final academic year in the UK, at Fulford School in York, and has strengthened my ability to carefully analyse data. I got increasingly curious about what I was learning as I studied Enterprise, and acknowledged how vital statistics were to firms. The information I acquired, and how fast I connected it to mathematical applications, stunned both my peers and my teacher when I shared it with the class. Studying mathematics honed my numerical abilities, particularly in statics, where I learned how to evaluate and summarise large amounts of data into a mathematical form that can be used to make predictions and test model validity.

To further develop my passion for Finance and Accounting, I took the Business, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship course at Oxford University. This course allowed me to network with prominent financial professionals, which strengthened my interpersonal and communication skills. During my valuable time there, I got a better insight into data analytics, risk management, and investment strategy, all of which are necessary for a Finance and Accounting degree.

As a fencer for the Saudi Arabian Fencing Federation, the ability to analyse and foresee an opponent's next move is key to glory, I find this ability valuable and applicable as a Finance and Accounting student. I am determined and enthused to study Finance and Accounting at King's, which provides a great educational infrastructure and a diverse community. As someone who spent three years living and studying in the UK, I will be able to enhance and utilise the skills that were bestowed upon me, such as adaptation and time management. I am certain that my career lies in the field of Finance and Accounting, and by pursuing this degree at King's College, I will lay a great foundation for my future scholastically and personally.