**BSc (Hons) Business Accounting**

**Business, Law and Social Sciences**

**Department of Accountancy and Finance**

This document is presented in three sections:

## Section One

This section will provide students with key information on their learning experience and how it will be continuously enhanced this will include;

* Programme Philosophy and Aims
* Programme Learning, Teaching and Assessment strategy
* Statements of Intent for key learning experience themes

This section aims to address Quality Enhancement and Learning & Teaching excellence across the student learning experience.

## Section Two

This section addresses regulatory and quality assurance requirements for the purposes of programme validation and mapping of the student learning experience.

## Section Three

This section collates the Module Guides from across the programme.

## Section One

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| Programme Philosophy | |
| The BSc (Hons) Business Accounting programme will provide you with an accounting and general business education that will enable you to take up business and management careers within business, industry or commerce.  The programme is designed to equip you with technical knowledge and skills as well as a range of employability skills, attributes and attitudes. The course will encourage your intellectual and moral development and your personal commitment to the social purpose of becoming a business professional. As you progress you will become more effective and creative as a problem solver and be able to critically advise individuals and companies in the UK and internationally on a range of business related matters.  The first year of the programme will provide a solid grounding in accounting and its importance in business as well as ensuring you are fully prepared to make informed decisions as to your study route in future years of the programme.  During the second and third years of the programme, in addition to the core themes of management accounting, operations and strategy, there will be more flexible learning opportunities that will enable you to specialise in particular subject areas and to tailor your programme to a particular career aim. You’ll be able to develop financial reporting and taxation knowledge or focus upon microeconomics and the wider business environment.  You’ll develop your teamwork, IT, analytical and presentation skills whilst boosting your commercial acumen and awareness as you progress through this programme which has employability at its heart. You have the option of completing a year-long work placement between your second and final years of study should you wish to do so. Additionally there will be opportunities to experience different graduate roles with a wide variety of short insight or internship schemes open to you to compliment your studies during University vacations. | |
| Programme Aims *This section articulates the programme level aims framed by the five themes of the Academic Plan.* | |
| 1. Pursuing Excellence | You will study accredited modules that are designed to meet the high standards set by the professional accountancy bodies and by the UK Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education. |
| 1. Practice-led, knowledge-applied | Your course will prepare and equip you for a career in accountancy, finance, management or business by relating your studies to the latest research led developments in business. Your studies will make use of the latest business software applications that will provide you with opportunities to gain experience and develop skills relevant to the work place. |
| 1. Interdisciplinarity | You will study on a programme within a department that is part of a larger Business School. This will provide you with opportunities to study concepts and ideas from other business disciplines and perspectives for instance, economics, information systems and the social sciences and to study within multi-disciplinary teams. |
| 1. Employability-driven | Your programme will provide you with an opportunity to apply your developing knowledge and skills in the workplace either by taking a full year’s work placement in the UK or overseas or through engaging in shorter work placements, internships or voluntary work. You will be supported throughout your studies by the University Careers and Employability team with the aim of enhancing your employability prospects on graduating. |
| 1. Internationalisation | Your course will consider the study of accountancy and business from an international perspective. You will be given the opportunity to travel abroad to work or study and will be encouraged to engage in UK, European and Global business games and challenges. |
| Programme Learning Outcomes | |
| On successful completion of the BSc (Hons) Business Accounting degree programme you will be able to:   1. Demonstrate knowledge of the contexts in which accounting operates. 2. Demonstrate understanding of the key areas of business, the relationships between these and their applications. 3. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of, and an ability to use current technical language and alternative technical language to describe practices of accounting and an ability to apply them in structured situations from given data generated for the purpose. 4. Record and summarise transactions and other economic events and prepare financial statements complying in outline with relevant regulatory requirements. 5. Analyse the operations of a business and perform financial analyses and projections; and demonstrate awareness of the contexts in which accounting data and information is processed and provided within a variety of organisational environments, and the relationships with other systems providing information in organisations. 6. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of theories and empirical evidence concerning the effects of accounting in at least one of its contexts. | |
| On successful completion of the BSc (Hons) Business Accounting degree programme, you will have acquired skills and abilities in the following areas:   1. Critical evaluation of arguments and evidence. 2. Independent and self-managed learning. 3. Analysis, filtering and evaluation of data and drawing reasoned conclusions concerning structured and, to a more limited extent, unstructured problems from a given set of data and from data acquired. 4. Location, extraction and analysis of data from multiple sources, including acknowledging and referencing sources. 5. Numeracy, including the processing and analysis of financial and other numerical data and the appreciation of statistical concepts at an appropriate level. 6. Using contemporary information and communications technology for the acquisition, analysis and communication of information. 7. Communication, including presenting quantitative and qualitative information, together with analysis, argument and commentary, in a form appropriate to the intended audience, and oral as well as written presentation. 8. Working with others (such as through small group projects). | |

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| Programme Learning, Teaching & Assessment Strategy |
| *This section explains the learning and teaching approaches, activities and experiences that your programme will offer, the range of assessments and types of feedback and feedforward you will encounter, and explain how these will support your continuous learning throughout the programme, and explain the expectations we have of you in this learning partnership.*  A variety of delivery approaches will be utilised throughout the programme. All modules will be delivered via a blended learning approach, mixing face to face with online activities and independent study. Whilst face to face sessions will vary in format including large, medium and small group interactive sessions and workshops, you will be expected to arrive to sessions fully prepared and to participate throughout. You will be expected to examine and research the material presented and to question ideas and theories and to challenge your tutors. As a practice based course, sessions will usually involve the application of academic concepts and themes to real world scenarios and case studies.  Online delivery will also be provided via the University’s virtual learning environment. In addition to electronic copies of materials used during face to face sessions, the virtual learning environment will enable opportunities to engage with additional content including eLearning packages, quizzes and discussion forums. Modules will require students to engage with online study to prepare for, participate in and further develop skills and knowledge explored during face to face sessions. Approximately 20% of the programme at each level will be delivered via online learning.  Due to the professional alignment and accreditation of the programme, examinations will be a common feature in module level assessment of accounting modules. Nevertheless a variety of methods will be used and throughout the programme students will be expected, with the appropriate support, to deliver both individually and in groups, reports, presentations, essays, project plans and proposals. This balanced approach to assessment furthers the programme aims to develop progressive graduates with employability skills, attributes and attitudes relevant to the modern business world. Optional modules will enable specialism in different areas of study and the possibility to choose different assessment methodologies.  A key component of your course will be the engagement of you and your tutors in the formative assessment process. This process will involve you and your tutors working together to identify any gaps in your knowledge and finding appropriate learning activities and feedback that will enable these knowledge gaps to be closed. A variety of formative learning activities will be used to suit your individual needs. These activities may include for instance, asking you to provide a short written piece on your understanding of a topic or idea or requiring you to keep a reflective journal on your studies to date. There is strong evidence linking formative assessment with improved student motivation and achievement within and beyond the programme.  Regular feedback and feedforward will be provided on a formative basis throughout your studies by your academic and personal tutors. Formal individual or group feedback will automatically be provided on assignments and will also be available upon request for examinations completed as part of the programme. |

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| The Whole Experience We recognise that there are key aspects to every programme that need to be addressed to ensure we are inclusive, holistic and open about how your programme fits into your wider university experience and your ambitions for your future – below are Statements of Intent to explain how you will experience these critical learning themes. Each section offers a brief explanation of the theme, why it is important, and how your programme addresses these. |
| Widening Participation Higher education has a vital role in improving social mobility and BCU’s Strategic Plan highlights the importance of our responsibilities in regards to supporting economic, social and cultural improvement in the city region. We are committed to providing access, retention and progression for students from disadvantaged backgrounds and underrepresented groups. We do this by forging strong relationships with local colleges and schools, providing defined and clear progression routes to facilitate lifelong learning. The Schools and Colleges Liaison team plays an important role here in ensuring that talented students are attracted to the right programmes, regardless of their background. They work proactively with schools and colleges to provide master classes and campus visits.In the Faculty, our open days provide plenty of encouragement for applicants from all backgrounds to access the University and we provide bursaries to support students progressing from our partner colleges and schools. A significant number of our students are classified as ‘mature’ (over 21) and we try to deliver our programme flexibly to help students with families or other commitments.We also go to great efforts to support students during their time at BCU. All students are allocated a personal tutor and students can access a range of additional support through ASK, the University's integrated and confidential student enquiry service. Essentially, ASK is a one-stop-shop for student queries, linking students with advice on health and wellbeing, careers, finances, visas, and student records.Inclusivity We make every effort to ensure that BCU is an inclusive environment, where explicit consideration is given to the full diversity of our students. We provide an environment which is compliant with the requirements of the Equality Act (2010). Our curriculum is designed to ensure that all students succeed to their potential, regardless of any protected characteristics (disability, sexuality, religion, gender and/or other socio-cultural identities). Most importantly, we recognise that diversity leads to a richer learning experience for all. The University statement on Equal Opportunities can be found via the following link. <http://www.bcu.ac.uk/cmsproxyimage?path=/_media/docs/equal-opportunities-statement-jan%202012.pdf> Information & Digital Literacy  JISC define digital literacies as 'those capabilities which fit an individual for living, learning and working in a digital society'. This goes beyond the ability to use technology effectively and asks us to consider the journey of many of our students as 'digital natives', in addition to supporting the development of those students who have not yet acquired these skills. As a student, you are expected to have high levels of Digital & Information Literacy both at University and outside; it is an essential ‘life skill’ to be able to access, process and assimilate information in the broadest sense. The ability to articulate that information and to construct new understanding is also critical to graduate success. Through your programme, you are encouraged to recognise different types of information and resources, to develop your ability to question the validity of that information or resource, and to recognise the importance of both print and online resources to facilitate development of your own knowledge.Sustainability & Global Citizenship  BCU is committed to integrating sustainability into the curriculum. The notion that we should all seek to find ways to support reduce waste, increase recycling, and lower levels of environmental impact will be familiar, but this is a narrow view of sustainability. Our curriculum also considers sustainability in terms of its connection with Global Citizenship. The United Nations define Global Citizenship in education as; 'enabling students to develop the attributes, behaviours and skills needed to work and live in a way that safeguards ecological, social and economic wellbeing, both in the present and for future generations’. We encourage our students to live and work more sustainably whilst recognising the impact that their decisions, and actions, have on the local, national and global communities to which they belong.We have made a commitment as an institution to create graduates with a global outlook (Graduate Attributes) and each of our programmes will now include an internationalised programme aim - the inclusion of sustainability within that is a logical connection. The Faculty and Programme demonstrates internationalisation by:  * + Using cultural and international experiences or knowledge as a learning resource   + Encouraging intercultural experiences, partnerships and collaborations   + Contributing to international scholarly activity and knowledge exchange   + Embedding and debating global exemplars and perspectives in the curriculum   + Providing and promoting a range of accessible opportunities for the international and intercultural learning   + Facilitating on going intercultural and international dialogue and partnerships   + Proactively developing inclusive learning outcome, practices, skills, and/or attitudes appropriate for diverse societies, culture and individuals.   + Adapting the content, language pace and modes of delivery and assessment to the learning context and the diversity of learners   + Viewing and utilising the diversity of the academic community (whether differences in cultural and educational backgrounds, country of origin or languages spoken) as a key learning resource   + Using flexible and inclusive approaches that appreciate and respect individual differences in knowledge, education and culture.  Student Engagement  BCU is renowned across the sector for its commitment and approach to Student Engagement, which aligns with Aim 5 of BCU’s Strategic Plan ‘we will become recognised as the sector leader for student engagement’. We are committed to the notion that your full participation in all aspects of University life facilitates a more coherent, active and vibrant learning community, which increases your sense of ownership of your learning experience (both at programme and institutional level) which in simple terms, leads to better student satisfaction levels. For example, there are significant opportunities for you to participate in OpportUNIty student engagement initiatives, which operate through a partnership between the University and Students’ Union. The aim is to enable students to work as co-designers and collaborators with staff on projects that strengthen the development of the University learning community and enhance the student experience; offering support for Student Academic Partner (SAP) projects and for initiatives around Student Academic Mentoring (StAMP). Our Student Engagement Policy gives further insights to the University's expectation of what engagement should like and feel like for students at both undergraduate and postgraduate level.Partnership Engagement  Engagement with partners is a key BCU priority which features strongly in BCU’s 2020 Strategic Plan. Our partners are students, as are the wider educational community, and external stakeholders such as employers and cultural/social organisations. Through our partnership working, we aspire to be recognised in the region as a collaborator supporting economic, social and cultural improvement in the city region. Our students are our most important partners and we try to involve students in every level of decision making within the University. We are committed to building on the strong partnerships with education providers in the city and region and try to be pro-active in developing relationships with our local schools and colleges. Employers are particularly valued partners, advising us on our curriculum developments, providing work experience opportunities for you and contributing to your learning and teaching activities. Our overseas partnerships often result in opportunities for you to mix with students from different countries and to gain different perspectives, as well as opportunities to undertake a period of study overseas.Induction & Transition  Coming to University for the first time is exciting but it is also very different from attending school or college. Our induction and transition support helps you to adapt to the different experiences you will have, enabling you to develop independent learning skills that enable you to be successful on your programme and prepare you for graduate level employment/further study. If you’re new to the University or programme, you’ll participate in an interactive induction which will give you a chance to get to know your fellow students, your personal tutor, your programme and your University. Throughout the course, but especially during the first few weeks of study your tutors will use their wealth of experience to support you in developing your study skills and settling into your programme and university life. When returning in your second or later years of study, you’ll participate in a transition programme, ensuring that you are fully prepared for the higher level work required each year and reminding you of the support services available to you throughout your studies.Progression & Retention  We want all students to succeed to the best of their ability so that you stay at BCU and progress through the different stages of your programme. We try to provide the best learning and assessment experiences we can to help you achieve this. Your education is a partnership. We can provide you with learning materials, guidance and stimuli, but you won’t succeed unless you engage with the University and take full advantage of everything it has to offer. For this reason, we do monitor your attendance and try to help if we notice you are not attending regularly.Support & Personal Tutoring  Every student has a Personal Tutor. Your Personal Tutor is there to advise you on your academic progress and can also direct you to additional help, if you need it. You can expect to meet your Personal Tutor for formal meetings three times a year but he or she will also be available if you need additional help or guidance. In addition, every School also has a Student Success Adviser, a recent graduate who has also experienced life as a BCU student. If you are having any problems, your Student Success Adviser can also help you. The University as a whole offers an array of support, such as the Centre for Academic Success, Careers, Chile Care, Finance/Money Matters, Health and Wellbeing, Visas and Immigration, and Student Mentoring. All of these services can be accessed direct or via our ‘one stop shop’, ASK.Personal Development Planning Personal Development Planning (PDP) enables you to be in control of your own future by reflecting on your progress so far and making changes for the future. In BCU, we provide structured opportunities for you to become more self-aware, more aware of how to learn and how to improve personal performance, and more able to cope with the transition to your chosen career.Employability (incl. Birmingham City University Graduate Attributes)  BCU programmes aim to provide graduates with a set of attributes which prepare them for their future careers.The BCU Graduate:  * + is professional and work ready   + is a creative problem solver   + is enterprising   + has a global outlook  The Faculty of Business, Law and Social Sciences is committed to practice-led learning and teaching that will give you experiences of the world of work through a range of activities which could include work placements, voluntary work, live projects, problem-solving, case studies, visits to businesses and social enterprises (there are no extra costs to students for trips of this nature). These experiences will provide you contribute towards the BCU Graduate Attributes that will prepare you for graduate level employment.In addition, the University has introduced the BCU Graduate+ programme, which is an extra-curricular awards framework that is designed to augment the subject based skills that you develop through your programme with broader employability skills and techniques that will enhance your employment options when you leave university. The key components of the programme are:  * + A personalised approach for each student;   + Each student to complete a range of activities and build CPD points towards completion of the award. Recognised activities will include cross-university opportunities, careers development, ‘employability’ activities delivered within Faculties, part-time work experience, volunteering and community action.   + All elements will be clearly linked to the University’s new graduate attributes |

## Section Two

This section addresses the key regulatory and quality assurance requirements for validation. The programme learning map tracks the programme level learning outcomes, credit structure and (where appropriate) KIS data, assessment and feedback scope and forms, module delivery mode and module learning outcomes, and any exit awards that are possible from the programme.

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| **Level 4** Core Modules | **Introduction to Financial Accounting** | **Business Foundations** | **Principles of Economics** | **Applied Accounting** | **Introduction to Management Accounting** | **Financial Information Systems** |
| Credit level (ECTS value) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) |
| Study Time (%) S/DI/PL | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 |
| Assessment method | Moodle Quizzes (30%)  Examination (70%) | Patchwork (100%) | In Class Test (100%) | Group Presentation (30%)  Examination (70%) | Meeting and Reflection (25%)  Examination 75% | Portfolio (100%) |
| Assessment scope | 5 Quizzes, 10 Qs each  2hr Closed Book Exam | 3,000 words equivalent | 1.5 hr closed book | 15 minutes per group  2 hr closed book | 15 minute meeting, 1,000 word reflection, 2 hour exam | 1,000 word report, 50 minute Excel assessment, 50 minute Sage/Eikon assessment. |
| Assessment week | Quizzes: 4/6/8/10/12  Examination:14/15 | Patchwork: 13 | Examination: 14/15 | Presentation: 11  Examination: 14/15 | Meeting: 9  Examination: 14/15 | Report: 13  Excel: 5  Sage/Eikon: 14/15 |
| Feedback scope | Quiz: Immediate  EXM: On request | CWK: 20 days | EXM: On request | CWK: 20 days  EXM: On request | CWK: 20 days  EXM: On request | CWK: 20 days |
| Delivery mode | Standard Blended | Standard Blended | Standard Blended | Standard Blended | Standard Blended | Standard Blended |
| Learning Outcomes | 1 Explain the purpose of financial accounting, demonstrate the ability to use double entry to record transactions. | 1 Explain the complimentary roles of the key functional areas of marketing, operations, and finance within a given organisation. | 1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the fundamental economic principles, theories and models. | 1 Interpret published financial information. | 1 Explain the nature of costs and employ a range of cost accounting techniques in order to account for materials, labour and overheads. | 1 Explain the types, purpose, benefits as well as the risks and the costs of financial information systems. |
| 2 Using relevant accounting concepts including prepayments, accruals and depreciation, prepare a trial balance. | 2 Describe how a business creates value from its inputs through to its outputs | 2 Demonstrate an ability to analyse a range of contemporary economic issues and problems through the application of relevant economic theory. | 2 Apply and discuss the principles of appropriate accounting standards including the regulatory framework. | 2 Prepare, interpret and reconcile profit statements using different costing systems. | 2 Analyse and explain the financial information system requirements of a particular organisation and recommend the financial information system improvements relevant to that organisation. |
| 3 Prepare simple financial statements for sole proprietorship accounts. | 3 Reflect on personal academic and professional development needs. | 3 Evaluate the impact that external micro-, macro- and international economic environments have on the activities and performance of businesses. | 3 Apply accounting principles to the preparation of financial statements. | 3 Produce a range of budgets for an organisation and discuss the benefits and relevance of budget preparation in decision making. | 3 Input, manipulate data and extract information from Microsoft Office Excel software. |
|  | 4 Apply key transferrable skills to experiential business situations |  |  | 4 Present and interpret information in a range of forms to allow informed decisions to be made. | 4 Input, manipulate data and extract information from a discipline specific financial software. |
| Programme Aim Links | 1🗹 2🗹 3🞏 4🗹 5🞏 | 1🗹 2🗹 3🗹 4🗹 5🞏 | 1🗹 2🞏 3🗹 4🞏 5🗹 | 1🗹 2🗹 3🞏 4🗹 5🞏 | 1🗹 2🗹 3🞏 4🗹 5🞏 | 1🗹 2🗹 3🞏 4🗹 5🞏 |
| Linked PSRB (if appropriate) | ACCA, CIPFA, CIMA, ICAEW, IFA, CPA Australia, AAT, ICAS. |  | ACCA, CIPFA, CIMA, ICAEW, IFA, CPA Australia, AAT, ICAS. | ACCA, CIPFA, CIMA, ICAEW, IFA, CPA Australia, AAT, ICAS. | ACCA, CIPFA, CIMA, ICAEW, IFA, CPA Australia, AAT, ICAS. | ACCA, CIPFA, CIMA, ICAEW, IFA, CPA Australia, AAT, ICAS. |

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| **Level 4 Programme** | | | | | |
| Entry Requirements and pre-requisites, co-requisites & exclusions | Accreditation of Prior Experience or Learning (APEL) | Study Time Breakdown | | | Exit award(s) |
| GCSE English and Maths (or equivalent) C or Above.  **AND**  Equivalent of 112 UCAS points (excluding General Studies, Critical Thinking and Health and Social Care).  **OR**  GCSE English and Maths (or equivalent) C or Above.  **AND**  AAT Level 3. | Appropriate experience may be considered for mature students in lieu of academic qualifications. | **Scheduled** learning and teaching activities  (including time constrained blended or directed tasks, pre-sessional and post-sessional tasks) | | 35% | Cert HE Accounting |
| **Guided Independent** learning (including non-time constrained blended tasks & reading and assessment preparation) | | 65% |
| **Placement** (including external activity and study abroad) | | 0% |
| **Impact of options** (indicate if/how optional choices will have a significant impact) | None at Level 4. | |

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| **Level 5** Core Modules | **Decision Making for Business and Finance** | **Business Operations** | **Strategic Development** | **Ethics, Corporate Governance and Law** |  |  |
| Credit level (ECTS value) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) |  |  |
| Study Time (%) S/DI/PL | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 |  |  |
| Assessment method | Reflections (25%)  Examination (75%) | Group Presentation (25%)  Examination (75%) | Essay (25%)  Examination (75%) | Group Video Presentation (25%)  Examination (75%) |  |  |
| Assessment scope | 2 Reflections 500 words each  2 hour closed book exam | 15 minute presentation  2 hour closed book exam | 1,000 word essay  2 hour closed book exam | 5 minute group presentation  1.5 hour closed book exam |  |  |
| Assessment week | Reflections: 4 and 10  Examination: 14/15 | Group Presentation: 12  Examination: 14/15 | Essay: 5  Examination: 14/15 | Video Presentation: 13  Examination: 14/15 |  |  |
| Feedback scope | CWK: 20 days  EXM: On request | CWK: 20 days  EXM: On request | CWK: 20 days  EXM: On request | CWK: 20 days  EXM: On request |  |  |
| Delivery mode | Standard Blended | Standard Blended | Standard Blended | Standard Blended |  |  |
| Learning Outcomes | 1 Apply variance analysis techniques, interpret and use the results to make appropriate business recommendations. | 1 Evaluate the role and contribution of the operations function in modern businesses | 1 Differentiate between the different approaches for Strategic Development. | 1 Explain how the law determines the validity of contract law and how to manage both termination / breaches and identify the essential elements of the English legal System & tort of negligence. |  |  |
| 2 Select, apply and appraise short term business and finance decision making techniques to a range of business scenarios. | 2 Demonstrate an understanding of business operations’ theories, concepts and practices. | 2 Apply the key Strategic Analysis models. | 2 Differentiate between different types of business organisations and evaluate the law relating to Financing and management of companies. |  |  |
| 3 Select, apply and appraise long term business and finance decision making techniques to a range of business scenarios. | 3 Apply theoretical principles, tools and concepts to business operation problems to deliver sustainable performance. | 3 Apply the key Strategic Choice models. | 3 Demonstrate an understanding of management of Directors & employees within a businesses, recognising the consequences of any wrongful and fraudulent activity, from a legal perspective. |  |  |
| 4 Critically reflect upon current financial decision making techniques. | 4 Using theoretical principles, tools and concepts establish how relationships in the supply chain can be managed. | 4 Analyse and recommend an appropriate Strategic Implementation strategy. | 4 Investigate the meaning, theories, structures and rules of corporate governance and ethics and create a report on an aspect of the interplay of governance and ethics. |  |  |
| Programme Aim Links | 1🗹 2🗹 3🞏 4🗹 5🞏 | 1🗹 2🗹 3🗹 4🗹 5🞏 | 1🗹 2🗹 3🗹 4🗹 5🞏 | 1🗹 2🗹 3🗹 4🗹 5🞏 |  |  |
| Linked PSRB (if appropriate) | ACCA, CIPFA, CIMA, ICAEW, IFA, CPA Australia, ICAS. | CIMA. | ICAEW, ICAS, CIPFA. | ACCA, CIPFA, CIMA, ICAEW, IFA, CPA Australia, ICAS. |  |  |

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| **Level 5** Optional Modules | **Financial Reporting** | **Contemporary Business: Practice and Solutions** | **Microeconomics** | **Principles of Taxation** | **Econometrics** | **Study Abroad** |
| Credit level (ECTS value) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) |
| Study Time % S/DI/PL | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 | 00/100/00 |
| Assessment method | Report (25%)  Examination (75%) | Portfolio (100%) | Examination (100%) | Group Presentation (30%)  Examination (70%) | Technical Report (100%) | Digital Story and Narrative (100%) |
| Assessment scope | 1,000 word report  2 hour closed book exam | Analysis of Fortune Global 500 business, group debate and reflective paper. | 1.5 hour closed book exam | 15 minutes + 5 minutes Q&A  3 hour closed book exam | 3,000 word technical report | 3,000 words or equivalent |
| Assessment week | Report: 7  Examination: 14/15 | Report: 7  Examination: 14/15 | Examination: 14/15 | Presentation: 8  Examination: 14/15 | Report: 13/14/15 | Digital Story: 13/14/15 |
| Feedback scope | CWK: 20 days  EXM: On request | CWK: 20 days  EXM: On request | EXM: On request | CWK: 20 days  EXM: On request | CWK: 20 days | CWK: 20 days |
| Delivery mode | Standard Blended | Standard Blended | Standard Blended | Standard Blended | Standard Blended | Standard Blended |
| Learning Outcomes | 1 Evaluate the performance and position of a company and advise stakeholders on appropriate courses of action. | 1 Choose and apply appropriate conceptual strategic management models and frameworks to analyse differing external environment and organisational scenarios. | 1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of microeconomic concepts, theories and models at an intermediate level. | 1 Evaluate theories of taxation, illustrate the principal types of direct and indirect tax policy and appraise the objectives of a tax system within a country. | 1 Understand the econometric analysis involved in the building of linear regression models. | 1 Examine a disciplinary topic within an international setting. |
| 2 Prepare published financial statements from trial balance including a statement of cash flow and a statement of changes in equity in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. | 2 Generate, evaluate and justify specific views for differing organisational scenarios. | 2 Apply knowledge to specific situations, using appropriate economic models, solve microeconomic problems using mathematical and graphical methods, analyse and evaluate evidence and arguments related to policy recommendations. | 2 Calculate and explain the basis of calculation of direct tax liabilities for individuals and identify the impact of compliance and ethical issues on individuals and the performance of tax work. | 2 Apply the econometric analysis performing appropriate statistical tests. | 2 Reflect on the impact of the international experience on the ‘self’. |
| 3 Analyse and apply International Financial Reporting Standards in the context of the IASB’s Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting and professional and ethical standards. | 3 Construct and defend arguments regarding specific Contemporary Issues; Research an Industry for dynamics, Key Success Factors, etc. | 3 Develop skills to undertake further economic courses equipping students with the knowledge and analytical skills to design and critically evaluate public policies. | 3 Calculate and explain the basis of calculation of direct and indirect tax liabilities for businesses. | 3 Appraise the results of regression models run using a statistical software. | 3 Create a digital story suitable for a range of audiences. |
| 4 Apply ratio analysis to company financial statements and explain the limitation of these techniques. | 4 Discuss knowledgeably current business issues with business managers and demonstrate this knowledge and understanding through an assessed reflective paper. |  |  | 4 Demonstrate skills in problem solving and technical report writing. |  |
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| **Level 5 Programme** | | | | | |
| Entry Requirements and pre-requisites, co-requisites & exclusions | Accreditation of Prior Experience or Learning (APEL) | Study Time Breakdown | | | Exit award(s) |
| GCSE English and Maths (or equivalent) C or Above.  **AND**  Equivalent of 112 UCAS points (excluding General Studies, Critical Thinking and Health and Social Care).  **AND**  CertHE in relevant subject area with significant accounting content and an average mark of 50 or above.  **OR**  GCSE English and Maths (or equivalent) C or Above.  **AND**  AAT Level 4 / CIMA Certificate in Business Accounting / ICAEW Certificate in Finance, Accounting and Business / ACCA F1, F2 and F3.  **OR**  GCSE English and Maths (or equivalent) C or Above.  **AND**  BTEC Higher National in Business (Pearson) (Merit securing exemptions from ACCA F1 – F3) | In exceptional circumstances relevant work experience may be considered in lieu of formal Level 4 qualifications. | **Scheduled** learning and teaching activities  (including time constrained blended or directed tasks, pre-sessional and post-sessional tasks) | | 35% | Dip HE Business Accounting  Cert HE Accounting |
| **Guided Independent** learning (including non-time constrained blended tasks & reading and assessment preparation) | | 65% |
| **Placement** (including external activity and study abroad) | | 0% |
| **Impact of options** (indicate if/how optional choices will have a significant impact) | Choice of options will impact professional exemptions available. | |

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| **Level 6** Core Modules | **Integrated Business Research Project** | **e-Business** | **UK and Global Accounting Issues** |  |  |  |
| Credit level (ECTS value) | 40 (20) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) |  |  |  |
| Study Time (%) S/DI/PL | 10/90/00 | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 |  |  |  |
| Assessment method | Presentation (25%)  Project (75%) | Assignment (100%) | Portfolio (100%) |  |  |  |
| Assessment scope | 6,000 word project | 3,000 word assignment | 1,500 word report  1,500 word poster/reflection |  |  |  |
| Assessment week |  | Assignment: 13 | Individual Report: 7  Poster and Reflection: 13 |  |  |  |
| Feedback scope | CWK: 20 days | CWK: 20 days | CWK: 20 days |  |  |  |
| Delivery mode | Standard Blended | Standard Blended | Standard Blended |  |  |  |
| Learning Outcomes | 1 At the end of the module you should be able to identify, determine and justify a disciplinary-relevant project, including its aims, scopes and objectives. | 1 Analyse & classify an organisation’s current E - business Strategy, identifying their strengths and weaknesses relative to those of their direct competitors. | 1 Summarise a range of current issues in company reporting. |  |  |  |
| 2 You should be able to self-manage research, including managing the supervisory process and reflecting critically on the work undertaken. | 2 To be able to choose and recommend effective E – business strategies for the delivery of products and services to increase market share and sustainability. | 2. Critically evaluate current company reporting research in a national and international context. |  |  |  |
| 3 There should be understanding of how to identify and synthesise the relevant conceptual and methodological techniques from the degree programme, using a range of sources and data, applying them to them to a particular topic, case or organisation. | 3 Demonstrate understanding of concepts, theories, frameworks and principles for e – commerce and e – business and their competent use. | 3 Critically evaluate different international approaches to company reporting which arise from diverse legal and economic systems. |  |  |  |
| 4 You should be able to show and review the results or the project, including drawing appropriate conclusions and recommendations, and assessing their impacts. |  | 4 Analyse the impact of different cultures on financial reporting behaviour. |  |  |  |
| Programme Aim Links | 1🗹 2🗹 3🗹 4🗹 5🞏 | 1🗹 2🗹 3🗹 4🗹 5🗹 | 1🗹 2🗹 3🞏 4🗹 5🗹 |  |  |  |
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| **Level 6** Optional Modules | **Strategic Management Accounting** | **Taxation** | **Not For Profit Accounting and Reporting** | **Project Management** | **International Business** |  |
| Credit level (ECTS value) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) | 20 (10) |  |
| Study Time % S/DI/PL | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 | 35/65/00 |  |
| Assessment method | Group Report (25%)  Examination (75%) | Group Essay/Report (25%)  Examination (75%) | Group Report (25%)  Examination (75%) | Project Paper (25%)  Examination (75%) | Management Report (100%) |  |
| Assessment scope | 3,000 word group report  3 hour closed book exam | 3,000 word group essay/report  3 hour closed book exam | 3,000 word group report  2 hour closed book exam | 1,000 word project paper  3 hour closed book exam | 3,000 word report |  |
| Assessment week | Group Report: 9  Examination: 14/15 | Group Essay/Report: 8  Examination: 14/15 | Group Report: 7  Examination: 14/15 | Project Paper: 13  Examination: 14/15 | Management Report: 13 |  |
| Feedback scope | CWK: 20 days  EXM: On request | CWK: 20 days  EXM: On request | CWK: 20 days  EXM: On request | CWK: 20 days  EXM: On request | CWK: 20 days |  |
| Delivery mode | Standard Blended | Standard Blended | Standard Blended | Standard Blended | Standard Blended |  |
| Learning Outcomes | 1 Differentiate between and critically apply a variety of strategic cost accounting techniques. | 1 Critically evaluate and appraise principal aspects of tax policy initiatives or tax reliefs and provide recommendations and advice in a professional format. | 1 Differentiate between public and charitable organisations and evaluate the context in which the not for profit sector operates. | 1 Synthesise a range of data to argue the business case for change. | 1 Critique the dominant theories of international business. |  |
| 2 Advise and recommend appropriate courses of action based on a range of financial and non-financial information. | 2 Evaluate and prepare appropriate taxation advice with supporting schedules and computations. Recognise and advise upon compliance and ethical issues arising in respect of the performance of tax work. | 2 Demonstrate appropriate and well developed skills in researching, developing and recommending proposals for business development in the not for profit sector. | 2 Assemble a project plan using project management theory, concepts and tools which justifies and sets out the processes required for effective change. | 2 Evaluate the attributes and impacts of multinational firms. |  |
| 3 Critically analyse and apply a range of strategic management accounting techniques used in performance management strategies. | 3 Discriminate between a variety of tax situations for individuals, and businesses and prepare computations for income taxes and capital taxes. | 3 Prepare and explain accounting information and financial statements for small organisations operating within the not for profit sector. | 3 Appraise the attributes required of a project manager within the context of the organisational setting given. | 3 Assess the impacts of global competition and institutional differences on businesses. |  |
| 4 Evaluate divisional performance using a range of measurement techniques including transfer pricing strategies. | 4 Compute direct and indirect taxes for incorporated businesses and recognise the impact of groups and overseas aspects of corporate tax. | 4 Analyse, interpret and make appropriate recommendations on the financial statements of not for profit organisations. | 4 Critique the use of project vendor software. | 4 Construct business model for international expansion. |  |
| Programme Aim Links | 1🗹 2🗹 3🞏 4🗹 5🞏 | 1🗹 2🗹 3🞏 4🗹 5🗹 | 1🗹 2🗹 3🗹 4🗹 5🞏 | 1🗹 2🗹 3🗹 4🗹 5🗹 | 1🗹 2🗹 3🗹 4🗹 5🗹 |  |
| Linked PSRB (if appropriate) | ACCA, CIMA, CIPFA | ACCA, ICAEW | CIPFA | CIMA, CIPFA. |  |  |

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| **Level 6 Programme** | | | | | |
| Entry Requirements and pre-requisites, co-requisites & exclusions | Accreditation of Prior Experience or Learning (APEL) | Study Time Breakdown | | | Exit award(s) |
| GCSE English and Maths (or equivalent) C or Above.  **AND**  DipHE in relevant subject area with significant accounting content and an average mark of 50 or above. | In exceptional circumstances relevant work experience may be considered in lieu of formal Level 5 qualifications, though this is rare at this level. | **Scheduled** learning and teaching activities  (including time constrained blended or directed tasks, pre-sessional and post-sessional tasks) | | 35% | BSc (Hons) Business Accounting  BSc (Hons) Business Accounting (Sandwich)  BSc Business Accounting (Ordinary Degree)  Dip HE Business Accounting  Cert HE Accounting |
| **Guided Independent** learning (including non-time constrained blended tasks & reading and assessment preparation) | | 65% |
| **Placement** (including external activity and study abroad) | | 0% |
| **Impact of options** (indicate if/how optional choices will have a significant impact) | Option choices will impact on professional exemptions available. | |

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| Additional Information |
| This programme is aligned to the professional syllabi of a wide range of professional accountancy bodies. Exact exemptions gained vary depending on the modules selected and the latest version of the professional syllabi.  All students studying this programme will have an optional placement year after the second year of study. |

## Section Three