

# BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance

<b>Applications:</b>	For full-time study please apply through UCAS Institution code: B25 Course code: NN43
<b>Duration:</b>	Three years (Four years with placement year)
<b>Location:</b>	Curzon Building, City Centre Campus

## WHY CHOOSE US?

- This course is accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), the Chartered Institute of Management Accounting (CIMA) and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). You can gain exemptions from these professional bodies.
- Professional accountancy at Birmingham City Business School is internationally recognised – we are a Platinum Approved learning partner of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).
- You can gain full membership of the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT), provided you undertake an appropriate placement.
- 99 per cent of students were satisfied overall with this course [Source: National Student Survey, 2014].
- 96 per cent of student felt that staff are good at explaining things [Source: National Student Survey, 2014].
- Co-curricular activity with our Leadership Challenge programme provides you with the opportunity to develop your skills and work on real life projects.
- There is no fee for the additional placement year.
- You will have the chance to listen to high profile guest speakers who will share their experience and insight, to help you further understand your chosen field.
- Students who have previously studied on this course have gone on to work at companies such as: PricewaterhouseCoopers, Ernst & Young, National Grid and Kraft Foods.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least 280 UCAS points obtained from a minimum of one 12-unit or two six-unit A Levels, plus at least two GCSEs at grade C or above, including English language and mathematics or equivalent qualifications.

Please note: You must already have the required GCSE grades stated above at the point of application.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

- This course uses practical skills and reflection techniques to introduce you to accounting and finance, and provides you with a foundation of business knowledge and skills in both a national and international context.
- It allows you to build a theoretical underpinning of the subjects, and gain critical and analytical techniques to create and interpret vital financial statements and economic performances of any business.
- BA (Hons) Accountancy and BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance share a core first year so you could transfer from one course to another at the end of the year.
- With our practice-based approach to teaching, you will have the chance to learn from experienced academics from industry, and undertake projects and activities to bring the subjects to life. This includes the CIMA Global Business Challenge.



## COURSE STRUCTURE

FIRST YEAR		
Autumn	Spring	Credits
Business Economics and Law		30
Fundamentals of Financial Accounting		30
Fundamentals of Management Accounting		30
Professional and Financial Skills		30
SECOND YEAR		
Autumn	Spring	Credits
Management Accounting Applications		30
Financial Reporting		30
Taxation		30
Business Finance Decisions	Principles of Audit and Assurance	15 each
OPTIONAL PLACEMENT YEAR		
THIRD YEAR		
Autumn	Spring	Credits
<i>In the final year you undertake a choice of modules totalling 60 credits from the list below. (The modules stated as 'core' are compulsory).</i>		
Statistical Decision Making	Statistical Modelling	15 each
Comparative Financial Systems	International Corporate Finance	15 each
Advanced Financial Reporting (core)		30
Final Strategy (Core)		30
Managing Performance (core)		30
Comparative International Reporting	Current Issues in Company Reporting	15 each
Placement Project		30
Dissertation (not available if you take a Placement Project)		30

## ASSESSMENT

You will encounter various assessment methods, including group work and reports, oral presentations and computer-based work, as well as academic essays.

Professional accountancy bodies generally expect assessment by written, 'closed book' examinations for exemption purposes.

## WORK PLACEMENTS

As part of this course, you have the opportunity to undertake a placement year in an industry of your choice. Full support with applications and interviews will be given by the placements office.

## FURTHER STUDY

Should you want to further your study, the business school offers a range of postgraduate courses such as MSc Accountancy and Finance, ACCA, MBA, MSc Leadership and Organisational Performance, MSc Management programmes and many more.

## EMPLOYABILITY

There are a range of activities available to improve your employability skills such as the Leadership Challenge and your placement year. You can also earn while you learn with the on campus 'OpportUNITY – Student Jobs on Campus' scheme and Student Academic Partnership projects.

Graduates have been able to pursue careers in a wide range of roles including treasury management, pension and mortgage advisers, financial representatives, auditors and accountants.

## FIND OUT MORE

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