

Birmingham City Business School



Full-time MSc Accountancy and Finance Suite of Programmes

Professionally recognised qualifications to enhance
your career in the field of accountancy

ABOUT BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY

Birmingham City University is one of the biggest universities in the UK. Students are attracted from all backgrounds, from across the region, the UK and the rest of the world – with significant numbers from the Far East, Africa and the Indian subcontinent.

As one of the city's largest employers, with 2,400 staff and releasing a total of nearly 7,000 graduates into the workforce each year, we are helping to drive forward the region's economy.

Teaching and learning remain our core business, producing graduates that are ready for the modern workplace. This is achieved by our 'learning by doing' approach which gives students the opportunity to get involved in real-life projects and encourages teaching staff to remain engaged with industry by working closely with employers.

ABOUT BIRMINGHAM CITY BUSINESS SCHOOL

Whether you've taken your first steps in a business career, or have a good degree but want to focus your knowledge into a specific field; Birmingham City Business School (BCBS) offers a wide range of flexible full-time and part-time postgraduate courses, research degrees and professional short courses that help you go further.

BCBS is internationally recognised and is carving out a niche reputation as a leading practice-based Business School. There are approximately 100 full-time members of academic staff as well as a significant number of associates and visiting Professors from industry who contribute to programme delivery – making the academic experience as enriching as possible.

The School has close working relationships with employers and major professional bodies to ensure that programmes are leading edge and delivering graduates able to make a mark in their chosen career.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY ABOUT US

"There is a good mix of assessment and a broad range of topics from all areas of accountancy and finance – which keeps everyone interested throughout the course. It is challenging but is extremely rewarding – as the exemptions mean that you won't have to study after completion!"

Rajdeep Gill - MSc Accountancy and Finance



MSc Accountancy and Finance (ACCA pathway)

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

- For those wishing to extend their academic training, whilst continuing to study towards becoming ACCA qualified.
- Offers you the chance to enhance and focus your knowledge, skills and career prospects.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

- This course fits smoothly alongside the Professional Level Syllabus of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), one of the leading worldwide professional accountancy qualifications.
- Birmingham City University has been awarded Platinum status by ACCA for excellence in tuition provision for professional programmes.

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Offers a deep understanding of the theory behind best practice and financial decision-making at a strategic level in the business world, and finance and accountancy roles in particular.
- Offers relevance and rigour, believes in putting theory into practice, and prepares you to face your future with confidence and authority.
- Results in a Master's level qualification and prepares you for ACCA Professional Level examinations through additional tuition both in your group or working alongside students following the Platinum-kite marked ACCA part-time programme.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- Offers advanced preparation for career development by extending knowledge in the core areas of finance and accounting, and provides theoretical framework and analytical skills to cope with an increasingly complex and international business environment.
- Study alongside people from other countries, enabling you to develop your knowledge of the cultural implications of business practice.
- Enjoy small class sizes and comprehensive learner development support throughout the course.
- If your first language is not English, the course offers you the opportunity to develop a high level of proficiency in the international business language of English.

MSc Accountancy and Finance (CIMA pathway)

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

- For those wishing to extend their academic training, whilst continuing to study towards becoming CIMA qualified.
- If you hold UK or equivalent overseas degree in BA Accountancy or BA Accountancy and Finance or a relevant UK or overseas Business or Economics Degree with substantial modules in Accountancy (e.g. BCom from the University of Delhi, India)
- Anyone who already holds a CIMA Advanced Diploma in Management Accounting and now wishes to obtain a postgraduate university Masters academic qualification as well as complete accountancy professional training (especially if you did not take a graduate route and consequently do not hold a university bachelor's degree).
- It offers you the chance to enhance and focus your knowledge, skills and career prospects, as the combination of high-level professional and academic qualifications is a strong assertion of your tenacity, intellect and competence, and a highlight of your CV.

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Designed with academic rigour, professional relevance and a real commitment to employability, this course gives you the chance to study for a respected Master's degree and gain CIMA membership (please see website for further details).
- Covering key issues such as business management strategy; corporate governance and operations risk analysis; performance measurement and evaluation; strategic financial management; and operations and project management, the MSc brings you face-to-face with the challenges and opportunities of a dynamic contemporary sector.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- The course focuses on current and topical issues in accounting and finance, particularly related to corporate businesses, but also extending to investment analysis and portfolio management.
- You get the chance to study alongside people from other countries, enabling you to develop your knowledge of the cultural implications of business practice.
- You enjoy small class sizes and comprehensive learner development support throughout the course.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

- The course has been accredited by CIMA for exemptions from the Management and Strategic Levels Papers.

MSc Accountancy and Finance (Top Up)

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

- This Master's top-up reinforces your professional qualification with an in-depth understanding of the major finance theories behind strategic decision-making and this top-up course offers you additional insight and impetus for successful career progression.
- The course provides depth and professional relevance, and extends your understanding and critical awareness of the major finance theories which underpin a company's strategic financial decisions.

COURSE OVERVIEW

- It consists of one 'bridging' Finance module, a Research Skills module and a dissertation on an accounting and finance topic of your choice.
- It also gives you the chance to apply the knowledge and skills gained throughout your professional and postgraduate studies in the production of a substantial piece of research on an accounting or finance-related topic.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- On successful completion, you emerge with a more critical understanding of the empirical evidence relating to core financial theories, together with additional practical and transferable skills.
- It puts you in an excellent position to confidently approach and effectively perform in middle/senior management roles across different accounting and finance sectors.
- You get the chance to study alongside people from other countries, enabling you to develop your knowledge of the cultural implications of business practice.
- You enjoy small class sizes and comprehensive learner development support throughout the course.

WHAT NEXT?

- Take a look at our website www.bcu.ac.uk/bcbs and find out more about us and our courses – you may find that some of our courses offer a choice of full- or part-time study and, sometimes, the opportunity to start a course in January or February as well as the traditional September start.
- Visit us – every year the University holds Open Days in June and October. These give you the opportunity to talk to staff and students in person and have a tour round.
- Visit us virtually by registering for one of our online chat events and joining in the conversation – details of the latest events can be found at www.bcu.ac.uk/pgevents
- Make an application. Applications can be made using the online form. A link to the postgraduate application form is on all course profiles on our website www.bcu.ac.uk/bcbs

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The entry requirements for these courses include:

For the MSc Accountancy and Finance (ACCA Pathway):

- A good honours degree in accountancy, with ACCA accreditation for F1-F9,
- Or, ACCA Fundamental level papers F1-F9.

For the MSc Accountancy and Finance (CIMA Pathway):

- A good honours degree in accountancy, accountancy and finance, or a business related a degree with accountancy as a major.
- Or, CIMA Advanced Diploma in Management Accounting
- TAR College (Malaysia) Executive Development Programme – for Direct Entry into the Postgraduate Diploma Stage

For the MSc Accountancy and Finance (Top-up):

- Any CCAB accounting professional qualifications (ACCA, CIPFA, ACIEW, ACAS, and ACAI). Or equivalent overseas qualifications which have been fully recognised by any of the CCAB members or the University (Certified Public Accountants of Singapore ICPAS, Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants HKICPA and Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia ICA, which is also designated as CPA Australia).
- CIMA final stage examination completion and members.

All courses require an English Language qualification (for those where English is not your first language) of a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 average (minimum of 6.0 in all bands) or minimum TOEFL score of 575. Further details on entry requirements may be found on individual course profiles on our website: www.bcu.ac.uk/bcbs/courses/postgraduate-courses

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

A whole section of the University website is dedicated to the needs of international students. Should you want to find out more or complete the International Enquiry form, please visit www.bcu.ac.uk/international.

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