Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	**Course Title**	MSc Accounting and Financial Management
2	**BCU Course Code**	PT1233
3	**Awarding Institution**	Birmingham City University
4	**Teaching Institution(s)** (if different from point 3)	
5	**Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation** (if applicable)	

6	**Course Description**
	Looking for financial management courses in Birmingham? Our MSc Accounting and Financial Management degree is open to graduates from all subjects. The MSc Accounting and Financial Management course will build upon your existing graduate level knowledge and transferable skills base to enable progression to senior finance and accounting related roles within industry or commerce. The course is designed to equip you with technical knowledge and skills as well as a higher 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 utilising the strong financial expertise you will develop on the course. **What's covered in the course?** The accounting and financial management specialism of the course enables progression into a career requiring accounting and/or financial management and offers a conversion route for non-accounting graduates. As a highly flexible course, the MSc Accounting and Financial Management allows you to customise your pathway, selecting from a variety of modules in a range of disciplines to enable you to specialise in areas of most interest and relevance for your chosen career path. You'll be fully supported in making informed decisions about the modules you take. You'll develop your teamwork, IT, analytical and presentation skills whilst boosting your commercial acumen and awareness as you progress through this course which has employability at its heart and aims to equip you with the skills required of a demanding postgraduate role.

7	Course Awards		
7a	**Name of Final Award**	**Level**	**Credits Awarded**
	Master of Science Accounting and Finance Master of Science Accounting and Finance with Professional Placement	7 7	180 240
7b	**Exit Awards and Credits Awarded**		
	Postgraduate Certificate in Accounting and Finance Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting and Finance	7 7	60 120

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	Not applicable

9	Delivery Patterns			
Mode(s) of Study	**Location(s) of Study**	**Duration of Study**	**Code(s)**
Full Time	City Centre	1 year	PT1233
Full Time with Professional Placement September	City Centre (and placement provider)	18 months	PT1393

10	Entry Requirements
	The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/.

11	**Course Learning Outcomes**
Knowledge, Understanding and Cognitive Skills	
1	Critical awareness of the contexts in which accounting and financial management operates, a systematic understanding of organisations, their external context and how they are managed.
2	Knowledge, understanding and a critical appreciation of theories and empirical evidence concerning the contexts in which accounting and financial management operates.
3	Competent and critical understanding of research philosophy and methodology including detailed understanding of a specified area related to accounting and/or financial management.
Practical, Professional and Transferable Skills	
4	Use current technical language to describe practices relating to accounting, finance and financial management and apply them in structured and unstructured situations.
5	Record, report and summarise transactions and other aspects of finance, accounting and financial management, prepare financial statements and reports that demonstrate critical awareness of such techniques.
6	Critically analyse relevant aspects of an organisation including performing financial analyses and projections and the critical application of relevant knowledge to complex issues.
7	Make appropriate recommendations in various contexts based on an in-depth and critical understanding of aspects of financial management, finance and accounting.
8	Formulate a research proposal and implement it to produce an extended research report using qualitative and/or quantitative research techniques informed by a critical literature review and supported by a synthesis of relevant facts, concepts and theories.
Generic Skills, Abilities and Attributes	
9	Critical evaluation of arguments and evidence.
10	Independent and self-managed learning.
11	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.
12	Location, extraction and analysis of data from multiple sources, including acknowledging and referencing sources.
13	Numeracy, including the processing and analysis of financial and other numerical data and the appreciation of statistical concepts at an appropriate level.
14	Using contemporary information and communications technology for the acquisition, analysis and communication of information.
15	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.
16	Working with others (such as through small group projects).

12	**Course Requirements**

12a **Level 7:**

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 80 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ACC7032	Managerial Finance	20
ACC7031	Research Skills and Dissertation/Project	60

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 40 credits from the following indicative list of **Semester 1** ***OPTIONAL modules:***

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ACC7030	Project and Relationship Management	20
MAN7062	Security Analysis and Portfolio Management	20
ACC7024	Audit Theory and Practice	20

In *order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following indicative list of* Semester 2 *OPTIONAL modules:*

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
MAN7076	International Financial Strategy	20
ACC7036	Governance and Ethics	20
ACC7033	Global Finance	20
FIN7028	Islamic Social Finance	20

Level 6:
In order to qualify for the award of MSc Accounting and Financial Management with Professional Placement, a student must successfully complete all of the Level 7 modules listed above as well as the following Level 6 module:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
PLA6001	**Professional Placement**	**60**

12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

Trimester 1 Students will take Managerial Finance plus any 2 modules from the remaining 3.	**Trimester 2** Students will choose any 3 modules from 4.	**Trimester 3**
Managerial Finance (Core) (20 Credits)	**International Financial Strategy** (20 Credits)	**Research Skills and Dissertation/Project** (60 Credits)
Project and Relationship Management (20 Credits)	**Governance and Ethics** (20 Credits)	
Security Analysis and Portfolio Management (20 Credits)	**Global Finance** (20 Credits)	
Audit Theory and Practice (20 Credits)	**Islamic Social Finance** (20 Credits)	

With Professional Placement

Year 2

Trimester 1 and 2
PLA6002: Professional Placement (60 credits)

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 7

Workload

24% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	312
Directed Learning	384
Private Study	1104
Total Hours	1800

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage (approximate)
Coursework	69%
Exam	20%
In-Person	11%