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# **BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance (Top-Up)**

**1 year Full-Time classroom**

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**London Campus**

**Level of study: Undergraduate (Top Up)**

**Mode of study: Full-time**

**Duration: 1 year**

## **Overview**

This course will allow you to top up your existing qualifications to an honours degree in one year, while benefiting from all that University has to offer. You'll build on your all-round knowledge of business, adding expertise in accounting and finance as well as transferable professional and managerial techniques.

The course includes specialist modules that cover financial reporting analysis, strategic management accounting, and international financial management. The course provides an excellent foundation for jobs in finance, banking, government, and general business leadership.

## **Key facts**

- . Top-Up your Level 5 qualification to an undergraduate business degree in 1 year
- . Develop your understanding of contemporary issues in accounting and finance
- . Enhance your career through structured employability development
- . The Newcastle Business School is part of a select group of business schools worldwide, following accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) in business and accounting – the first in Europe to gain the double accreditation

Continue your studies with our 'Business with' Masters programmes when you pass with a 2:2 or above or specialise in either Business Analytics, Entrepreneurship, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Human Resource Management, International Management, Financial Management or Marketing Management

## **Course information**

**UCAS code: N440**



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**Level of study: Undergraduate (Top Up) degrees**

**Fees - contact us to find out about current fees for UK and EU students**

**Entry requirements: A HND (merit profile)/Foundation Degree (with 60% average) in a related discipline or equivalent**

**with GCSE Maths and English language at grade C or above IELTS 6.5 (or above) with no single element below 5.5 or equivalent. .**

**English language requirements: IELTS 6.5 (or above) with no single element below 5.5 or equivalent Mode of study: Full-time**

**Duration: 1 year**

**Assessment methods: Coursework**

**Scholarships or bursaries: available**

**Student finance: available**

**Payment plan: available**

**Starts: September**

### **About this course:**

#### **What will I study?**

The BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance degree, through a year of study in both core and specialist topics, builds to give you the Northumbria Graduate attributes. Throughout the year, you will become knowledgeable about the theory and practice of responsible business and management in an international context. This knowledge will be fostered through identification of contemporary professional accounting and finance practice in discipline specific modules, and cultivate an awareness of the cultural and ethical contexts within which international accounting and finance operates through problem based learning approaches.

The course includes specialist modules in Contemporary Corporate Reporting, Strategic Management Accounting, and International Finance and Financial Management. You will have access to first-hand experience of financial markets through use of financial databases such as FAME and OSIRIS, which are available through our library service.

You will develop skills critical thinking and writing techniques during the course of the year on specialised core modules,



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which focus on employability, and contemporary business issues. During these modules, you will develop personal applications, CVs and cover letters as part of overall career planning to promote future employability. You will be asked to prepare an independent review of the literature on a contemporary business issue of your choice (discipline specific), which will develop independent thinking and learning, whilst applying knowledge to specific business issues.

### **How will I be taught and assessed?**

You will be taught through a mix of lectures and seminars, though for the more technical aspects you will also attend computer-based workshops, totalling 9 hours per week. You will also be expected to engage in independent study involving directed and self-directed learning, around 40 hours per week.

### **Assessments take place through coursework only.**

You'll be taught by experienced lecturers and academics who use their industry experience to demonstrate how the theories you will learn translate in to real life situations.

Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) is embedded throughout the course with tools such as the 'Blackboard' eLearning Portal and electronic reading lists that will guide your preparation for seminars and independent research.

Each module will articulate through a teaching and learning plan a week-by-week diet of content, which will be supported by an eLearning portal, which will contain a variety of support and directed learning materials.

### **Careers and further study**

At the end of this course, you could follow previous graduates into accounting and finance roles, including training contracts with leading accounting practices. Equally, you could move into a range of careers in business and management, both in the UK and around the world.

Completion of the core module, Academic and Career Development, will result in an independently prepared career plan for all students, including preparation of key employment documents such as application forms, cover letters and CVs.

Whatever you decide to do, you will have strong employability as a result of having acquired the characteristics of a Northumbria graduate. These include critical reflection and self-learning, collaboration and curiosity, and the ability to apply your knowledge to solve problems in ways that are sustainable and ethical.

### **Entry requirements**

**Applicants should have the following:**

#### **Academic requirements**

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Students seeking to join the course as either direct or alternative applicants should seek approval of their HND or Foundation Degree prior to applying on UCAS. A list of modules is required as part of this approval process.

### **English language requirements**

Students require IELTS 6.5 (or above) with no single element below 5.5 or equivalent.

If you have IELTS 5.5 – 6.0, you may be eligible to join our Pre-Sessional English before starting this programme.

### **Modules**

All modules on this course are core.

#### **Academic and Career Development (20 credits)**

The overall aim of this module is to help you develop valuable knowledge and skills of the global graduate labour market drawing upon national and international exemplars. This enables you to explore key aspects of your knowledge, skills, personality, values, abilities and interests to enable you to make well-informed career choices, develop an appropriate long-term career plan and achieve the job and/or development you aim for.

#### **Strategic Management Accounting (20 credits)**

Traditional management accounting approaches could not readily adapt at the pace necessary to deal with changing contextual environments. As a result, the discipline came in for a barrage of sustained criticism and its continued relevance to organisations was questioned. Calls from the accounting profession and enlightened academics prompted a more strategic focus to reinvigorate and sustain the added value of the management accounting discipline.

Strategic management accounting was to evolve as a form of management accounting in which emphasis is placed on information which relates to factors external to the firm, as well as non-financial information and internally generated information. The concept has also broadened into areas of strategic control and change with impacts and implications practices of costing, management control systems, budgeting and integrated performance management systems, which are to be explored in this module.

#### **Contemporary Corporate Reporting (20 credits)**

The aim of this module is to equip you with the ability to comprehensively understand corporate reports. As end users of published financial statements, students must be able to critically evaluate the quality of the information given in these reports.

#### **Contemporary Issues in Business (20 credits)**

On this module, you will learn about critical thinking and reflection, and by doing so, you will develop the necessary critical skills to perform both of these effectively as a learner in higher education. You will learn about the necessary



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academic skills required to undertake a critical review of existing literature on a contemporary issue within the business and management disciplines. On completing this, you will be able to undertake a critical literature review on a subject appropriate to your degree programme.

### **Strategic Management and Corporate Responsibility (20 credits)**

You will learn how organisations can compete successfully in economic terms while managing their corporate, social and environmental responsibility. At the end of the module you will learn to critically evaluate the factors which underpin an organisation's success (or otherwise) in managing the triple bottom line and will have learned how to use appropriate frameworks to analyse research material and draw useful conclusions.

### **International Finance and Financial Management (20 credits)**

This module is designed to allow you to show an appreciation of some of the most pressing contemporary financial issues facing companies today in the international environment as well as to be able to apply the impact of these to the creation of wealth and value by managers.

### **Study Support (20 credits)**

The aim of this module is to facilitate the development of your independent learning over the one-year course. Induction and on-going personal support activities are to be phased in line with the academic development and the need to support the delivery of programme modules.

### **Academic Language Skills (0 credits)**

This module is designed to support your transition in the use and practice of technical language and subject specific skills around assessments and teaching provision in your chosen subject. Specifically, this module aims to develop your abilities to read and study effectively for academic purposes; to develop your skills in analysing and using source material in seminars and academic writing and to develop your use and application of language and communications skills to a higher level.

Please note that your tuition fees do not include the cost of course books that you may choose to purchase, stationery, printing and photocopying, accommodation, living expenses, travel or any other extracurricular activities. As a student you will have full access to our online digital library with over 400,000 e-books and 50,000 electronic journals.



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The modules you will study do not require you to purchase additional textbooks although we recommend you allow an additional £250 for the duration of your studies should you choose to purchase any additional reading materials.