

BSc (Hons) Business Accounting with Foundation Year

Start dates: September/October*, January/February* and June

Location: London, Birmingham or Manchester

Entry requirements: 48 UCAS points or equivalent, and GCSE Maths and English Language at Grade C.

Programme Information

The BSc (Hons) Business Accounting with Foundation Year offers an accessible route into an accountancy-based degree programme at the same time as offering significant professional exemption on graduation. The programme offers you the opportunity to gain both a solid grounding in accountancy at the same time as being able to gain additional understanding of other business functions.

The Foundation Year is designed to be a launch pad for assisting your further studies and to boost your knowledge and skills so you are up-to-speed and ready to meet the challenges of a the main degree (Year Two - Year Four). This year is also ideal for those who have perhaps been out of study for a while or need to gain more confidence in their own abilities.

There are 6 compulsory modules in Year One which are designed to give a solid grounding in the subject and prepare you for further study in Years Two and Three.

In Year Two, you will study three modules designed to enhance your capabilities in areas of Financial Accounting and Management Accounting as well as in Financial Project Management. You will then study Personal Financial Behaviour, which will develop your understanding of personal financial projects and behaviour, as well as what influences it.

In the final year, you will study 4 compulsory modules designed to advance skills and knowledge appropriate to graduate level. You will then have a choice of 2 modules: Work Internship or Business Start Up.

Teaching and assessment

The BSc (Hons) Business Accounting with Foundation Year programme is a full-time classroom course. You may be able to choose to study this course daytime, or evening and weekends.

You will have 12 hours per week of contact time throughout your programme and will be expected to engage in 28 hours per week of self-study time. If you choose to study the daytime course, the course will be delivered across 2 days each week. If you choose to study the evening and weekend option, tuition will be on 2 evenings and a Saturday each week.



Throughout the programme you will be actively involved in a range of learning, teaching and assessment approaches. Your programme requires your active participation in learning activities and engagement with your fellow students, both individually and collaboratively, working and learning with other students with activities occuring both within and outside the classroom.

All learning and teaching takes place in seminar sized groups with a range of learning opportunities including formal lectures, seminars, guest speakers and online videos - prequels and sequels, fortnightly round-ups. The fortnightly round-ups are one hour online live chat sessions with your module tutor on MyLearning. These are open to all students on the module.

Your programme will be facilitated using a variety of media and online tools (MyLearning, UniHub, podcasts, wikis etc) which will allow you flexible access to a diverse range of online resources, quizzes and learning materials, as well as collaborative tools with which you can engage and learn with your peers.

Sage accounting software will be used in your Accounting Information Systems module where you will have the opportunity for external certification.

Assessment methods: Coursework and exams

Additional costs: All core texts are provided. Your course fees cover registration costs, teaching for the course and access to the learning resources at the University and Student Support Services. They do not include the cost of course books you may choose to purchase, stationery and photocopying/printing costs, accommodation, living costs, travel, hobbies, sports or other leisure activities.

* Exact teaching dates are to be confirmed and enrolment takes place a week prior to teaching commencing

Example Modules

Examples of the modules you can expect to study on your programme are detailed below. All modules are worth 30 credits unless otherwise stated.

Foundation Year

- Fundamentals of Business Mathematics
- Academic Writing and Research Skills for Business
- Introduction to Business
- Management Foundation Project

Year One

- Financial Accounting
- Management Accounting
- Corporate Responsibility and Ethics (15 credits)
- Business Environment (15 credits)
- Accounting Information Systems (15 credits)



• Financial Data Analysis (15 credits)

Year Two

- Applied Financial Accounting
- Applied Management Accounting
- Financial Project Management
- Personal Financial Behaviour

Year Three

- Advanced Financial Data Analysis
- Corporate Finance
- Accounting Theory (15 credits)
- Business Start Up OR Work Internship
- Ethics and Sustainability (15 credits)

You must pass all modules in the Foundation Year to progress on to Year One of the programme.

Careers and further study

There are many career options open to graduates of this programme in the field of accounting and finance within business. These include, for example, project management, business analysis, taxation, back office finance positions and corporate finance.

The programme also currently benefits from some exemptions from various accounting bodies, but this is not the focus of the programme.

For students who complete the BSc (Hons) Business Accounting with Foundation Year programme, you may apply to any one of the accountancy bodies below for exemptions as it is accredited by:

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

The Chartered Institute of Public Finances and Accounting (CIPFA)

The Association of International Accountants (AIA)

The University covers the costs of students to join the ACCA's Accelerate and CIMA University schemes which give graduating students associated membership of both professional bodies. These schemes offer further reductions in professional exam fees and access to professional body employability and academic resources, and networking.