

BSc (Hons) Business Accounting

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

Location: London, Birmingham, Manchester

Entry requirements: 112 UCAS points or equivalent, and GCSE Maths and English Language at Grade C

Programme Information

The BSc (Hons) Business Accounting programme is designed to provide you with the appreciation of, and insight into, the role of accounting in the context of business governance, project management and accounting information systems. Throughout your studies you will build your knowledge and understanding of the conceptual and practical aspects of accounting, providing a foundation for further study or professional development depending on your chosen career path.

In your first year, you will study 6 compulsory modules which are designed to give a solid grounding in the subject area of accounting and prepare you for a more detailed exploration of the subject in your second year.

In the second and final year, you will be required to devote more time to ethics, governance and controversial accounting principles. You will study accounting rules and apply accounting skills. There is more emphasis on discussion, critical evaluation, reflection and anticipation of likely future developments in accounting.

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

Overall the degree prepares you for employment, not just through the knowledge and understanding of business you gain, but through your personal development and the development of traits and skills that employers seek. Being able to work well as a team to create a presentation, meet deadlines, be able to manage your workload effectively, to communicate clearly, to be analytical and to communicate justified arguments are all key skills required in employment. You will develop all of these on your degree as a result of both the way you are taught and engage in learning, as well as the way in which you are assessed.

Teaching and assessment

You will be actively involved in a range of learning, teaching and assessment approaches as part of BSc (Hons) Business Accounting. Such active approaches aim to put you in the centre of your learning so you are involved and engaged in all aspects of your assessment and learning. Your programme will require your active participation in learning activities and engagement with your fellow students both individually and collaboratively, working and learning with other students. Learning activities may also occur both within and outside the classroom.



All learning and teaching takes place in seminar sized groups and within these sessions you will be presented with a wide variety of learning opportunities including: formal lectures, seminars, guest speakers, online videos – prequels and sequels, fortnightly round-ups. 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.

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.

Your learning will also be supported by technology. Increasingly your tutors will be using existing and emerging learning technologies to engage you in e-learning activities. Your programme will be facilitated using a variety of media and online tools (MyLearning on 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.

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.

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)
- Ethics and Sustainability (15 credits)
- Business Start Up OR Work Internship

Careers and further study

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

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

All students who complete the BSc (Hons) Business Accounting programme can apply to any one of the accountancy bodies for exemptions. The programme is accredited by the following:

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)