

Course Specification

Course Summary Information			
1	Course Title		BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance
2	BCU Course Code	UCAS Code	US0862 NN43
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)		Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Association of International Accountants (AIA) Institute of Financial Accountants (IFA) Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

6	Course Description
	<p>Looking to study an accountancy course in Birmingham? Our BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance degree is accredited by ACCA, CIMA, CIPFA and ICAEW, and allows you to take a year-long placement.</p> <p>This degree is accredited by all the right professional bodies for maximum exemptions, providing you with the opportunities to develop the skills necessary to succeed in the worlds of accounting, finance and business.</p> <p>The programme is designed to equip you with the building blocks to become an intellectual and moral professional accountant.</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>As you progress, you will be given the opportunity to become a more effective and creative problem solver, and develop the skills necessary to critically advise individuals and companies in the UK and internationally on a range of accounting-related matters.</p> <p>There will also be opportunities to experience different graduate roles, with a wide variety of placements and internships on offer to complement your studies and get you industry ready.</p> <p>This course covers a range of areas such as accounting, taxation, business economics and law, strategic decision-making, and management, with real-life briefs and projects to work on. This course offers you the choice of studying for the conventional three years or undertaking an additional professional placement for a year. A year of work experience will not only provide you with real-world experience of your subject, but will also give your employability credentials a substantial boost.</p>

	<p>As part of their studies, previous students have worked with renowned names such as AXA Investments, Bentley, Goodyear Dunlop and Volkswagen.</p> <p>With our practice-based approach to teaching, you'll have the chance to learn from professionally qualified, experienced academics who continue to work with industry. They've worked for companies such as KPMG, BMW and Cadbury Schweppes.</p>
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7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Accounting and Finance	6	360
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Accounting and Finance (Sandwich)	6	360
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education Accounting	4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Accounting and Finance	5	240
	Bachelor of Science Accounting and Finance	6	300

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	3 years	US0862
	Sandwich	City Centre	4 years	US0862S
	Part Time	City Centre	5 years	US0863

10	Entry Requirements		
	<p>The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/, or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.</p>		

11	Course Learning Outcomes		
1	Demonstrate knowledge of the contexts in which accounting operates.		
2	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of, and an ability to use current technical language and alternative technical language to describe practices of accounting and an ability to apply them in structured situations from given data generated for the purpose.		

3	Record and summarise transactions and other economic events and prepare financial statements complying with relevant regulatory requirements.
4	Analyse the operations of a business and perform financial analyses and projections; and demonstrate awareness of the contexts in which accounting data and information is processed and provided within a variety of organisational environments, and the relationships with other systems providing information in organisations.
5	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of theories and empirical evidence concerning the effects of accounting.
6	Demonstrate awareness of issues of financial management, risk and the operation of capital markets.

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Level 6:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete 120 credits from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ACC6023	Advanced Financial Reporting	20
ACC6020	Strategic Management Accounting	20
ACC6027	Taxation	20
ACC6021	Not For Profit Accounting and Reporting	20
FIN6031	Banking, Financial Markets and Institutions	20
BUS6059	Integrated Business Research Project	40
ACC6024	Audit and Assurance	20
FIN6024	Financial Management	20
FIN6025	Islamic Accounting and Finance	20
ACC6019	UK and Global Accounting Issues	20
ACC6022	Project Management	20

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.

Full Time Course Structure

Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core ACC4027 Introduction to Financial Accounting (20 Credits) BUS4061 Business Foundations (20 Credits) QME4011 Principles of Economics (20 Credits)	Core ACC4028 Applied Accounting (20 credits) ACC4029 Introduction to Management Accounting (20 Credits) ACC4030 Financial Information Systems (20 Credits)

Level 5

Core ACC5032 Financial Reporting (20 credits) ACC5027 Decision Making for Business & Finance (20 credits)	Core ACC5035 Principles of Taxation (20 credits) ACC5031 Ethics, Corporate Governance & Law (20 credits)
Optional ACC5028 Business Operations (20 credits) QME5006 Microeconomics (20 credits) ACC5029 Study Abroad (20 credits)	Optional ACC5030 Strategic Development (20 credits) FIN5016 Financial Modelling (20 credits) QME5017 Econometrics (20 credits) ACC5029 Study Abroad (20 credits)

Level 6

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ACC6021 Not for Profit Accounting & Reporting (20 credits)	ACC6022 Project Management (20 credits)
FIN6031 Banking Financial markets & Institutions (20 credits)	
Optional (runs over both semesters)	
BUS6059 Integrated Business Research Project (40 credits)	

Part Time Course Structure

Year 1	Semester 1	ACC4027 Introduction to Financial Accounting (20 credits)	BUS4061 Business Foundations (20 credits)
	Semester 2	ACC4028 Applied Accounting (20 credits)	ACC4029 Introduction to Management Accounting (20 credits)
Year 2	Semester 1	QME4011 Principles of Economics (20 credits)	ACC5032 Financial Reporting (20 credits)
	Semester 2	ACC4030 Financial Information Systems (20 credits)	ACC5035 Principles of Taxation (20 credits)
Year 3	Semester 1	ACC5027 Decision Making for Business and Finance (20 credits)	L5 option module (20 credits)
	Semester 2	ACC5031 Ethics, Corporate Governance and Law (20 credits)	L5 option module (20 credits)
Year 4	Semester 1	L6 Option (20 credits)	L6 Option (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L6 Option (20 credits)	L6 Option (20 credits)
Year 5	Semester 1	L6 Option (20 credits)	
	Semester 2	L6 Option (20 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 4

Workload

30% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	360
Directed Learning	720
Private Study	120
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	38%
Exam	52%
In-Person	10%

Level 5

Workload

30% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	360
Directed Learning	720
Private Study	120
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	10%
Exam	75%
In-Person	15%

Level 6**Workload****30% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity**

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	360
Directed Learning	720
Private Study	120
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	23%
Exam	75%
In-Person	2%