

Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	Course Title	MSc Accounting and Finance
2	Course Code	PT1607
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 Accounts (CIMA)

6	Course Description
	<p>Taught by professionally qualified academics with a wealth of industrial and professional experience, this CIMA accredited Master's course focuses on the practical application of accountancy in the real world and theoretical aspects of related research with a clear objective of preparing you for a career in accountancy, finance or management. You can maximise your CIMA exemptions by choosing particular modules, and get prepared for the remaining final (external) CIMA exam(s) at the end of the course.</p> <p>The international focus of the course is derived through a variety of means including the study of international accounting standards, student body, the teaching team and the use of international teaching materials.</p>

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

8	Variations from the University Regulations
	None

9	Delivery Patterns			
	Mode(s) of Study	Location(s) of Study	Duration of Study	Code(s)
	Full Time	City Centre	1 year	PT1607
	With Professional Placement	City Centre (and placement provider)	18 months	PT1611
	Part Time	City Centre	2 years	PT1609

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 UCAS website.</p>	

11	Course Learning Outcomes
Knowledge and Understanding:	
On successful completion of the MSc Accounting and Finance degree course you will be able to:	
K1	Appraise the contexts and environments in which accounting operates, and critically apply relevant knowledge to complex organisational and corporate social responsibility issues.
K2	Use appropriate technical language to describe and apply practices of accounting and finance in structured and unstructured situations.
K3	Evaluate financial and business transactions and other economic events, complying with relevant regulatory and ethical requirements.
K4	Critically analyse the operations of a business and perform financial analysis and projections, within a variety of organisational contexts and systems environments.
K5	Critically evaluate theories and empirical evidence concerning the effects of accounting and finance.
K6	Evaluate practices of, and issues relating to, financial management, risk management and the operation of capital markets and make appropriate recommendations.
Skills and Other Attributes:	
On successful completion of the MSc Accounting and Finance degree course, you will have acquired skills and abilities in the following areas:	
T1	Critical evaluation of arguments and evidence.
T2	Independent and self-managed learning.
T3	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.
T4	Location, extraction and analysis of data from multiple sources, including acknowledging and referencing sources.
T5	Numeracy, including the processing and analysis of financial and other numerical data and the appreciation of statistical concepts at an appropriate level.
T6	Using contemporary information and communications technology for the acquisition, analysis and communication of information.
T7	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.
T8	Working with others (such as through small group projects).

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12b Structure Diagram

Level 7 MSc Accounting and Finance – Full Time

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core Advanced Management Accounting (20 credits) Project and Relationship Management (20 credits) Strategic Management (20 credits)	Core Systems for Accountants (20 credits) Strategic Risk Management (20 credits) Financial Strategy (20 credits)
SEMESTER THREE	
Integrated Case Study (60 credits)	

Level 7 MSc Accounting and Finance with Professional Placement (Full Time)

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core Advanced Management Accounting (20 credits) Project and Relationship Management (20 credits) Strategic Management (20 credits)	Core Systems for Accountants (20 credits) Strategic Risk Management (20 credits) Financial Strategy (20 credits)
SEMESTER THREE	SEMESTER FOUR (Year 2)
Integrated Case Study (60 credits)	Professional Placement (60 Credits)

Level 7 MSc Accounting and Finance – Part Time

SEMESTER ONE – YEAR ONE	SEMESTER TWO – YEAR ONE
Core Advanced Management Accounting (20 credits) Project and Relationship Management (20 credits)	Core Financial Strategy (20 credits)
SEMESTER ONE – YEAR TWO	SEMESTER TWO – YEAR TWO
Strategic Management (20 credits)	Systems of Accountants (20 credits) Strategic Risk Management (20 credits)
SEMESTER THREE – YEAR TWO	
Integrated Case Study (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.

Workload

Level 7

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12.5% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	224
Directed Learning	420
Private Study	1156
Total Hours	1800

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	73 37%
Exam	23 59%
In-Person	3 4%