Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	**Course Title**	MSc Accounting and Finance
2	**Course Code**	PT1609
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)	

6	**Course Description**
	Taught by professionally qualified academics with extensive industrial, professional and research experience, the MSc Accounting and Finance Master's Stage Top-up is specifically designed for professionally qualified accountants who have achieved recognised prior learning through an approved professional accounting qualification. Typical entrants hold a recognised CCAB qualification (such as ACCA, CIMA, ICAEW, ICAS, CIPFA or Chartered Accountants Ireland) or an equivalent international professional accounting qualification recognised by the University. The programme enables students to complete the final stage of the MSc by undertaking an independently supervised research dissertation, applying advanced accounting and finance knowledge to a contemporary academic or professional issue. It develops advanced research capability, critical thinking and analytical skills, enabling students to investigate complex accounting and finance challenges using appropriate qualitative and quantitative research methods. The international perspective of the programme is reflected through engagement with contemporary global accounting and finance issues, internationally recognised accounting standards and professional practice, an internationally diverse student cohort and teaching team, and the use of high-quality academic and professional literature.

7	**Course Awards**		
7a	**Name of Final Award**	**Level**	**Credits Awarded**
	Master of Science Accounting and Finance Top-up	Level 7	60
7b	**Exit Awards and Credits Awarded**		
	n/a		

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	6 months	PT1609

10	Entry Requirements

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.

11	Course Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding:
On successful completion of the MSc Accounting and Finance Top Up degree course, you will be able to:

K1	Appraise contemporary theories, concepts and professional practice in accounting and finance and apply them to complex organisational and business contexts.
K2	Synthesise academic and professional literature to identify research gaps and formulate appropriate research questions.
K3	Design and undertake an independent research project using appropriate research philosophies, methodologies and analytical techniques.
K4	Interpret and evaluate qualitative and/or quantitative evidence to develop well-supported conclusions and practical recommendations
K5	Demonstrate an informed understanding of ethical, regulatory and professional considerations relevant to research and practice in accounting and finance.

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	Plan and manage an independent research project through effective organisation, self-direction and reflective practice.
T2	Locate, synthesise and evaluate information from academic, professional and industry sources using appropriate referencing conventions.
T3	Apply appropriate qualitative and/or quantitative analytical techniques using relevant digital technologies and research software.
T4	Communicate complex accounting and finance arguments effectively to academic and professional audiences through written and oral presentations.
T5	Exercise professional judgement and evidence-based decision-making when addressing contemporary accounting and finance issues.
T6	Produce an academically rigorous dissertation that demonstrates originality, coherence and effective engagement with relevant literature.

12	Course Requirements
12a	**Level 7:** ***In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 60 credits):***

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ACC7031	Research Skills and Dissertation/Project	60

12b Structure Diagram

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SEMESTER THREE
Research Skills and Dissertation/Project (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

Workload

6% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	36
Directed Learning	84
Private Study	480
Total Hours	600

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	100%
Exam	
In-Person	