

Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	Course Title	BSc (Hons) Accounting with Business
2	Course Code	US1049
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)	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) Chartered Management Institute (CMI)

6	Course Description
	<p>The BSc (Honours) Accounting with Business degree at Birmingham City Business School will provide you with the skills, knowledge and expertise that you need to make an impact across all sectors of the global business environment. We equip graduates with the skills and attributes that will allow them to become future organisational decision makers in the world of business.</p> <p>Completion of this course can give you the opportunity to gain accreditation from the Chartered Management Institute (CMI), providing you follow the CMI pathway in your final year. You will also have the possibility of gaining exemptions from the professional qualifications offered by the major accounting bodies, including the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>This course will maintain the focus of accounting but will also provide an understanding of the wider context in which accounting operates within the global business world. It will offer a curriculum that is up to date, vocationally relevant, challenging and reflects the complex and challenging nature of the accounting and business environment.</p> <p>As you progress, you will be given the opportunity to become a more effective and creative problem solver and develop a set of graduate skills which will encourage you to become enterprising and employable.</p> <p>You will gain expertise in areas including financial accounting, management accounting, entrepreneurial finance, business operations, international business, e-business and leadership. You will have the opportunity to use software relevant to the modern business environment, equipping you with the skills and experience sought by employers. You will develop scholarly attributes, becoming an independent learner with the ability to critically evaluate data and evidence, draw reasoned conclusions and communicate effectively in a professional manner.</p>

	<p>With our practice-based approach to teaching, you will learn from professionally qualified academics with a wealth of industry experience, and research active academics whose research underpins and informs our approach to teaching.</p> <p>You will be actively supported and encouraged to undertake an additional professional placement year, providing the opportunity to improve your employability skills. Our students have worked for organisations such as IBM, NHS, Worcester Bosch, Airbus and Vodafone.</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. Moreover, students can choose to spend a full semester studying their modules overseas at a partner institution.</p> <p>This course shares a common first year with other accounting courses within the Business School with full transferability between courses at the end of the first year.</p>
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7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Accounting with Business	Level 6	360
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Accounting with Business with Professional Placement Year	Level 6	480
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Accounting with Business (CMI)	Level 6	360
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7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education Accounting	Level 4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Accounting with Business	Level 5	240
	Bachelor of Science Accounting with Business	Level 6	300
	Bachelor of Science Accounting with Business with Professional Placement Year	Level 6	420

8	Derogation 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	3 years	US1049

Full Time with Professional Placement Year	City Centre (and placement provider)	4 years	US1262
Part Time	City Centre	5 years	US1050

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 may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.

11	Course Learning Outcomes
	Knowledge and Understanding: On successful completion of the BSc (Hons) Accounting with Business degree course you will be able to:
K1	Discuss the contexts in which accounting operates, why accounting is valuable in these contexts, and analyse global issues relating to accounting and business
K2	Use both current and alternative technical language to describe practices of accounting.
K3	Record and summarise transactions and other economic events and prepare financial statements complying with relevant UK and international reporting requirements.
K4	Review key areas of organisations and evaluate the business environment in which they operate.
K5	Analyse the operations of a business and perform financial and non-financial analyses and projections; and possess an awareness of the contexts in which data and information is processed and provided within a variety of organisational environments.
K6	Apply theories and empirical evidence concerning the operation and effects of accounting, and critically evaluate such theories and evidence.
K7	Assess the need for individuals and organisations to manage responsibly and behave ethically in relation to social, cultural, economic and environmental issues.
	Skills and Other Attributes: On successful completion of the BSc (Hons) Accounting with Business 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, as well as working with others.
T3	Location, extraction and analysis of data from multiple sources, including acknowledging and referencing sources, and evaluation of data drawing reasoned conclusions.
T4	Numeracy, including the processing and analysis of financial and other numerical data and the appreciation of statistical concepts.
T5	Professional communication, including presenting quantitative and qualitative information, together with analysis, argument and commentary, using oral and written means.
T6	Generate, develop and communicate ideas, gain support through building and maintaining relationships and deliver successful outcomes.

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Level 6:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 40 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ACC6XXX	Strategic Management Accounting	20
ACC6XXX	Accounting for the Planet	20

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 80 credits from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ACC6XXX	Project Management	20
MAN6XXX	Continuous Innovation (CMI Module)	20
BUS6XXX	E-Business	20
ACC6XXX	Empowering Future Leaders	20
BUS6XXX	International Business	20
MAN6XXX	Growing the Enterprise	20
BUS6XXX	Business Research Project (major)**	40
BUS6XXX + BUS6XXX	Business Research Methodology and Practice + Business Advice Project	20 20
BUS6XXX + BUS6XXX	Business Research Methodology and Practice + Business Start-Up Project	20 20

Level 6 CMI pathway:

In order to achieve the award of BSc (Hons) Accounting with Business (CMI) a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 100 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ACC6XXX	Strategic Management Accounting	20
ACC6XXX	Accounting for the Planet	20
MAN6XXX	Continuous Innovation (CMI Module)	20
BUS6XXX	Business Research Project (Major)**	40

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 20 credits from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ACC6XXX	Empowering Future Leaders	20
BUS6XXX	International Business	20
MAN6XXX	Growing the Enterprise	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 ACC4031 Governance, Ethics and Law (20 credits) ACC4032 Professional Development in Accounting (20 credits) QME4015 Introduction to Economics and Finance (20 credits)	Core ACC4033 Introduction to Financial Accounting (20 credits) ACC4029 Introduction to Management Accounting (20 credits) FIN4008 Data Intelligence (20 credits)

Level 5

Core ACC5XXX Integrated Business Accounting (40 credits) FIN5XXX Entrepreneurial Finance (20 credits)	Core ACC5XXX International Accounting and Finance Issues (20 credits) ACC5XXX Business Operations (20 credits)
	Optional (20 credits from): ACC5XXX Principles of Taxation (20 credits) BUS5XXX Entrepreneurship in the Digital Age (20 credits) ACC5XXX Study Abroad (20 credits - only available if studying a semester abroad. Not required if studying an entire semester abroad)

Level 6

Core ACC6XXX Strategic Management Accounting (20 credits)	Core ACC6XXX Accounting for the Planet (20 credits)
Optional (40 credits from): ACC6XXX Project Management (20 credits) MAN6XXX CMI module - Continuous Innovation (20 credits) BUS6XXX E-Business (20 credits)	Optional (40 credits from): ACC6XXX Empowering Future Leaders (20 credits) BUS6XXX International Business (20 credits) MAN6XXX Growing the Enterprise (20 credits)

Or Optional BUS6XXX Business Research Project (Major) (40 credits)
Or Optional BUS6XXX Business Research Methodology and Practice (20 credits) + BUS6XXX Business Advice Project (20 credits) and 20 credits from each semester
Or Optional BUS6XXX Business Research Methodology and Practice (20 credits) + BUS6XXX Business Start-Up Project (20 credits)

Level 6 CMI pathway

Core ACC6XXX Strategic Management Accounting (20 credits) MAN6XXX CMI module - Continuous Innovation (20 credits)	Core ACC6XXX Accounting for the Planet (20 credits)
Core BUS6XXX Business Research Project (Major) (40 credits)	
	Optional (40 credits from): ACC6XXX Empowering Future Leaders (20 credits) BUS6XXX International Business (20 credits) MAN6XXX Growing the Enterprise (20 credits)

Full Time with Professional Placement Year Course Structure

Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core ACC4031 Governance, Ethics and Law (20 credits) ACC4032 Professional Development in Accounting (20 credits) QME4015 Introduction to Economics and Finance (20 credits)	Core ACC4033 Introduction to Financial Accounting (20 credits) ACC4029 Introduction to Management Accounting (20 credits) FIN4008 Data Intelligence (20 credits)

Level 5

Core ACC5XXX Integrated Business Accounting (40 credits) FIN5XXX Entrepreneurial Finance (20 credits)	Core ACC5XXX International Accounting and Finance Issues (20 credits) ACC5XXX Business Operations (20 credits)
	Optional (20 credits from): ACC5XXX Principles of Taxation (20 credits) BUS5XXX Entrepreneurship in the Digital Age (20 credits) ACC5XXX Study Abroad (20 credits - only available if studying a semester abroad. Not required if studying an entire semester abroad)
Core: PLA5XXX Professional Placement Year (120 credits)	

Level 6

Core ACC6XXX Strategic Management Accounting (20 credits)	Core ACC6XXX Accounting for the Planet (20 credits)
Optional (40 credits from): ACC6XXX Project Management (20 credits) MAN6XXX CMI module - Continuous Innovation (20 credits) BUS6XXX E-Business (20 credits)	Optional (40 credits from): ACC6XXX Empowering Future Leaders (20 credits) BUS6XXX International Business (20 credits) MAN6XXX Growing the Enterprise (20 credits)
Or Optional BUS6XXX Business Research Project (Major) (40 credits)	

Or Optional BUS6XXX Business Research Methodology and Practice (20 credits) + BUS6XXX Business Advice Project (20 credits) and 20 credits from each semester
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Level 6 CMI pathway

Core ACC6XXX Strategic Management Accounting (20 credits) MAN6XXX CMI module - Continuous Innovation (20 credits)	Core ACC6XXX Accounting for the Planet (20 credits)
Core BUS6XXX Business Research Project (Major) (40 credits)	
	Optional (40 credits from): ACC6XXX Empowering Future Leaders (20 credits) BUS6XXX International Business (20 credits) MAN6XXX Growing the Enterprise (20 credits)

Part Time Course Structure

Level 4 – Year 1

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core: ACC4031 Governance, Ethics and Law (20 credits) ACC4032 Professional Development in Accounting (20 credits)	Core: ACC4033 Introduction to Financial Accounting (20 credits) ACC4029 Introduction to Management Accounting (20 credits)

Level 4/5 - Year 2

QME4015 Introduction to Economics and Finance (20 credits) FIN5XXX Entrepreneurial Finance (20 credits)	FIN4008 Data Intelligence (20 credits) ACC5XXX International Accounting and Finance Issues (20 credits)
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Level 5 – Year 3

Core: ACC5XXX Integrated Business Accounting (40 credits)	Core: ACC5XXX Business Operations (20 credits)
	Optional (20 credits from): ACC5XXX Principles of Taxation (20 credits) BUS5XXX Entrepreneurship in the Digital Age (20 credits)

Level 6 –Year 4

Core: ACC6XXX Strategic Management Accounting (20 credits)	Core: AC6XXX Accounting for the Planet (20 credits)
Optional (20 credits from): ACC6XXX Project Management (20 credits) MAN6XXX CMI module - Continuous Innovation (20 credits) BUS6XXX E-Business (20 credits)	Optional (20 credits from): ACC6XXX Empowering Future Leaders (20 credits) BUS6XXX International Business (20 credits) MAN6XXX Growing the Enterprise

Level 6 – Year 5

<p>Optional – 20 credits from:</p> <p>ACC6XXX Project Management (20 credits)</p> <p>MAN6XXX CMI module Continuous Innovation (20 credits)</p> <p>BUS6XXX E-Business (20 credits)</p> <p>(will need to choose an alternative module to that chosen in previous year).</p>	<p>Optional - 20 credits from:</p> <p>ACC6XXX Empowering Future Leaders (20 credits)</p> <p>BUS6XXX International Business (20 credits)</p> <p>MAN6XXX Growing the Enterprise</p> <p>(will need to choose an alternative module to that chosen in previous year).</p>
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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

18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216
Directed Learning	360
Private Study	624
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
	23%
Exam	57%
In-Person	20%

Level 5

Workload

18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216
Directed Learning	360
Private Study	624
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment (indicative)

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	49%
Exam	28%
In-Person	23%

Level 6

Workload

18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216
Directed Learning	360
Private Study	624
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment (indicative)

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	35%
Exam	45%
In-Person	20%

Balance of Assessment (indicative) for Level 6 CMI pathway

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	80%
Exam	10%
In-Person	10%