

Course Specification

| Course Summary Information | | |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Course Title | BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance |
| 2 | Course Code | US1222 |
| 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) |

| 6 | Course Description |
|---|---|
| | <p>The BSc (Honours) Accounting and Finance degree at Birmingham City Business School provides a valuable insight into the worlds of accountancy practice, commerce, industry and finance. We create graduates who possess a global outlook, with the conceptual and applied knowledge in the fields of accounting and finance that will enable them to make a positive impact on society.</p> <p>Delivery of the course is flexible and includes a blend of lectures, workshops, field trips and online learning. The modules, which feed into the course are broad and cover key current topics, such as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and help you to appreciate accounting and finance from a range of perspectives. Ultimately, decision making in this field, calls for one to exercise judgement and intuition and this course helps you to strengthen that judgement.</p> <p>This course has been designed to be accredited by the major professional 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), offering significant exemptions from their professional qualifications.</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>This course offers an accounting and finance curriculum that is up to date, vocationally relevant, challenging and reflects the complex and challenging nature of the accounting and business environment.</p> <p>You will gain expertise in areas including financial and management accounting, corporate finance, international accounting and finance issues, data analysis and business technology. You will have the opportunity to use software relevant to the modern business environment, equipping you with the skills and experience sought by employers.</p> <p>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 industry leading accountancy practices including PwC and EY, as well as for organisations such as the NHS, IBM 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> |
|--|---|

| | | | |
|-----------|--|--------------|------------------------|
| 7 | Course Awards | | |
| 7a | Name of Final Award | Level | Credits Awarded |
| | Bachelor of Science with Honours Accounting and Finance | Level 6 | 360 |
| | Bachelor of Science with Honours Accounting and Finance with Professional Placement Year | Level 6 | 480 |
| 7b | Exit Awards and Credits Awarded | | |
| | Certificate of Higher Education Accounting | Level 4 | 120 |
| | Diploma of Higher Education Accounting | Level 5 | 240 |
| | Bachelor of Science Accounting and Finance | Level 6 | 300 |
| | Bachelor of Science Accounting and Finance 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 | US1222 |
| | Full Time with Professional Placement Year | City Centre (and placement provider) | 4 years | US1224 |
| | Part Time | City Centre | 5 years | US1223 |

| | |
|-----------|---|
| 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. |

| | |
|------------|---|
| 11a | Course level learning outcomes |
| | Level 4 |
| 1 | Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of accounting terms and how to apply them to basic situations. |
| 2 | Demonstrate an understanding of the context of the accounting and finance environment. |
| 3 | Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key transferable skills necessary for a career in accounting and finance. |
| 4 | Effectively use different techniques to record and summarise business transactions and other economic events. |
| | Level 5 |
| 1 | Apply a range of financial and management accounting theories and techniques to prepare and analyse accounting information for a business |
| 2 | Demonstrate an ability to communicate business information to different audiences using appropriate formats |
| 3 | Demonstrate an understanding of key issues relating to finance and financial management, and how the finance function interacts with other business functions. |
| 4 | Utilise academic theory and data from different sources to support conclusions in the field of accounting and finance. |
| | Level 6 |
| 1 | Evaluate current issues and developments within the field of accounting and finance and the ethical implications for the profession. |
| 2 | Apply a range of professional and academic skills to complex situations within the context of accounting and finance. |
| 3 | Develop the ability to evaluate situations and form reasoned conclusions based on research and underpinning business ethics, accounting and finance knowledge. |
| 11b | Course Learning Outcomes |
| | Knowledge and Understanding: On successful completion of the BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance 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. |
| 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 | Analyse the operations of a business and perform financial analysis and projections; and possess an 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. |
| K5 | Apply theories and empirical evidence concerning the operation and effects of accounting, and critically evaluate such theories and evidence. |
| K6 | Evaluate issues of financial management, risk and the operation of capital markets. |
| 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 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, 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 | Using contemporary information and communication technology for the acquisition, analysis and communication of information. |

| | | | |
|------------|---|--|---------------------|
| 12 | Course Requirements | | |
| 12a | Level 4: <i>In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):</i> | | |
| | Module Code | Module Name | Credit Value |
| | ACC4031 | Governance, Ethics and Law | 20 |
| | ACC4032 | Professional Development in Accounting | 20 |
| | QME4015 | Introduction to Economics and Finance | 20 |
| | ACC4033 | Introduction to Financial Accounting | 20 |
| | ACC4029 | Introduction to Management Accounting | 20 |
| | FIN4008 | Data Intelligence | 20 |
| | Level 5: | | |
| | <i>In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete the following CORE module (totalling 20 credits):</i> | | |
| | Module Code | Module Name | Credit Value |

| | | |
|---------|---|----|
| ACC5041 | International Accounting and Finance Issues | 20 |
|---------|---|----|

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete 60 credits in semester one from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules:

40 credits from the following list of optional modules

| Module Code | Module Name | Credit Value |
|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| ACC5036, and ACC5040 | Financial Reporting, and Management Accounting | 20 20 |
| OR | | |
| ACC5043 | Integrated Business Accounting | 40 |

AND

20 credits from the following list of optional modules

| Module Code | Module Name | Credit Value |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| FIN5019 | Corporate Finance | 20 |
| FIN5025 | Entrepreneurial Finance | 20 |

In order to complete this course a student must also successfully complete 40 credits in semester two from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules:

| Module Code | Module Name | Credit Value |
|-------------|--|--------------|
| ACC5038 | Principles of Taxation | 20 |
| ACC5044 | Business Technology and the Finance Function | 20 |
| ACC5037 | Business Operations | 20 |
| FIN5026 | Personal Wealth Planning and Management | 20 |
| FIN5023 | Principles of Islamic Finance | 20 |
| ACC5045 | Professional Career Accelerator | 20 |
| BUS5080 | Study Abroad* | 20 |

*If you choose to study abroad for a semester you will substitute the BCU semester two modules with the equivalent of 60 credits of study from the host University course. If you are unable to cover all 60 credits with the host University modules you may need to choose and complete the 20 credit BCU Study Abroad option module.

In order to qualify for the award of BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance with Professional Placement Year a student must successfully complete the following module:

| Module Code | Module Name | Credit Value |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| PPY5001 | Professional Placement Year | 120 |

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 |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| ACC6039 | Empowering Future Leaders | 20 |
| ACC6037 | 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 |
|-------------|--|--------------|
| ACC6035 | Tax Planning | 20 |
| FIN6039 | Banking, Financial Markets and Institutions | 20 |
| ACC6031 | Audit and Assurance | 20 |
| ACC6033 | Advanced Financial Reporting | 20 |
| ACC6032 | Project Management | 20 |
| ACC6034 | Strategic Management Accounting | 20 |
| FIN6040 | Corporate Financial Strategy | 20 |
| FIN6036 | Islamic Banking and Capital Markets | 20 |
| ACC6038 | Principles of Not-For-Profit Accounting and Governance | 20 |
| FIN6035 | Fintech | 20 |
| BUS6081 | Business Research Methodology and Practice | 20 |
| BUS6082 | Business Research Project | 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 Governance, Ethics and Law (20 credits) Professional Development in Accounting (20 credits) | Core Introduction to Financial Accounting (20 credits) Introduction to Management Accounting (20 credits) |

| | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Introduction to Economics and Finance (20 credits) | Data Intelligence (20 credits) |
|--|--------------------------------|

Level 5

| SEMESTER ONE | SEMESTER TWO |
|--|--|
| | Core International Accounting and Finance Issues (20 credits) |
| Optional - 40 credits from: Financial Reporting (20 credits) and Management Accounting (20 credits) Or Integrated Business Accounting (40 credits) Plus optional 20 credits from: Corporate Finance (20 credits) Entrepreneurial Finance (20 credits) | Optional - 40 credits from: Principles of Taxation (20 credits) Business Technology and the Finance Function (20 credits) Business Operations (20 credits) Personal Wealth Planning and Management (20 credits) Principles of Islamic Finance (20 credits) Professional Career Accelerator (20 credits) Study Abroad (20 credits) - only available if studying a semester abroad (not required if studying the entire 60 credits abroad). |

Level 6

| SEMESTER ONE | SEMESTER TWO |
|---|---|
| Core Empowering Future Leaders (20 credits) | Core Accounting for the Planet (20 credits) |
| Optional - 40 credits from: Audit and Assurance (20 credits) Advanced Financial Reporting (20 credits) Tax Planning (20 credits) Banking, Financial Markets and Institutions (20 credits) Project Management (20 credits) Business Research Methodology and Practice (20 credits) | Optional - 40 credits from: Strategic Management Accounting (20 credits) Corporate Financial Strategy (20 credits) Islamic Banking and Capital Markets (20 credits) Principles of Not-For-Profit Accounting and Governance (20 credits) Fintech (20 credits) Business Research Project (20 credits) |

- This module is a prerequisite for the Business Research Project module

Full Time with Professional Placement Year Course Structure

Level 4

| SEMESTER ONE | SEMESTER TWO |
|--|---|
| Core Governance, Ethics and Law (20 credits) Professional Development in Accounting (20 credits) Introduction to Economics and Finance (20 credits) | Core Introduction to Financial Accounting (20 credits) Introduction to Management Accounting (20 credits) Data Intelligence (20 credits) |

Level 5

| SEMESTER ONE | SEMESTER TWO |
|---|---|
| Core | Core International Accounting and Finance Issues (20 credits) |
| Optional 40 credits from: Financial Reporting (20 credits) and Management Accounting (20 credits) Or ACC5043 Integrated Business Accounting (40 credits) Plus optional 20 credits from: Corporate Finance (20 credits) Entrepreneurial Finance (20 credits) | Optional 40 credits from: Principles of Taxation (20 credits) Business Technology and the Finance Function (20 credits) Business Operations (20 credits) Personal Wealth Planning and Management (20 credits) Principles of Islamic Finance (20 credits) Professional Career Accelerator (20 credits) Study Abroad (20 credits) - only available if studying a semester abroad (not required if studying the entire 60 credits abroad). |
| Core - PPY5001 Professional Placement Year (120 Credits) | |

Level 6

| SEMESTER ONE | SEMESTER TWO |
|---------------------|--|
| Core | Core ACC6037 Accounting for the Planet (20 credits) |

| | |
|--|---|
| ACC6039 Empowering Future Leaders (20 credits) | |
| Optional - 40 credits from: ACC6031 Audit and Assurance (20 credits) ACC6033 Advanced Financial Reporting (20 credits) ACC6035 Tax Planning (20 credits) FIN6039 Banking, Financial Markets and Institutions (20 credits) ACC6032 Project Management (20 credits) BUS6081 Business Research Methodology and Practice (20 credits)* | Optional - 40 credits from: ACC6034 Strategic Management Accounting (20 credits) FIN6040 Corporate Financial Strategy (20 credits) FIN6036 Islamic Banking and Capital Markets (20 credits) ACC6038 Principles of Not-For-Profit Accounting and Governance (20 credits) FIN6035 Fintech (20 credits) BUS6082 Business Research Project (20 credits) |

*This module is a prerequisite for the Business Research Project module

Part Time Course Structure

Level 4 - Year 1

| SEMESTER ONE | SEMESTER TWO |
|---|--|
| Core: Governance, Ethics and Law (20 credits) Professional Development in Accounting (20 credits) | Core: Introduction to Financial Accounting (20 credits) Introduction to Management Accounting (20 credits) |

Level 4/5 - Year 2

| | |
|---|--|
| Introduction to Economics and Finance (20 credits) Optional – 20 credits from: Corporate Finance (20 credits) Entrepreneurial Finance (20 credits) | Data Intelligence (20 credits) International Accounting and Finance Issues (20 credits) |
|---|--|

Level 5 - Year 3

| | |
|---|---|
| Optional - 40 credits from: Financial Reporting (20 credits) and Management Accounting (20 credits), Or Integrated Business Accounting (40 credits) | Optional - 40 credits from: Principles of Taxation (20 credits) Business Technology and the Finance Function (20 credits) Business Operations (20 credits) Personal Wealth Planning and Management (20 credits) Principles of Islamic Finance (20 credits) Professional Career Accelerator (20 credits) |
|---|---|

Level 6 - Year 4

| | |
|---|--|
| <p>Core:</p> <p>ACC6039 Empowering Future Leaders (20 credits)</p> | <p>Core:</p> <p>ACC6037 Accounting for the Planet (20 credits)</p> |
| <p>Optional – 20 credits from:</p> <p>Audit and Assurance (20 credits)</p> <p>Advanced Financial Reporting (20 credits)</p> <p>Tax Planning (20 credits)</p> <p>Banking, Financial Markets and Institutions (20 credits)</p> <p>Project Management (20 credits)</p> <p>Business Research Methodology and Practice (20 credits)*</p> | <p>Optional - 20 credits from:</p> <p>Strategic Management Accounting (20 credits)</p> <p>Corporate Financial Strategy (20 credits)</p> <p>Islamic Banking and Capital Markets (20 credits)</p> <p>Principles of Not-For-Profit Accounting and Governance (20 credits)</p> <p>Fintech (20 credits)</p> <p>Business Research Project (20 credits)</p> |

Level 6 - Year 5

| | |
|--|--|
| <p>Optional - 20 credits from:</p> <p>Audit and Assurance (20 credits)</p> <p>Advanced Financial Reporting (20 credits)</p> <p>Tax Planning (20 credits)</p> <p>Banking, Financial Markets and Institutions (20 credits)</p> <p>Project Management (20 credits)</p> <p>Business Research Methodology and Practice (20 credits)</p> | <p>Optional - 20 credits from:</p> <p>Strategic Management Accounting (20 credits)</p> <p>Corporate Financial Strategy (20 credits)</p> <p>Islamic Banking and Capital Markets (20 credits)</p> <p>Principles of Not-For-Profit Accounting and Governance (20 credits)</p> <p>Fintech (20 credits)</p> <p>Business Research Project (20 credits)</p> |
|--|--|

*This module is a prerequisite for the Business Research Project module

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 (9 hours per week x 24 weeks) |
| Directed Learning | 360 |
| Private Study | 624 |
| Total Hours | 1200 |

Balance of Assessment

| Assessment Mode | Percentage |
|-----------------|------------|
| Coursework | 55% |
| Exam | 34% |
| In-Person | 11% |

Level 5

Workload

18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

| Activity | Number of Hours |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Scheduled Learning | 216 (9 hours per week x 24 weeks) |
| Directed Learning | 360 |
| Private Study | 624 |
| Total Hours | 1200 |

Balance of Assessment

If students select all of the accredited options:

| Assessment Mode | Percentage |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Coursework | 40% |
| Exam | 52% |
| In-Person | 8% |

If students select non-accredited options:

| Assessment Mode | Percentage |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Coursework | 73% |
| Exam | 8% |
| In-Person | 19% |

Level 6

Workload

18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

| Activity | Number of Hours |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Scheduled Learning | 216 (9 hours per week x 24 weeks) |
| Directed Learning | 360 |
| Private Study | 624 |
| Total Hours | 1200 |

Balance of Assessment

If students select all of the accredited options:

| Assessment Mode | Percentage |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Coursework | 40% |
| Exam | 50% |
| In-Person | 10% |

If students select non-accredited options:

| Assessment Mode | Percentage |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Coursework | 80% |
| Exam | 0% |
| In-Person | 20% |