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Accounting and Finance BSc

The 3 year Accounting and Finance course is designed to equip you for a career in the accounting profession, financial sector or a financial role in industry or Government. Accounting and Finance are core functions in any organisation and this popular degree gives you the critical insight to be able to analyse and understand a range of different concepts.

- 87% student satisfaction i.e. students satisfied with the overall quality of this course
- Average salary of graduates over £21,000
- 89% of our graduates go on to work or undertake further study

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Course fact file

UCAS code: N400

Duration: 3 years

Places Available: 267

Applications in 2012: 2222

Typical Offer: AAB (**More detailed entry requirements and the international qualifications accepted can be found in the course details (?OpenSection=EntryRequirements)**)

Start date: September 2014

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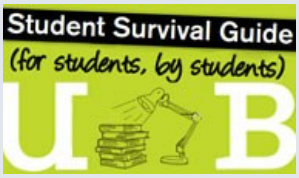

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ACCA, CIMA, ICAEW and CISI. This degree offers many professional qualification exemptions. Scroll down to find out.

First year Accounting and Finance BSc students discuss their initial worries, the activities on offer and the benefits of the Coniston outdoor activity centre trip.

First year

When you arrive in the Department of Accounting and Finance you will be allocated a personal tutor who will guide you through the three year course. As part of your first year of study, you will complete 7 core modules as well as having the opportunity to study two modules outside of accounting and finance.

You will also participate in the professional skills module which involves a trip to our activity centre at Coniston in the Lake District.

This unique activity provides an outward bound experience where you will face challenges with other students on the Accounting and Finance course, allowing you to develop key teamworking, leadership and presentation skills which you will build on throughout your degree in preparation for your future career.

Second year

During the second year you will build on the knowledge gained in year one by taking 9 intermediate modules. During this year will notice a focus on employability through a range of department organised events designed to help you secure a graduate position at the end of your degree.

Third year

During your final year you will study 5 core modules and up to 3 optional modules. The modules you take in the third year are designed to bring your Accounting and Finance knowledge to a managerial level, equipping you with the tools you need to be successful at a senior level within the accounting and finance sector.

You are also able to take advantage of a unique opportunity by taking part in our Professional Development module which allows you to complete an internship and you are assessed by written assignments as part of your degree.

(/undergraduate/courses/business/placements-module/professional-development-module.aspx)

Professional qualification exemptions

The BSc Accounting and Finance course offers several exam exemptions from professional Accounting and Finance qualifications:

This Accounting and Finance course is accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). Depending on the modules you study over the course of the degree and the results you obtain, you could secure exemptions from the ACCA exams, completion of which is required to become a chartered qualified accountant.

On successful completion of the Accounting and Finance course you may be eligible for exemptions from Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) professional exams which need to be completed to gain chartered management accountant status.

In order to become a Chartered Accountant you need to complete some professional exams set by the ICAEW. On completion of the Accounting and Finance course depending on the modules you have studied and your performance you may qualify for exemptions.

The CISI has awarded the Department of Accounting and Finance the title of 'Centre for excellence in Finance teaching'. We are also one of the only universities in the UK where depending on the optional modules you take, you could be awarded a CISI diploma in investor advice on completion of your degree. This can then be used to obtain FSA approved person status making you employer-ready in the city.

Why study this course

- The Accounting and Finance department is one of a select few institutions in the UK that have been recognised by the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment (CISI) as a centre of excellence for finance teaching.

- 89% of our graduates go on to work or undertake further study, aided by the department's links with industry and course specific internships. **Find out more about employability and internships (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/undergraduate/business/accounting-finance.aspx#EmployabilityTab)** .
- You will be taught using a variety of methods by leading researchers and academics who have worked professionally in the Accounting and Finance sector.
- On successful completion of your degree you may be eligible for exemptions from some professional examinations offered by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), the Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales (ICAEW) and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). We are also the only UK university where you could walk away with a CISI diploma in investment advice.
- The BSc Accounting and Finance course at Birmingham is ranked 3rd out of the **Russell Group of UK universities (http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/)** .

This course scored highly with our students in the 2013 National Student Survey:

- 87% student satisfaction i.e. students satisfied with the overall quality of this course
- 92% of our students rated staff good at explaining things
- 94% of our students felt that they could contact staff whenever they needed to
- 90% of our students felt that they had opportunities to provide feedback on all elements of their course

Modules

First Year

Core modules

- **Business Organisation and Management (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/first-year/business-organisation-and-management.aspx)**
- **International Macroeconomics and Financial Markets (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/first-year/international-macroeconomics-and-financial-markets.aspx)**
- **Introduction to Economics (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/first-year/introduction-to-economics.aspx)**
- **Principles of Financial Accounting (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/first-year/principles-of-financial-accounting.aspx)**
- **Introduction to Finance (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/first-year/introduction-to-finance.aspx)**
- **Introduction to Management Accounting (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/first-year/introduction-to-management-accounting.aspx)**
- **Academic and Professional Skills (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/first-year/academic-and-professional-skills.aspx)**
- Quantitative Methods
- Module outside of main discipline

Second Year

Core modules

- **Company Accounting and Accounting Theory (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/second-year/company-accounting-and-accounting-theory.aspx)**
- **Corporate Financial Management (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/second-year/corporate-financial-management.aspx)**
- **Human Resource Management (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/second-year/human-resource-management.aspx)**
- **Information Systems for Accounting (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/second-year/information-systems-for-accounting.aspx)**
- **Introduction to Marketing (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/second-year/introduction-to-marketing.aspx)**
- **Auditing (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/second-year/li-auditing.aspx)**
- **Business Law (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/second-year/li-business-law-a-b.aspx)**
- **Taxation (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/second-year/li-taxation.aspx)**
- **Management Accounting (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/second-year/management-accounting.aspx)**

Third Year

Core modules

- **Advanced Accounting Theory and Policy (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/third-year/advanced-accounting-theory-and-policy.aspx)**
- **Advanced Finance (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/third-year/advanced-finance.aspx)**
- **Advanced Financial Accounting (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/third-year/advanced-financial-accounting.aspx)**
- **Advanced Management Accounting (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/third-year/advanced-management-accounting.aspx)**
- **Extended Essay (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/third-year/extended-essay.aspx)**

Optional modules - choose from:

This course includes the unique opportunity to be supported with a work placement as part of your final year by undertaking the '**Professional development (/undergraduate/courses/business/placements-module/professional-development-module.aspx)** ' module as part of your optional module choices.

- **Advanced Financial Statement Analysis for Undergraduates (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/third-year/optional-modules/advanced-financial-statement-analysis-for-undergraduates.aspx)**
- **Public Sector Accounting (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/third-year/optional-modules/public-sector-accounting.aspx)**

- **Business to Business Marketing** (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/third-year/optional-modules/business-to-business-marketing.aspx)
- **Comparative and International Taxation** (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/third-year/optional-modules/comparative-and-international-taxation.aspx)
- **Information Communication Technology and Accounting** (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/third-year/optional-modules/information-communication-technology-and-accounting.aspx)
- **International Corporate Governance** (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/third-year/optional-modules/international-corporate-governance.aspx)
- **International Human Resource Management** (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/third-year/optional-modules/international-human-resource-management.aspx)
- Critical Analysis in Management
- Financial Market Regulation
- **Strategic Management** (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/third-year/optional-modules/strategic-management.aspx)
- **Marketing Communications** (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/third-year/optional-modules/marketing-communications.aspx)
- **Marketing Ethics** (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/third-year/optional-modules/marketing-ethics.aspx)
- **Professional Development module** (/undergraduate/courses/business/placements-module/professional-development-module.aspx)

Fees and funding

Standard fees (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/ug/courses/fees/standard) apply
Learn more about **fees and funding** (/undergraduate/fees/loans.aspx)

Scholarships
Learn more about our **scholarships and awards** (/undergraduate/fees/funding/index.aspx)

Entry requirements

Number of A levels required: 3

Typical offer: AAB

Required subjects and grades: All Business courses require GCSE Mathematics at grade B and GCSE English at grade C if not offered at AS or A2 level

General Studies: not accepted as one of three A2s, but a good performance may be taken into account if you fail to meet the conditions of the offer and have General Studies as a fourth A2.

Additional information:

Other qualifications are considered – learn more about **entry requirements** (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/ug/requirements)

International students:

International Baccalaureate Diploma: 35–36 points

Standard English language requirements apply
Learn more about **international entry requirements** (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/ug/requirements/international)

Depending on your chosen course of study, you may also be interested in the Birmingham Foundation Academy, a specially structured programme for international students whose qualifications are not accepted for direct entry to UK universities. Further details can be found on the **foundation academy web pages** (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/Pathways/index.aspx) .

How to apply

Apply through the **UCAS website** (http://www.ucas.com/) using code **N400**.

The below video is a step-by-step guide on applying through the UCAS process.

UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) is a UK organisation responsible for managing applications to university and college.

View further advice on '**How to apply for undergraduate courses** (/undergraduate/courses/apply/how-to-apply-for-ug-courses.aspx) ', including advice for UK, EU and overseas applicants.

Key Information Set (KIS)

Key Information Sets (KIS) are comparable sets of information about full- or part-time undergraduate courses and are designed to meet the information needs of

prospective students.

All KIS information has been published on the Unistats website and can also be accessed via the small advert, or 'widget', below. On the **Unistats website (http://unistats.direct.gov.uk)** you are able to compare all the KIS data for each course with data for other courses.

The development of Key Information Sets (KIS) formed part of HEFCE's work to enhance the information that is available about higher education. They give you access to reliable and comparable information in order to help you make informed decisions about what and where to study.

The KIS contains information which prospective students have identified as useful, such as student satisfaction, graduate outcomes, learning and teaching activities, assessment methods, tuition fees and student finance, accommodation and professional accreditation.

Learning and teaching

The Birmingham Business School was the first business school in the country and has built on its reputation ever since to ensure that you get the best learning and teaching experience.

How will I be taught?

During your time at the Business School you will experience teaching through a mixture of lectures, webcasts and tutorial. We are one of the first UK universities to offer computer lead tutorials as part of some of our modules using Saasu, a cloud based accounting package.

Contact hours

Depending on the modules you select, each week you will have between 15 and 18 hours of lectures and classes, with lecturers on hand to answer additional questions outside this timeframe.

Assessment

Assessment will be through a combination of exams, incourse tests, group and individual coursework and presentations and will depend on the optional modules you select.

Lecturers and world leading researchers

Throughout the course you will be taught by lecturers who have worked in the accounting and finance profession as well as world leading researchers. You can learn more about the faculty by visiting the **Department of Accounting and Finance staff pages (/schools/business/departments/Accounting-Finance/staff/index.aspx)** .

Learning and study settings

You'll find our Accounting and Finance department here at Birmingham located in University House, which is set in landscaped gardens and the multi-million pound home to Birmingham Business School.

The Business School is equipped with the latest facilities and technology to ensure your studies are inspired by their surroundings. Your learning will take place in a range of different settings, from scheduled teaching in lectures, small group tutorials and self-study. Self study is an essential part of the programme and requires self motivation and enthusiasm for your subject.

*View more **My Bham - Why our students love Birmingham (/undergraduate/birmingham/mybham/index.aspx)** videos to find out about accommodation, nightlife, sport and the music scence at the University and the city of Birmingham.*

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Personal Tutor

From the outset, you will be assigned your own Personal Tutor whose role is to:

- get to know you as you progress through your studies
- provide academic and welfare advice
- encourage and offer assistance in any areas you may feel you need extra support
- undertake a formal transition review during your first year to check on your progress, offering any help for any particular areas where you need support. This will help you to make the most of your potential and your time here at Birmingham.

Employability

An Accounting and Finance student discusses the Professional Development Module and how it could help with developing your career.

A degree from Birmingham Business School is evidence of your ability to succeed in a demanding academic environment.

Employers target Birmingham students for their drive, diversity, communication and problem solving skills, their team-working abilities and cultural awareness, which is why 89% of our graduates go on to work, or undertake further study, with the average salary of graduates over £21,000.

> "The University of Birmingham produces enthusiastic, motivated individuals who are ready to enter the world with us"; PricewaterhouseCoopers

Throughout your time on the Accounting and Finance course, employability is a key area of focus. We help to make sure that you are employable through a range of department led and university wide initiatives which include:

Professional skills module

The **professional skills module (/undergraduate/courses/business/accounting-modules/first-year/old/professional-skills.aspx)** involves a trip to our activity centre at Coniston in the Lake District and helps develop key teamworking, leadership and presentation skills which you will build on throughout your degree in preparation for your future career.

Professional development module

You will have the unique opportunity to take advantage of a work placement as part of your final year by undertaking the **professional development module (/undergraduate/courses/business/placements-module/professional-development-module.aspx)** as part of your optional module choices.

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Careers workshop

This is an event held in the second year where professional service firms such as Deutsche Bank, Deloitte and PwC visit campus and are available for students to talk to allowing you to get a better idea of what each company does, giving you the opportunity to build professional networks.

Careers network

The **Careers Network (/undergraduate/careers/careers-network.aspx)** is the university's careers service and recently won an award from 'ratemyplacement.co.uk' for being the best university careers service. It will provide you with guidance on application forms and CVs, to arranging mock interviews and assessment centres. They also have a selection of internships and graduate vacancies.

Visit the University of Birmingham Careers pages for further information on how we are '**Investing in your future (/undergraduate/careers/index.aspx)**'.

Professional firms involvement in your degree

Some of the classes you take as part of your course will be led by representatives from some of the most prestigious professional service firms in the country, allowing you to develop your network as well as a better understanding of what they do.

In addition, many of the firms and some of the accountancy institutes sponsor prizes awarded for academic performance in each year group.

Internships

Many of the Accounting and Finance undergraduates take the opportunity to complete at least one internship over the summer. Between 80-90% of students undertaking an internship are offered a graduate position at their placement, conditional on successful completion of their degree. The careers network are experts in helping students secure an internship whether it be in the UK or overseas.

Through our industry links, the Business School has secured several internships with companies including Sony and Capgemini. These internships are exclusive to Birmingham Business School and can only be applied for by Business School undergraduates.

Your Birmingham degree

Your Birmingham degree is evidence of your ability to succeed in a demanding academic environment. Employers target Birmingham students for their drive, diversity, communication and problem-solving skills, their team-working abilities and cultural awareness, and our graduate employment statistics have continued to climb at a rate well above national trends. If you make the most of the wide range of services you will be able to develop your career from the moment you arrive.

92% Students agreed staff are good at explaining things

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