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Accounting and Finance BSc

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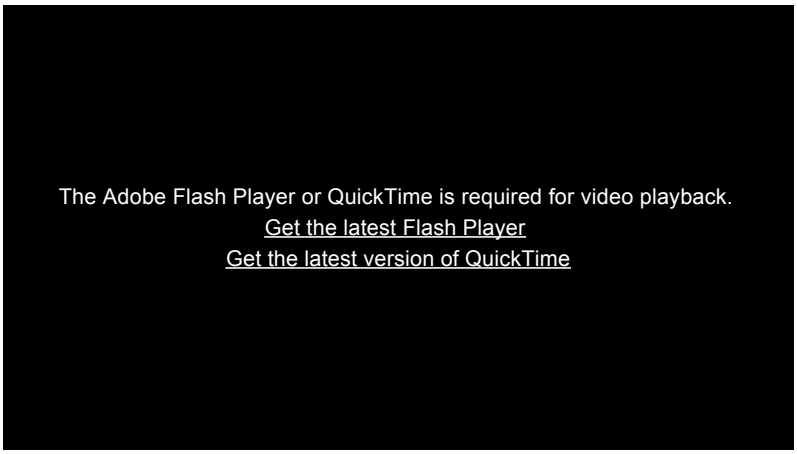

First year Accounting and Finance BSc students discuss their initial worries, the activities on offer and the benefits of the Coniston outdoor activity centre trip.

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:

ACCA

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.

CIMA

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.

The Adobe Flash Player or QuickTime is required for video playback.
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View further advice on '**How to apply for undergraduate courses (/undergraduate/courses/apply/index.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.

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