BSc Accounting and Finance Programme

‘Triple-crown’ accredited

People at the heart of business and business at the heart of society
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Welcome to Birmingham Business School

We are a dynamic, internationally focused school offering programmes across the full range of business disciplines. Our academic staff are renowned for their world-class research and excellence in teaching, which serve to enrich our students’ knowledge and understanding. We pride ourselves on students graduating with a range of skills that give them a competitive edge in the employment market.

Our mission at Birmingham Business School is to put people at the heart of business. This means we are a research-led, multi-disciplinary, international business school developing a new generation of global business leaders and entrepreneurs.

We are committed to making a difference at all levels. We enable our graduates to add value throughout their careers, we provide superior business intelligence to our partners, and we focus our research on the key challenges that face our economy and our society.

Birmingham Business School is consistently found in global ranking tables and accredited by leading bodies, AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB. The triple-crown accreditation confirms our position within an elite group of global business schools.

We have an enviable Advisory Board that we work closely with, an excellent level of engagement with regional and international businesses and strong links with policy makers involved with economic growth and business. We have designed the Birmingham MBA to offer a suite of high-quality and uniquely modified specialist programmes, delivered in a variety of flexible formats to match students’ lifestyle and preferred methods of study.

Birmingham Business School is already globally renowned for the quality of our research and teaching. With students representing over 60 countries currently studying at our main campus, our courses being taught in a range of international business schools, and an international faculty and global alumni community of around 23,000 graduates, we have a global footprint that ensures worldwide impact.

Our partnerships with global companies, organisations and people ensures we are carrying on that proud tradition of borderless and boundary-free innovation. Our dedication to providing our students with a rich educational experience within our Business School has led to increased investment in our career services and corporate relations programme. This will further enhance the already excellent career prospects of our graduates, with additional opportunities for project work and internships with leading global businesses.

We know that innovation and globalisation will continue to reshape global business in the future. To this end, our goal is to provide an education that will inspire and equip our graduates to navigate the ever-changing and evolving landscape of global business.

I look forward to welcoming you to our Business School.

Professor Glyn Watson
Dean, Birmingham Business School
Why choose the Business School?

The ideal place to begin your career journey

Reputation
One of the original ‘red-brick’ universities, we’ve been teaching business for over 100 years.

Industry links
Some of the country’s and world’s leading organisations have input into the design of our courses, run workshops for our students and employ our graduates.

Career prospects
Our graduates stand out in a competitive employment market and go onto diverse and rewarding careers all over the world.

Learn from the best
Many of our staff are internationally renowned in their fields and our leading research contributes to academic debates worldwide.

Study alongside the best
Our entry requirements ensure that our students are of a high calibre and this is recognised by the business community who are keen to employ our graduates.

An international community
With students from over 60 countries and numerous international links, you’ll be able to make friends and study with counterparts from many nationalities.

Ideally situated
The UK’s second largest city is just 90 minutes by train from London as well as being home to Europe’s largest city retail development and host to world-class events for industry, the arts and sports.

Facilities
Our original 1908 building is combined with a state-of-the-art teaching and learning complex, while the University itself is set in 250 acres of parkland with amazing facilities.
A globally recognised qualification

The Accounting and Finance Department is one of a select few that have achieved the gold standard of recognition as a Centre of Excellence in finance teaching by the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment (CISI). All students are offered CISI membership at the start of the course, giving you valuable opportunities to network with other members.

Professional exam exemption

On successful completion of your degree and depending on the options you take, you may be eligible to apply for exemption from certain professional accounting and finance exams. For accountancy exams, exemptions currently include six exam papers from ICAEW, six from ACCA, seven from CIMA, and four from ICAS.

Within finance, we have embarked on a groundbreaking and currently unique initiative with the CISI. This brings the Retail Distribution Review compliant CISI Diploma in Investment Advice into our BSc Accounting and Finance. Students who pass our degree, plus the module on Financial Markets Regulation, whose exam students must sit externally, can apply for exemption from the CISI Diploma in Investment Advice.

The Investment Advice Diploma has been developed to provide employees who advise or deal in Securities or Derivatives, or manage investments, with the knowledge and skills required for their job roles. It complies with the examination standards required by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) for those who work within the retail area of financial services. Having an FSA approved practice-based qualification on graduation is a real head start for the UK financial services workplace.

Students who pass our degree but choose not to take the elective module on Financial Markets Regulation can still apply to be exempt from all bar the regulatory module.

Exclusive to the University of Birmingham...

Capgemini

Global consultancy firm and top-flight recruiter based on 40 countries around the world, Capgemini works exclusively with Birmingham Business School every year to create and deliver a second-to-none consultancy training experience that you won’t find at any other UK university.

All our undergraduates have the opportunity to apply to take part in the unique Capgemini Community Challenge in your first or second year. This takes place over one week at Capgemini’s world-renowned client-solutions facilities, with students carrying out tangible solutions-based consultancy projects for actual third-sector clients.

Participation will enhance your CV, professional development and work experience. It’s also an amazing opportunity to make a real difference to the charitable organisation you’re assigned to help.

Take a look at our Challenge webcast at: youtu.be/-s5neaVlg

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1 ICAEW is the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. ACCA is the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. CIMA is the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. ICAS is the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

2 The regulatory exam you sit externally is the CISI FSA Regulation and Professional Integrity. We provide the tuition.

3 www.siservices.co.uk/brochures/img_pdf/investment%20advice%20diploma.pdf
A chance to learn from the best

BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance

This three-year programme is designed to equip you for a successful career in the accountancy profession or financial sector, or for a financial role in industry or government. Highly sought after by diverse employers around the world, we’re proud of our graduates who go on to become accountants, auditors, tax specialists, financial analysts, fund managers, traders, brokers and investment researchers.

**Why study at Birmingham Business School?**
You will develop an in-depth knowledge of financial and management accounting, auditing, tax, corporate finance, financial services and investments. You will also build much-valued professional skills to make sure you get the most out of your time here at Birmingham and to prepare you for your future career. This includes the opportunity to develop leadership, team working and communication skills at the University’s outdoor pursuits centre in the Lake District.

**Your programme of study**
- Your first year is designed to raise your knowledge and understanding so that you're operating at degree level. It doesn’t count towards your final degree classification but you must pass it to proceed.
- Your second year contributes 25% of your final degree classification and your third year 75%.

Depending on the options you choose you may be able to gain partial exemption from the examinations of professional bodies such as ICAEW, CIMA, ACCA, and ICAS.

‘Not only did my course prove to be flexible, but it covered a wide range of topics which will help to shape my career after graduation. I would recommend Birmingham Business School to anyone intending to study a related degree because the broad scope of knowledge which is gained in a small amount of time is rather impressive compared to other Institutions offering the same discipline.’

**NOORESAHAH HUSSAIN, Final Year, BSc Accounting and Finance**
Around 85% of our graduates secure professional or managerial level roles within six months of graduation. Employers like the fact that our graduates know about business and have the professional skills to get on with the job.

**Programme structure**

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This programme is credit based and you will study 120 credits per year (60 credits per semester). Subjects are offered as either 10 or 20 credit modules. The modules listed on our website and in our literature may occasionally be subject to change. For example, as you will appreciate, key members of staff may leave the University and this might necessitate a review of the modules that are offered. Where a module is no longer available, we will let you know as soon as we can and help you make other choices.

For entry requirements and how to apply, please turn to page 12.
Prepare for your lucrative career in finance
Professional Development Module

Available to students on the BSc Accounting and Finance programme

This is an optional 20-credit final-year module which includes a work placement and aims to bridge the gap between your academic studies and your future professional life. It is an excellent opportunity to learn in a professional setting related to your interests and/or degree programme, supporting your professional and personal skills development, and consolidating your learning through reflection on your placement experiences.

The placement must be of at least 40 hours’ duration and can be taken during the summer vacation or in the Autumn Term. Your placement could take place at a wide variety of organisations, such as a summer internship with a major employer or an unpaid voluntary project at a charity. You will have access to support from our dedicated Placements Team, to help you to identify the most appropriate opportunity for you.
Tomorrow starts today

BSc entry criteria and how to apply

Applying for BSc Accounting and Finance

UCAS CODE: N400
All candidates must apply through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). Visit www.ucas.com for more information.

Required subjects and grades
- GCSE Mathematics at grade B if not offered at AS or A2 level
- GCSE English grade C if not offered at AS or A2 level
- General Studies and Critical Thinking is not accepted

We also accept International Baccalaureate (32 overall score plus 665 in 3 higher level subjects), BTEC (DDD) and some other qualifications will also be considered.

A levels offered | Grades required
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Three A2 levels  | AAB

International students
If your first language is not English, you will need:
- Internet-based TOEFL, 88 overall with 21 in Reading, 20 in Listening, 22 in Speaking and 21 in Writing; or
- IELTS 6.5 overall (with at least 6.0 in each band); or
- Pearson Test of English, 59 in all four skills

Your offer of a place
If we make you an offer of a place we will take into account the qualifications you already have and then set out clearly any subjects and grades which are a condition of our offer.

Remember, there is no such thing as a standard offer. Every offer is made according to individual circumstances and typically takes into consideration: academic qualifications, subject choice, predicted grades, your reference and personal statement.

Learn more
UG Recruitment and Admissions Officer: bscacc-finadmissions@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Come and see us!
Our Open Days are a great chance to find out more about our programmes and the Business School. Find out more at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/index.aspx
Our alumni

Your Birmingham Business School connection doesn’t end with your graduation; from alumni events and guest speakers to career support and mentoring, there are many opportunities to get involved with BBS Alumni.

Birmingham Business School Alumni Relations team is dedicated to providing outstanding support to benefit our students and graduates across the School. The team host bespoke events and offer a variety of volunteer opportunities, encouraging alumni to support our students’ experiences and career progression and also to offer advice on all that the Business School, University and city of Birmingham have to offer.

Opportunities for students include:
- Joining an international network of over 30,000 Business School alumni and 180,000 across the whole University
- Invitations to the Distinguished Leaders Lecture Series
- Opportunities to hear from alumni business leaders and successful senior alumni who provide company projects, give advice and offer career opportunities

For graduates we offer:
- Bespoke guest lectures and webinars
- A bi-monthly e-newsletter
- Access to regional alumni groups and events around the world
- An alumni contact service to reconnect with old friends or make new contacts
- Global networking and social events
- Exciting volunteering opportunities

‘The education I got from Birmingham really has given me a head start with exemptions from a large number of professional Accounting exams. Having a degree from such a well thought of university definitely helped me secure the job but, at the same time, the overall skills and development I received at UoB helped me stand out from other candidates.’

JAMES FITTON, BSc Accounting and Finance graduate
Getting the most from your time with us... and beyond

Study and career support

We feel proud and privileged that our students have chosen to put their fledgling careers in the hands of Birmingham Business School. So we want to make sure you achieve your full potential throughout your studies and gain the best career opportunities to fulfil your ambitions.

Your personal tutor
From the moment you begin your studies, you’ll be allocated a personal tutor who is a member of the academic staff. He or she will take an interest in your general wellbeing and academic progress, meeting you on a regular basis either individually or in a small group throughout the year.

How you’ll learn
Throughout your time with us you’ll be taught by staff who have a wealth of knowledge and experience. Some had successful financial careers prior to teaching at university; others have taught and researched in universities all their working lives. Many of our staff continue to gain first-hand experience of real world accounting and finance issues, researching for and advising top financial companies and government, so you benefit from their first-hand knowledge and acumen.

You’ll be taught using a combination of lectures and tutorials with lecturers using innovative teaching techniques where possible. Depending on the modules selected, you will have 22 hours of teaching per week which is usually carried out by the faculty with contributions from external industry experts on certain modules.

How you’ll be assessed
Modules are assessed using a combination of exams and coursework, the mix of which will be dependent upon the modules you select.

Library resources
The University Library houses over 2.5 million volumes and boasts extensive data retrieval services. The Library offers a range of valuable services to help you during your degree programme, including library-training sessions, subject guides and database skills. You’ll also have access to e-Library, a vast online collection of text books that can be accessed free of charge from other libraries.

IT facilities
The Business School has a number of PC clusters with wireless connectivity and data projection. We also use a virtual learning environment to support our teaching, which can be accessed from any internet-connected computer and is used to provide electronic copies of lecture materials, links to online resources, multiple choice quizzes and discussion areas. It’s also used for a range of administrative tasks such as online submission of assignments and the provision of programme news.
Taking your career further...

Our degrees are highly regarded by employers and our graduates are very successful in the job market. In most cases, our graduates go into roles related to their degrees, such as trainee accountancy in professional practice, industry or the public sector, tax consultancy or banking.

The University’s Careers Network provides a wide range of services and support to help students achieve their career goals. This includes workshops and one-to-one advice on applications, interviews and business skills. You can also attend events giving you the opportunity to meet leading graduate employers. This includes, in your second year, a networking event attended by firms from the accounting and finance profession.

For more information on the Careers Network please visit: www.as.bham.ac.uk/careers.

We pride ourselves on our graduates’ high levels of employability and will help you to plan, manage and achieve your career goals, giving you the competitive edge when it’s time to start job hunting.

Just a few recent employers of Business School graduates include:
- Accenture
- Barclays
- BT
- Cadburys
- Channel Four
- Danone
- Deloitte
- Disney
- Enterprise Rent-a-Car
- Ernst & Young
- FM Global
- HM Revenue and Customs
- HSBC
- KPMG
- L’Oreal UK
- Lloyds TSB
- Mindshare
- Ogilvy
- PwC
- Royal Bank of Scotland
- The Carphone Warehouse
- Unilever
Investing in your future

Fees and living costs

Undertaking any programme of study is one of the biggest decisions you'll ever make. We want you to be completely aware of your financial commitment before you choose to study at Birmingham Business School, so here are our fees for 2017–18 entry, along with details of any available scholarships and bursaries.

### Programme fees

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### Living costs

For up-to-date information please visit the website at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/support/moneyadvice/living.aspx

### Scholarships and bursaries

The University offers a range of scholarships and bursaries for undergraduate study; many of which are designed not just to provide financial support or reward but also to help equip you with the skills both vital and valuable beyond university. For more details of the scholarships, bursaries and awards available visit the undergraduate fees and finding page.

www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/business/courses/ug/ug-scholarships.aspx

### Sponsors and prizes

Birmingham Business School enjoys close links with the business community locally, nationally and internationally. Top-ranking corporate organisations have input into our courses and sponsor prizes on many of our undergraduate programmes each year, offering awards, such as ‘the most improved student between years one and two’ and best Accounting and Finance student.

Many Birmingham graduates are recruited by these and other top companies each year. Our sponsors for undergraduate programmes include:

- Accenture
- Aldi
- Brit Insurance
- Deloitte
- Enterprise Rent-a-car
- Ernst & Young
- KPMG
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- HSBC
Planning your life in Birmingham

As a student living in Birmingham, you’ll enjoy lower costs than many other cities in the UK. But of course the actual amount you’ll spend depends on your lifestyle, so we can only give you an approximate idea of how much you’ll need.

Take a look at how the University of Birmingham estimates the cost of living for a single student by visiting: www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/fees/index.aspx

Budgeting for and securing your accommodation

When you’re getting accustomed to an unfamiliar environment and meeting new people, it’s reassuring not to have to worry about where you’re going to live. That’s why we guarantee a place in University accommodation to all EU/international students who are new to Birmingham, providing you meet the criteria detailed in our International Guarantee Scheme. You can find out more about this here: www.birmingham.ac.uk/study/accommodation/index.aspx

At Birmingham, we offer a fantastic range of accommodation, all of which provides a safe, secure and sociable start to your university experience.

Coming to Birmingham to study might be your first time living away from home but our student accommodation will allow you to enjoy your new-found independence in safe, welcoming and sociable surroundings.

In each village there is accommodation offering a self-catered option. At the Vale, students are also able to take advantage of the Meal Plan. If you opt for Meal Plan accommodation, you will have a weekly allowance for meals during term time at any of the Universities catering outlets.

Please view each village’s section for further details about the accommodation types, contract lengths and accommodation fees. We support students with disabilities and accessibility information for each hall is available on the Disabled Go University of Birmingham accommodation pages on our website.
Birmingham...
a great place to
live and learn

Our city
Our beautiful Edgbaston campus is located just outside the heart of the UK’s youngest city. Birmingham is known for its diverse and vibrant culture, international events, shopping and award-winning restaurants.

As England’s second city, Birmingham is a thriving, vibrant place to live. Multicultural, commercial and contemporary, it also boasts a rich history and heritage.

When you study here, you’ll find it’s not just the perfect base for your work – it’s also the perfect place to begin your career and set down the foundations for a successful future.

Easily accessible from and to the rest of the UK, Birmingham is just one and a half hours from London by train, and Birmingham Airport is around half an hour away from the city centre.

Birmingham highlights
All tastes are catered for in Birmingham. In the city centre alone, more than 200 restaurants serve food from 27 countries including five Michelin-starred restaurants.

In your leisure time, you’ll find a huge range of activities to keep you entertained and occupied. Shopping areas include the famous Bullring, the ever-growing Jewellery Quarter, and The Mailbox with its designer stores and upmarket restaurants. Birmingham also hosts a range of markets, including the famous German market at Christmas.

If you are looking for some culture, then you’ll find plenty of art galleries—including the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery— theatres, cinemas and music arenas, such as the National Exhibition Centre and the National Indoor Arena.

Our campus
The University campus offers a peaceful and tranquil haven, yet is right on the doorstep of the bustling city. So whether you’re looking for some quiet downtime to study or fancy a big night out, you’re never far from where you want to be.

Striking architecture and 250 acres of parkland make for the stunning setting of our campus, which also boasts a whole range of amenities. You’ll find bars, shops, travel agents, opticians and major banks, as well as an art gallery, museum and concert hall all on site. Plus there is the added benefit of a full-time security team.

We are in the process of a £175 million campus development project. The new facilities also include a brand new library, 50-metre swimming pool and contemporary student accommodation.
This leaflet was written several months in advance of the start of the academic year. It is intended to provide prospective students with a general picture of the programmes and courses offered by the School. Please note that not all programmes or all courses are offered every year. Also, because our research is constantly exploring new areas and directions of study, some courses may be discontinued and new ones offered in their place.