Department of Accounting
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, international school offering programmes across the full range of business and management disciplines. The School’s academic staff conduct world-leading research, in addition to achieving excellence in teaching and enriching students’ learning and understanding. We pride ourselves on students graduating with a range of knowledge and skills that give them a competitive edge in the global marketplace.

Our vision is to inspire curiosity and drive change globally in the field of responsible business research and education.

This means we are a research-led, multidisciplinary, international business school developing a new generation of responsible 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 global economy and society.

Birmingham Business School is consistently found in international 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 International 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 are proud that Birmingham Business School is an international learning and research community. 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 29,000 graduates, we have a global footprint that ensures worldwide impact.

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

In addition, our continued commitment to providing an exceptional standard of education has seen the construction of a £10 million dedicated Business School Postgraduate Teaching Centre.

We know that diversity, 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 Catherine Cassell
Dean, Birmingham Business School
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, financial sector, or for a financial role in industry or government. Highly sought after by diverse employers around the world, we are proud of our graduates who go on to become accountants, auditors, tax specialists, financial analysts, fund managers, traders, brokers and investment researchers.

Why study BSc Accounting and Finance at Birmingham?
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 are operating at degree level. It doesn’t count towards your final degree classification but you must pass it to proceed.
☐ The second year of this programme allows you to take optional modules in the form of pathways, which most suit your interests and maximise your exemptions from those areas.
☐ Your second year contributes 25% of your final degree classification and your third year 75%.

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

‘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 that is gained in a small amount of time is rather impressive compared to other institutions offering the same discipline.’

NOORESAH HUSSAIN,
BSc Accounting and Finance

90% 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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First Year

- Core modules
  - Economics for Business A or B
  - Financial Accounting and Accountability
  - Decision-Making and Control
  - Numeracy, Statistical Analysis and Financial Literacy A or B
  - Critical Thinking and Academic Skills

And one of the following:
- Widening Horizons Module
- Business Communication Skills

Second Year

- Core modules
  - Financial Reporting
  - Management Accounting
  - Corporate Finance

- Optional modules
  - Take one of the following pathways dependent on prior qualifications:
    - Professional Accounting Pathway
      - Taxation: Principles and Planning
      - Audit
      - Business Law
    - Finance Pathway
      (Only for students with A level Mathematics)
      - Econometrics
      - Financial Markets and Institutions
      - Security Analysis and Valuation
    - Future Leaders Pathway
      - Responsible Business, Theory and Practice
      - Business, The Economy and Government
      - Additional option from the above two lists

Final Year

- Core modules
  - Advanced Financial Accounting Practice and Theory
  - Advanced Corporate Finance
  - Advanced Management Accounting and Control
  - Extended Essay

- Future Leaders Pathway must also take:
  - Fundamentals of Leadership

- Optional modules
  - Two from the below list:
    - Social and Environmental Accounting
    - Advanced Analytics
    - Public Sector Accounting and Governance
    - Financial Statement Analysis
    - Comparative and International Tax
    - Foreign Exchange and International Finance
    - Special Topics in Finance
    - Governance, Ethics and Financial Markets Regulation
    - Professional Development Module

Finance Pathway students may be encouraged to complete certain modules but will have the choice from the list above.

How to apply

All candidates must apply through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). Visit www.ucas.com for more information.
Contact our Recruitment and Admissions Officer for more information: bscacc-finadmissions@contacts.bham.ac.uk.

The modules taught on our undergraduate Birmingham Business School programme(s) are in the process of being revised for the 2019 academic year. The modules listed on this page provide an indication of the new modules available, but are still subject to change. A definitive list of modules will be available on our website from September 2018. If you have a concern about a particular module/modules being taught, please contact our Recruitment and Admissions Officer via bscacc-finadmissions@bham.ac.uk who will provide further information.
Getting the most from your time with us... and beyond

Opportunities and careers 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 well-being and academic progress, meeting you on a regular basis either individually or in a small group throughout the year.

How you will learn
Throughout your time with us, you will 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 will 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 will be assessed
Modules are assessed using a combination of exams and coursework, the mix of which will be dependent upon the modules you select.

Exclusive to the University of Birmingham...
Capgemini
A 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 are assigned to help.

Take a look at our Challenge webcast at: youtu.be/-s5neeaVlzg

Professional Development Module
This is an optional 20-credit final-year module that 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 and you will have access to support from our dedicated Placements Team to help you identify the most appropriate opportunity for you.

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 funding page.

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

LEARN MORE

For more information about our Accounting and Finance programme, please visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/N400
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.

Careers Network
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.

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

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
- Lloyd’s 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. Standard fees apply for all of our programmes and you can find further information at www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/fees

Living costs
For up-to-date information, please visit the website at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/support/moneyadvice/living.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 are 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 University’s 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.

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
Our alumni

Your Birmingham Business School (BBS) connection doesn’t end with your graduation; from alumni events and guest speakers to careers 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 Birmingham helped me stand out from other candidates.’

JAMES FITTON, BSc Accounting and Finance graduate
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 will 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 as Birmingham is the youngest city in Europe, with under 25s accounting for nearly 40% of its population.

Easily accessible from and to the rest of the UK, Birmingham is under two 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. From a weekly street food event in Digbeth to the Chinese Quarter or our world-famous Balti Triangle, there are multiple food options across the city centre and region to cater to all tastes and budgets.

In your leisure time, you will find a huge range of activities to keep you entertained and occupied. Shopping areas include the famous Bullring, independent shops at the Custard Factory, 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 Frankfurt Christmas Market.

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

Our campus
The University campus offers a peaceful and tranquil haven, yet is right on the doorstep of the bustling city. Striking architecture and 250 acres of parkland make for the stunning setting of our campus, which also boasts a whole range of amenities. You will 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 developing our Green Heart, which will be a vast landscaped park at the heart of our historic campus, with spaces for a range of activities including ceremonial occasions, public performances, local markets and an outdoor cinema. Due for completion in 2019, it will feature and showcase some of the University’s extensive range of cultural collections and be a place for meeting and relaxing all year round.
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.