

Starting in January 2014

MSc Accountancy and Finance (Top-Up) (Full-time)

Duration	6 months (January 2014 or September 2014)
Campus	City North, Perry Barr, Birmingham



About this course

This course is designed to allow professionally qualified accountants to further their studies by obtaining a master's qualification in six months.

It aims to provide you with a more thorough grounding for your future professional career progression by extending your understanding and critical awareness of the major finance theories which underpin and inform a firms' strategic financial decisions, and on which modern Investment Analysis and Fund Management are based. The course will also provide you with the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills you have gained throughout your professional and postgraduate studies to a substantial piece of research on an accounting or finance related topic.

You will develop a more critical knowledge and understanding of the empirical evidence relating to core financial theories and gain additional practical and transferable skills and competences. This should enable you to operate effectively and confidently in middle/senior management roles of the accounting and finance profession across different industry sectors.

Why choose this course?

- This course is designed to be completed in six months (on a full-time basis) and offers a faster route to obtaining a master's qualification.
- You will be studying at a well respected business school that has been granted, yet again, the Platinum Approved Learning Provider status from the ACCA.
- We have been providing professional accountancy courses for many years, and maintain close links to professional bodies to ensure our academic reputation.
- Study in a multicultural environment with students from all over the world, in a vibrant city in the heart of the UK.
- Learn from an institution that focuses on practice-based learning, with academics from the real world of industry who bring their experiences to the classroom.

Entry requirements

To apply for this course you must have a CCAB (Consultative Committee of Accounting Bodies) qualification, which includes ACCA, CIPFA, ICAEW, ICAS, and ICAI, or other professional accounting qualifications with mutual recognition from the above bodies.



Course Structure

The Programme is divided into two stages: Bridging Study and the master's stage.

Bridging Study - Modern Theory of Finance

This module is a bridge between MSc Research and your professional qualification. This ensures full attainment of the skill set required for Postgraduate level study. The module covers the financial management theories which inform and influence corporate financial decisions at a more strategic level, as well as the key asset pricing models on which modern investment analysis and portfolio management are based. There is a particular emphasis on critical awareness and understanding of the empirical literature relating to the theories.

Master's Stage (part 1): Financial Econometrics and Research Skills in Accounting and Finance

The aim of this module is to equip you with a range of cognitive, technical, intellectual and transferable skills, including independent research competencies necessary for you to handle data analysis in your Modern Theory of Finance coursework and the Dissertation as well as acquainting you with the other requirements of the Dissertation. At the end of the module, you would be able to demonstrate understanding of the importance of financial and accounting data, and the methods of analysis involved in building and testing empirical financial models as well as the limitations of the models. You will also learn and demonstrate understanding of how to formulate a research proposal, conduct a literature search and review, develop and implement your individual research methodology, and the other issues regarding the undertaking and writing up of an academic dissertation.

Master's Stage (part 2): Dissertation

The dissertation represents the final transition from a largely tutor-led approach to student-centred learning as the topic is chosen, investigated and written-up by you, albeit with the advice of your supervisor. It enables you to select a topic for an in-depth research, which usually will combine theory and practice or empirical analysis.

To qualify for the award of MSc Accountancy and Finance, you must successfully complete all required assessments for the Modern Theory of Finance module, the Financial Econometrics & Research Skills module, and the Dissertation.

Fees

Home/EU students: £3,300

International students: £4,700

How to apply

To apply for this course, you must complete the online registration form which can be found on the website www.bcu.ac.uk/acc-fin-topup.

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