

Course Specification

Course Summary Information			
1	Course Title		BSc (Hons) Accountancy
2	BCU Course Code	UCAS Code	US0885 N410
3	Awarding Institution		Birmingham City University
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)		N/A
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)		Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Association of International Accountants (AIA) Institute of Financial Accountants (IFA) Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

6	Course Description
	Looking to study an accounting and finance course in Birmingham? Our BSc (Hons) Accountancy degree is accredited by CIMA, CIPFA and the IFA, and allows you to take a year-long placement. The course is designed to equip you with technical knowledge and skills as well as a range of employability skills, attributes and attitudes. It will encourage your intellectual and ethical development and your personal commitment to the social purpose of becoming a professional accountant. What's covered in the course? As you progress you will become more effective and creative as a problem solver and be given the opportunities to develop the skills necessary to be able to critically advise individuals and companies in the UK and internationally on a range of business related matters. The accounting specialism and professional alignment of the course enables fast track progression into a career in accountancy. Your engagement with this course will allow you to develop your teamwork, IT, analytical and presentation skills whilst boosting your commercial acumen and awareness as you progress through this course which has employability at its heart. You have the option of completing a year-long work placement between your second and final years of study should you wish to do so. Additionally, there will be opportunities to experience different graduate roles with a wide variety of short insight or internship schemes open to you to compliment your studies during University vacations.

7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Accountancy	6	360
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education Accountancy	4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Accountancy	5	240
	Bachelor of Science with Accountancy	6	300

8	Derogation from the University Regulations		
	Not applicable		

9	Delivery Patterns			
Mode(s) of Study		Location(s) of Study	Duration of Study	Code(s)
Full Time		City Centre	3 Years	US0885
Sandwich		City Centre	4 Years	US0885S
Part Time		City Centre	5 Years*	US0886

* If you study this course part-time, you will study modules alongside full-time students in daytime hours (not evenings or weekends). The duration of the course will depend on how many modules you take per year, and will be agreed before you commence your studies. To qualify as a PT student you cannot undertake more than 90 credits in any one year.

10	Entry Requirements
The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/, or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.	

11	Course Learning Outcomes
1	Demonstrate knowledge of the contexts in which accounting operates.
2	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of, and an ability to use current technical language and alternative technical language to describe practices of accounting and an ability to apply them in structured situations from given data generated for the purpose.
3	Record and summarise transactions and other economic events and prepare financial statements complying with relevant regulatory requirements.
4	Analyse the operations of a business and perform financial analyses and projections; and demonstrate awareness of the contexts in which accounting data and information is processed and provided within a variety of organisational environments, and the relationships with other systems providing information in organisations.
5	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of theories and empirical evidence concerning the effects of accounting.
6	Demonstrate awareness of issues relating to financial management.

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In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete 80 credits from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ACC6027	Taxation	20
ACC6021	Not For Profit Accounting and Reporting	20
BUS6059	Integrated Business Research Project	40
ACC6024	Audit and Assurance	20
FIN6024	Financial Management	20
FIN6025	Islamic Accounting and Finance	20
ACC6019	UK and Global Accounting Issues	20

12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only as modules will only run if selected by 15 or more students. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

Full Time Course Structure

Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core ACC4027 Introduction to Financial Accounting (20 credits) BUS4061 Business Foundations (20 credits) QME4011 Principles of Economics (20 credits)	Core ACC4028 Applied Accounting (20 credits) ACC4029 Introduction to Management Accounting (20 credits) ACC4030 Financial Information Systems (20 credits)

Level 5

Core ACC5032 Financial Reporting (20 credits) ACC5027 Decision Making for Business & Finance (20 credits)	Core ACC5035 Principles of Taxation (20 credits) BUS5053 Business Entrepreneur (20 credits)
Optional ACC5028 Business Operations (20 credits) QME5006 Microeconomics (20 credits) ACC5029 Study Abroad (20 credits)	Optional ACC5030 Strategic Development (20 credits) ACC5031 Ethics, Corporate Governance & Law (20 credits) ACC5029 Study Abroad (20 credits)

Level 6

Core ACC6023 Advanced Financial Reporting (20 credits) ACC6020 Strategic Management Accounting (20 credits)	
Optional ACC6027 Taxation (20 credits)	Optional ACC6024 Audit & Assurance (20 credits)

ACC6021 Not for Profit Accounting & Reporting (20 credits)	FIN6024 Financial Management (20 credits) FIN6025 Islamic Accounting & Finance (20 credits) ACC6019 UK & Global Accounting Issues (20 credits)
Optional BUS6059 Integrated Business Research Project (40 credits)	

Part Time Course Structure

Year 1	Semester 1	ACC4027 Introduction to Financial Accounting (20 credits)	BUS4061 Business Foundations (20 credits)
	Semester 2	ACC4028 Applied Accounting (20 credits)	ACC4029 Introduction to Management Accounting (20 credits)
Year 2	Semester 1	QME4011 Principles of Economics (20 credits)	ACC5032 Financial Reporting (20 credits)
	Semester 2	ACC4030 Financial Information Systems (20 credits)	ACC5035 Principles of Taxation (20 credits)
Year 3	Semester 1	ACC5027 Decision Making for Business and Finance (20 credits)	L5 option module (20 credits)
	Semester 2	BUS5053 Business Entrepreneur (20 credits)	L5 option module (20 credits)
Year 4	Semester 1	ACC6023 Advanced Financial Reporting (20 credits)	ACC6020 Strategic Management Accounting (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L6 Option (20 credits)	L6 Option (20 credits)
Year 5	Semester 1	L6 Option (20 credits)	
	Semester 2	L6 Option (20 credits)	

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 4

Workload

30% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	360
Directed Learning	720
Private Study	120
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	38%
Exam	52%
In-Person	10%

Level 5

Workload

30% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	360
Directed Learning	720
Private Study	120
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	20%

Exam	70%
In-Person	10%

Level 6

Workload

30% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	360
Directed Learning	720
Private Study	120
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	68%
Exam	30%
In-Person	2%