

# **Course Specification**

Cou	Course Summary Information			
1	1 Course Title MAcc Accounting and Finance		d Finance	
2	BCU Course	UCAS Code	UM0023	N40F
	Code			
3	Awarding Institu	tion	Birmingham City Uni	versity
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)			
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)		Association of Charte Chartered Institute of (CIPFA) Association of International	f Management Accountants (CIMA) ered Certified Accountants (ACCA) f Public Finance and Accountancy ational Accountants (AIA) Accountants (IFA) d Accountants in England and Wales

## 6 Course Description

Looking to study an integrated masters accounting course in Birmingham? This MAcc Accounting and Finance integrated master's degree course is designed to be aligned with the ACCA, CIMA, ICAEW and CIPFA and other professional bodies to allow for maximum exemptions.

Designed to equip you with the intellectual and technical building blocks needed for a successful career, the course will stimulate your development and offer opportunities to develop the skills towards becoming a high-achieving business professional.

### What's covered in the course?

As you progress, you will be given the opportunity to become more effective and creative when it comes to solving problems, as well as analysing scenarios with a view to being able to advise individuals and companies in the UK and abroad.

During the second and later years of the course, there will be more flexible learning opportunities that will enable you to specialise in particular subject areas, as well as allowing you to tailor your course to a specific career aim or professional body. There will also be opportunities to experience different graduate roles, with a wide variety of placements and internships on offer to complement your studies.

7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Integrated Master of Accountancy Accounting and Finance	7	480
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education Accounting and Finance	4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Accounting and Finance	5	240
	Bachelor of Science Accounting and Finance	6	300
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Accounting and Finance	6	360



8	Derogation from the University Regulations	
	Not applicable	

9	Delivery Patterns			
Mode	(s) of Study	Location	Duration of Study	Code
Full Ti	me	City Centre	4 years	UM0023
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10	Entry Requirements
	The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at <a href="https://www.bcu.ac.uk/">https://www.bcu.ac.uk/</a> , or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the <a href="https://www.bcu.ac.uk/">UCAS website</a> .

11	Course Learning Outcomes
1	Demonstrate knowledge of the contexts in which accounting operates, a systematic understanding of organisations, their external context and how they are managed and an ability to apply relevant knowledge to complex issues.
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 and unstructured situations.
3	Record and summarise transactions and other economic events, prepare financial statements complying with relevant regulatory requirements and demonstrate critical awareness of such techniques.
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, understanding and a critical appreciation of theories and empirical evidence concerning the effects of accounting.
6	Demonstrate awareness of issues of financial management, risk and the operation of capital markets and make appropriate recommendations.
7	Critical evaluation of arguments and evidence.
8	Independent and self-managed learning.
9	Analysis, filtering and evaluation of data and drawing reasoned conclusions concerning structured and, to a more limited extent, unstructured problems from a given set of data and from data acquired.
10	Location, extraction and analysis of data from multiple sources, including acknowledging and referencing sources.
11	Numeracy, including the processing and analysis of financial and other numerical data and the appreciation of statistical concepts at an appropriate level.



12	Using contemporary information and communications technology for the acquisition, analysis and communication of information.
13	Communication, including presenting quantitative and qualitative information, together with analysis, argument and commentary, in a form appropriate to the intended audience, and oral as well as written presentation.
14	Working with others (such as through small group projects).



## 12 Course Requirements

#### 12a Level 4:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ACC4027	Introduction to Financial Accounting	20
BUS4061	Business Foundations	20
QME4011	Principles of Economics	20
ACC4028	Applied Accounting	20
ACC4029	Introduction to Management Accounting	20
ACC4030	Financial Information Systems	20

#### Level 5:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 80 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ACC5032	Financial Reporting	20
ACC5027	Decision Making for Business and Finance	20
ACC5035	Principles of Taxation	20
ACC5031	Ethics, Corporate Governance and Law	20

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 40 credits from the following list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ACC5028	Business Operations	20
QME5015	Microeconomics	20
ACC5030	Strategic Development	20
FIN5016	Financial Modelling	20
QME5017	Econometrics	20
ACC5029	Study Abroad	20



#### Level 6:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete 120 credits from the following list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ACC6023	Advanced Financial Reporting	20
ACC6020	Strategic Management Accounting	20
ACC6027	Taxation	20
ACC6021	Not For Profit Accounting and Reporting	20
FIN6031	Banking, Financial Markets and Institutions	20
ACC6024	Audit and Assurance	20
FIN6024	Financial Management	20
FIN6025	Islamic Accounting and Finance	20
ACC6019	UK and Global Accounting Issues	20
ACC6022	Project Management	20

#### Level 7:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 40 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ACC7022	Advanced Strategic Case Study	40

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

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ACC7023	Strategic Management	20
ACC7024	Audit Theory and Practice	20
ACC7025	Performance management and Evaluation	20
ACC7035	International Tax Planning	20
FIN7015	Financial Strategy	20
ACC7026	Public Sector Financial Management	20
FIN7021	Strategic Risk Management	20
ACC7027	Advanced Corporate Reporting	20



## 12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

### Level 4

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

#### Level 5

Core	Core
ACC5032 Financial Reporting (20 Credits)	ACC5035 Principles of Taxation (20 Credits)
ACC5027 Decision Making for Business & Finance (20 Credits)	ACC5031 Ethics, Corporate Governance & Law (20 Credits)
Optional	Optional
ACC5028 Business Operations (20 credits)	ACC5030 Strategic Development (20 credits)
QME5006 Microeconomics (20 credits)	FIN5016 Financial Modelling (20 credits)
ACC5029 Study Abroad (20 credits)	QME5017 Econometrics (20 credits)
	ACC5029 Study Abroad (20 credits)

## Level 6

Optional	Optional
ACC6023 Advanced Financial Reporting (20	ACC6024 Audit & Assurance (20 credits)
credits)	FIN6024 Financial Management (20 credits)
ACC6020 Strategic Management Accounting (20 credits)	FIN6025 Islamic Accounting & Finance (20 credits)
ACC6027 Taxation (20 credits)	ACC6019 UK & Global Accounting Issues (20
ACC6021 Not for Profit Accounting & Reporting (20	credits)
credits)	ACC6022 Project Management (20 credits)



FIN6031 Banking Financial markets & Institutions	
(20 credits)	

#### Level 7

#### Core

ACC7022 Advanced Strategic Case Study (40 credits)

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ACC7023 Strategic Management (20 credits)

ACC7024 Audit Theory & Practice (20 credits)

ACC7025 Performance Management & Evaluation (20 credits)

ACC7035 International Tax Planning (20 credits)

## Optional

FIN7015 Financial Strategy (20 credits)

ACC7026 Public Sector Financial Management (20 credits)

FIN7021 Strategic Risk Management (20 credits)

ACC7027 Advanced Corporate Reporting (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	10%
Exam	75%
In-Person	15%

#### 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	23%
Exam	75%
In-Person	2%

### Level 7

## **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	42.5%
Exam	52%
In-Person	5.5%