

Accounting & Finance BA (Hons)

UCAS Code: N400 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2024/2025

Accredited | Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

In the rapidly changing business world, the demand for finance professionals has never been greater. This challenging and stimulating Accounting and Finance degree will equip you with a strong strategic outlook, ensuring that, once you graduate, you will be ready to inform and advise management decision-making at the highest level. The variety of topics studied on this degree will give you a sound grounding in theoretical and practical areas of Accounting and Finance.

Senior Professional Tutors, with practical experience in the professional services sector and who are experts in their field, work alongside well respected academic staff to ensure that, when you graduate, you will have the skills and knowledge needed for a successful career in a number of competitive areas, including accountancy, general management, banking, and finance.

We believe your ability to gain meaningful employment after you graduate is really important, so there is a strong focus on helping you to develop your employability skills. Throughout your degree, there will be a number of opportunities and initiatives to engage and network with local, national and international businesses, giving you the chance to raise your profile and make connections in the business before you have even graduated.

Entry Requirements

This course follows the standard University entry requirements. Please see the website for further information.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2024/2025 are £9,250 for full-time undergraduate courses.

On top of your tuition fees, you also need to consider the cost of key books which we estimate to cost around £200.

If after graduating you want to pursue professional accreditation with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), you will be required to pay ACCA a registration fee and a fee for each exemption requested. More details about these fees are available on the ACCA website: www.accaglobal.com

Applicants will need access to a computer if course delivery is switched to online. The University has a laptop lending service if remote study is necessary.

Accreditation

Our single honours Accounting and Finance degree programme is accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) to ensure you gain professional recognition and employability skills. Studying the single honours Accounting and Finance degree programme, you will have the opportunity to use your degree credits to apply for exemptions from some ACCA exams, once you graduate.

The University registers all single honours students on the Accounting and Finance course with the support programme run by ACCA. This offers a range of practical help and guidance to students.

Our single and combined honours Accounting and Finance degrees are accredited by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) for the purpose of exemption from some professional examinations.

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Curriculum

Year One

Foundations in Accounting and Finance

Your first year provides you with the knowledge of the key elements that support your studies in Accounting and Finance. You will study:

Principles of Financial Accounting

This unit focuses on the underlying principles and concepts of financial accounting. It covers the essential building blocks of understanding the elements of the financial statements and how a set of accounts is put together.

Principles of Economics

This unit covers the basic elements of microeconomic and macroeconomic theory, including the workings of supply and demand with applications, analysis of various market structures, as well as unemployment and inflation, economic growth and monetary and fiscal policies.

Quantitative Methods

This unit is an introduction to basic concepts of descriptive and inferential Statistics, including an introduction to the use and analysis of data by employing statistical software.

If you study Accounting and Finance as a single honours programme, you will also study:

Introduction to Business Management*

Understanding the broader context of business and in particular to appreciate how the individual subjects of Business, Economics and Marketing inter-act with the role of accountants.

Year Two

Intermediate Financial Accounting

This year focuses on the preparation and interpretation of company accounts, based on the principles set out in the International Financial Reporting Standards.

Management Accounting

You will be introduced to this major strand of accounting, which focuses on preparing financial data to support business decision making.

Contemporary Research Methods

This area of study builds on the material covered in Quantitative Methods in the first year and provides students with a grounding in the processes of academic research and writing, including academic referencing and data analysis.

If you study Accounting and Finance as a single honours programme, you will also study:

Audit and Assurance*

Over the course of study, this topic covers the full cycle of accepting, planning, delivery and reporting the findings of an external audit.

Corporate and Business Law*

The focus of studies is to enable students to gain an understanding of the corporate legal frameworks, set in the context of the English and European legal systems.

Year Three

Advanced Accounting and Accountability

Building on subjects covered in Intermediate Financial Accounting, students will gain practical experience of preparing consolidated accounts, and preparing statements of cash flow, alongside an understanding of the impact of cash in a business.

Performance Management

In this module particularly, students will consider the relevance and impact of non-financial data in supporting business decisions and in helping to develop and review an organisation's business strategy.

If you study Accounting and Finance as a single honours programme, you will also study:

Taxation*

An outline of the UK tax system is followed up by gaining an understanding of the major UK taxes, including income taxes, corporate taxes, capital gains tax, VAT and inheritance tax, alongside the impact of tax reliefs and exemptions.

Financial Management*

In this module students will explore the inter-actions within the capital markets, where students gain an understanding of

company valuations, the impact of dividend policy, the practicalities of working capital management, investment appraisal techniques and sources of finance.

Liverpool Hope Business School is an accredited member of AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

**Please note these topics marked with a * are only studied on the single honours degree.*

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, seminars and tutorials.

If you are studying Accounting and Finance as a Single Honours degree, in your first year of study there are approximately 12 teaching hours per week, which decreases to approximately 10 teaching hours in your second and third years. If you are studying Accounting and Finance as a Combined Honours degree, in your first year of study there are approximately 6 teaching hours per week, which will decrease to approximately 5 teaching hours in your second and third years.

On top of teaching hours, you are also expected to spend 18 hours each week studying independently. This will consist of a range of activities which could include: additional research and reading, attendance at guest lectures and industry related events, preparation or completion of set tasks for taught sessions, revision for exams, work for your assessments and participation in group work.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

There are a number of written assessments to complete throughout the year. These may include individual reports/analyses, group presentations supported by a report, in-class tests, and essays. There will also be final exams at the end of each year.

You will be given written feedback on your assessments, and you will have the opportunity to discuss this with your tutor in more detail.



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