

# Accounting & Finance BA (Hons)

UCAS Code: N400 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2018/19

Accredited | Work placement opportunities | International students can apply



## 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 you will be ready to inform and advise management decision-making at the highest level once you graduate. The variety of topics studied on this degree will give you a sound grounding in theoretical and practical areas of Accounting and Finance.

Research-active staff who are experts in their field 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, banking, and finance.

During 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

The standard offer level is between BBB-BBC from A levels or DDM-DMM from BTEC, or 120-112 UCAS tariff points.

*This degree has been validated by the University, but may be subject to change or amendment.*

## Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2018/19 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](http://www.accaglobal.com)

You will also need to consider the cost of your accommodation whilst you study at university. Visit our accommodation webpages for further details about our Halls of Residence: [www.hope.ac.uk/halls](http://www.hope.ac.uk/halls)

## 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 ACCA.



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# Accounting & Finance BA (Hons) Curriculum

## Year One

In the first year you will study a common core (together with students studying Business Management and Marketing). This gives a sound introduction to the world of business; how businesses trade, how they function and how they understand and control their finances. Only with this appreciation of the relationship between business finances and the global business context can accountants and financiers contextualise theory and practice, and understand the dynamics of contemporary economic and financial management.

You will study a historical context of British trade, from the Industrial Revolution and birth of the Empire to the present globalised markets. You will understand financial statements and how financial managers use these to understand business strategy and competitive forces. You will be introduced to economics and trading blocks, before you begin to develop your knowledge of the underlying principles and concepts of finance and accounting.

## Year Two

Your second year develops your critical understanding of the principles of costing and budgeting. You gain skills in understanding and applying international financial reporting standards and the theoretical framework in the preparation of financial statements of entities, and will gain an understanding of research methodologies and their application in relevant and current accounting and finance academic research.

Single honours students will also be introduced to some of the most influential economists. You also gain an understanding of, and will be able to evaluate, the relevant rules and principles that comprise the legal framework within which businesses in England and Wales must operate. Finally, you will critically examine the functions of corporate audit and assurance.

## Year Three

Your final year will consider some of the ethical issues in business, in accounting and finance in particular. You also look at analysing the performance of businesses. You will complete a research project in an area of your choice.

Single honours students also gain detailed knowledge of business taxation, individual taxation and corporate taxes, and you will look at analysing risk management techniques and asset evaluation; you will consider corporate restructures and working capital management techniques. You also complete a dissertation.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, seminars and tutorials. You also have an opportunity to have a one-to-one meeting with your tutor each week.

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 11 teaching hours in your second year and approximately 10 teaching hours in your third year. If you are studying Accounting and Finance as a Combined Honours degree, in your first year of study there are approximately 7 teaching hours per week, which will decrease to approximately 6 teaching hours in your second year and to approximately 5 teaching hours in your third year.

On top of teaching hours, you are also expected to spend a number of hours each week studying independently, as well as studying in groups to prepare for any group assessments that you may have.

## ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

You will have a number of assessments throughout your studies, including multiple choice exams, group presentations and reports, individual academic reports, and written exams. Written feedback will be given to you within four working weeks of the deadline for submission of coursework. If you would like feedback on your written exams, you can request this from your tutors once exam results have been released. You are also encouraged to make an appointment to personally discuss your feedback with your tutor.



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