

Accounting & Finance BA (Hons)

UCAS Code: N400 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2026/2027

Accredited | Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

In today's fast-paced business world, the need for finance professionals is higher than ever. This Accounting and Finance degree is both challenging and rewarding. It will give you a strong strategic outlook, ensuring that when you graduate, you'll be ready to guide management decisions at the top level. You will study a range of topics that provide a solid foundation in both theory and practice.

Senior Professional Tutors with practical experience in the professional services sector work alongside respected academic staff to ensure that graduates of this course gain the skills and knowledge needed for successful careers. Students are ready for competitive fields like accountancy, management, banking, and finance.

We prioritise your ability to find meaningful employment after graduation. Therefore, we focus on helping you build your employability skills.

Throughout your degree, you will have many chances to engage with local, national, and international businesses. This will help you raise your profile and make valuable connections even before you graduate.

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 2026/2027 are £9,790 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

If, after graduation, you want to pursue a career to train as an ICAEW Chartered Accountant, you will need to apply to an accredited ICAEW training firm to undertake a training contract. More details are available on the ICAEW website.

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

The first year of the Accounting and Finance degree provides a foundation in the key elements essential to your studies. You will study:

Principles of Financial Accounting

Explore the core principles and concepts of financial accounting. This unit covers the building blocks of financial statements, the preparation of accounts, and practical application of double-entry bookkeeping techniques.

Principles of Economics

Understand the fundamentals of microeconomics and macroeconomics, including supply and demand, market structures, unemployment, inflation, economic growth, and monetary and fiscal policies.

Quantitative Methods

An introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics, including data analysis using statistical software.

Professional Skills Passport and Foundations of Business Management*

Gain insight into the broader business context and understand how Accounting, Economics, and Marketing interact with the role of accountants, enhancing your practical understanding of Accounting and Finance.

Year Two

Intermediate Accounting and Finance

The second year degree builds on your first-year knowledge, developing deeper understanding of accounting principles and business practices. You will study:

Intermediate Financial Accounting

Enhance your skills in preparing and interpreting financial statements, with a focus on company accounts based on the International Financial Reporting Standards.

Management Accounting

An introduction to management accounting, focusing on preparing financial data to support business decision-making. Key topics include cost analysis, pricing policies, budgeting, variance analysis, and

capital investment decisions, all critical to professional practice in Accounting and Finance.

Contemporary Research Methods

This module provides a foundation in academic research and writing, including referencing and data analysis. Students will prepare an initial dissertation proposal and learn statistical software (STATA) for data analysis, supporting their final-year Accounting and Finance research.

Audit and Assurance*

Covers the full cycle of external audit, from acceptance and planning to delivery and reporting, aligned with International Standards of Auditing.

Corporate and Business Law*

Gain insight into corporate legal frameworks within the English and European legal systems. Topics include the Law of Tort, Law of Contract, remedies for breach of contract, Employment Law, and corporate structures, concluding with corporate rescue and insolvency processes.

Year Three

Advanced Accounting and Finance

The third year of the Accounting and Finance degree builds on the knowledge and skills gained in earlier years. You will study:

Advanced Accounting and Accountability

Expanding on Intermediate Financial Accounting, this module provides practical experience in preparing consolidated accounts and statements of cash flow, while understanding the impact of cash on business operations. Students work collaboratively on presentations to develop communication skills.

Performance Management

This module develops principles of using financial and non-financial data to support business decision-making. Students study activity-based costing, relevant costing, life cycle costing, pricing strategies, and other advanced management accounting techniques, alongside analysis of non-financial metrics to inform organisational strategy in Accounting and Finance.

Taxation*

A practical module that covers the UK tax system, including income tax, corporate tax,

capital gains tax, VAT, and inheritance tax.

Financial Management*

Focused on corporate finance, this module explores interactions within capital markets, company valuation, dividend policy, working capital management, investment appraisal, 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.

For students studying Accounting and Finance as a single honours degree, the first year includes approximately 12 teaching hours per week, decreasing to around 10 hours per week in the second and third years. For combined honours students, first-year teaching is approximately 6 hours per week, reducing to 5 hours per week in later years.

In addition to taught hours, students are expected to spend 20–25 hours per week on independent study. This includes research, reading, attending guest lectures and industry events, completing tasks for taught sessions, preparing for exams, working on assessments, and participating in group work—all supporting your development in Accounting and Finance.

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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