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Studying Accounting and/or Finance at Manchester

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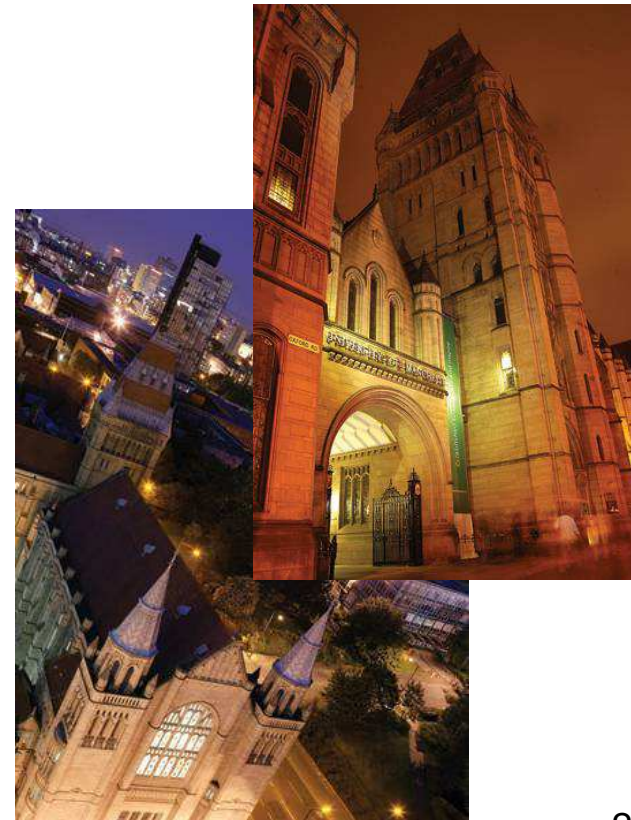


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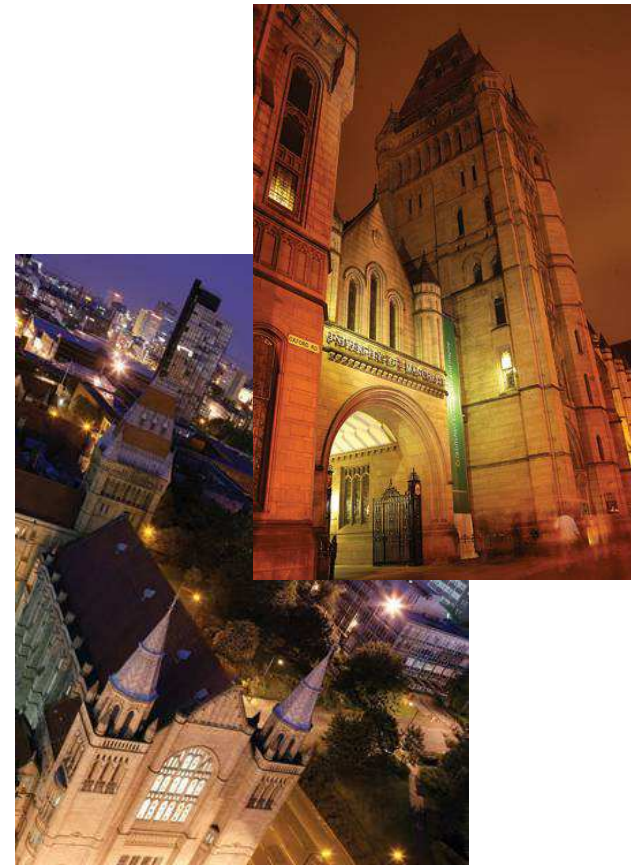
Why choose **Accounting and/or Finance**?

- Our Accounting and Finance courses are taught by the **Accounting and Finance Division** which is part of Manchester Business School
- MBS is a dynamic School with around **1,600 undergraduate** students and over **200 teaching staff**
- MBS is **ranked 2nd** in UK in terms of research power (REF 2015)... but what does this mean to you?
- You will benefit from the teaching of staff who are at the **forefront of leading-edge research** in their respective areas
- We encourage **research-led teaching**; those who write the books teach our students
- The Accounting and Finance Division comprises of 63 staff (including 22 professors)



Why choose **Accounting and/or Finance?**

- Our excellence of teaching standards are acknowledged by a number of highly reputable companies who undertake **guest lectures** for students (e.g. KPMG, Rolls Royce, Kellogg's, BUPA)
- Custom-built lecture theatres, the Alan Gilbert Learning Commons, excellent IT facilities and library facilities; Precinct Library offers a **dedicated** service for MBS undergraduates and The University of Manchester library (one of the best resourced academic libraries in the world, offering over 4 million books)
- Most targeted university by top employers (High Fliers Report 2015)



Two Types of Degree Programme

BSc (Hons) Accounting

A specialised accounting degree programme which offers an accelerated route to qualification as a Chartered Accountant



BA (Econ) Accounting and Finance/ BA (Econ) Finance

- specialist pathways offered as part of the BA (Econ) programme run by the School of Social Sciences. Also offer a pathway in Economics and Finance.
- a more flexible degree programme allowing you to study accounting and finance with a strong grounding in social science

Career Opportunities

Graduates from either degree **do not** have to become accountants, although in practice many do

BSc (Hons) Accounting gives you an **accelerated** route to a career as a chartered accountant but you are not restricted to this career, should you change your mind

These degrees are a useful platform for those considering careers in:



- the accounting profession with a firm of accountants in practice
- industry
- public sector organisations
- the financial and business sectors

Many students also choose to undertake **further study**, especially those intending careers in specialised areas of finance e.g. derivatives, financial engineering and quantitative risk management

Aims and Objectives

Each degree programme has its own set of aims and learning outcomes. On completing either programme, students will be able to:

- analyse and evaluate corporate performance using financial and other information in the context of a specific industry.
- critically apply knowledge of financial reporting, management accounting and finance to a particular industry and company context.
- construct a reasoned argument, supported by evidence and presented in a professional written report and in an oral presentation, including evaluating different views and approaches.
- take responsibility for independent learning, including helping to define the scope of the tasks to be undertaken, planning and undertaking the research and writing up the results within a specified timetable.
- work effectively in groups, including planning, communicating and co-operating on tasks.
- find, use and interpret key primary and secondary sources to investigate companies and industries and be able to use IT skills to organise and present such material.

Teaching Methods

High-quality teaching informed by **leading-edge research** that contributes to a learning experience that is broad, flexible and up-to-date.

A **mix** of teaching and assessment methods. Lectures are supplemented occasionally with guest speakers from the accounting profession and business. Workshops or tutorials allow you to explore the lecture content in more depth in smaller groups.

Aim to strike a balance between **formal assessment** (examinations and assessed coursework), **non-assessed coursework**, and **project work**. All final year project courses run for two semesters.

You will have opportunities to enhance your communication skills through presentations, group work and projects throughout your degree.



What will it be like?

How will studying at Higher Education be different from studying at A Level?

Study support – academic advisors; course co-ordinators; peer mentors (for first years), assessment and student support centre (MBS), disability support office and many others

What will a typical study week be like?



BSc (Hons) Accounting

Specific features

- **Four year** degree programme including a **paid 12-month internship** in your third year. You will start to specialise in accounting from your first year of study
- In partnership with the **Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales (ICAEW)** – one of the leading accounting institutions
- Offers the opportunity to obtain **maximum exemptions** for ACA qualification as well as substantial exemptions from qualifications with other professional accounting bodies
- **Professionally oriented** programme
- **Limited flexibility** in the subjects you can study; restricted to closely related areas e.g. law, economics, finance and management
- Meet employers at **Undergraduate Partnership Programme (UPP) events** organised in partnership with the ICAEW



BSc (Hons) Accounting – Talking Heads

What do our students think?



Students share their experience of studying **BSc (Hons) Accounting** at Manchester Business School

BSc (Hons) Accounting – Talking Heads

- **Bhavna** is a Senior Audit Associate at Deloitte in London
- **Sharaz** is a Senior Audit Associate at Deloitte in London
- **Yang** went on to take a MSc in Finance at Imperial College in London

BA (Econ) Accounting and Finance / Finance

Specific features

- **Three year** degree programme
- Flexible programme with opportunity to combine different pathways e.g. accounting and finance, economics and finance
- **Common first year** of study for all BA (Econ) Accounting and Finance / Finance students. You will start to specialise in your pathway from your second year of study
- **School of Social Sciences** and **Manchester Business School** collaborate to offer the Accounting and Finance / Finance specialist pathways
- Offers the opportunity to obtain **exemptions** from leading professional accounting bodies
- **Degree of choice** in subjects you can study in all three years e.g. politics, sociology, philosophy, social anthropology. Also law courses are available in the second and final year of study

First year of study

Both courses – Course structure

- Financial Reporting
- Financial Decision Making
- Introductory Management Accounting
- Mathematics & Statistics
- Economics

BSc (Hons) Accounting

- Auditing and Professional Accounting Practice
- Law in a Management Context
- Restricted course choice – one sixth of your first year

BA (Econ) Accounting and Finance / Finance

- Flexible course choice – one third of your first year - can be chosen from politics, sociology, social anthropology, philosophy, study skills

Second year of study

BSc (Hons) Accounting – Course structure

- Professional Accounting Practice
 - Business Strategy
 - Business Law 1
 - Financial Reporting and Accountability
 - Intermediate Management Accounting
 - Financial Statement Analysis
 - Principles of Taxation
 - Foundations of Finance
- Plus**
- One free choice course from economics, finance or business and management

Internship/Industrial Experience year

BSc (Hons) Accounting – putting your knowledge into practice

- Paid internship year
- Valuable relevant work experience
- Integrate your academic knowledge developed in years one and two with professional practice
- Support provided to secure your internship
- Internship not guaranteed – you will need to pass the employer assessment process
- **Not compulsory** – those who do not secure an internship will normally proceed to the final year

Final year of study

BSc (Hons) Accounting – Course structure

- Corporate Financial Communication and Valuation
(project course: one quarter of your final year)
- Contemporary Issues in Financial Reporting & Regulation
- Accountability and Auditing
- Business Law 2
- **Free choice courses** – one third of the final year
Can be taken from the following subject areas: accounting and finance, business and management

Undergraduate Partnership Programme

(UPP)

- **BSc (Hons) Accounting** students benefit from events organised in partnership with the Institution of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)
- **Meet representatives from high-calibre employers** who support the UPP scheme such as **Deloitte, PwC, Ernst & Young, Grant Thornton, KPMG, Mazars, Boots**
- Find out more about **internships** linked to the Undergraduate Partnership Programme (UPP) as well as **graduate-level positions** at icaew.com/upp



ICAEW event video

Speed dating



Benefit from on-campus UPP events organised in partnership with the ICAEW.

Meet representatives from companies such as **Deloitte, PwC, Ernst & Young, Grant Thornton, KPMG, Mazars and Boots** who are offering placements as part of the UPP as well as graduate-level positions.

BSc (Hons) Accounting – Graduate Profile

Andrew Simner

“I chose this course because it was different to anything on offer elsewhere.

I joined KPMG’s audit department on Canary Wharf for my internship and I was given the same jobs as a first-year graduate recruit.

The course is set up to fast-track students through the professional accountancy exams through a close relationship with the ICAEW.”

Andrew graduated in 2013 and is working as an Audit Associate at KPMG in London



Second year of study

BA (Econ) Accounting and Finance / Finance – Course structure

Accounting and Finance pathway students will take all of the finance compulsory course units listed below as well as the following compulsory course units:

- Financial Reporting & Accountability
- Intermediate Management Accounting
- Introduction to Management Information Systems

Finance pathway students will take the following compulsory course units:

- Foundations of Finance
- Investment Analysis
- Financial Statement Analysis

Plus

You can choose optional courses from accounting, finance, economics and other social science subjects such as politics, sociology, law, criminology, social anthropology, philosophy.

Final year of study

BA (Econ) Accounting and Finance / Finance – Course structure

To graduate as an **Accounting and Finance** joint specialist you must select approximately 40% of your course units in Accounting and 40% of your course units in Finance. This includes the option to take either the Accounting project course unit, Financial Analysis of Corporate Performance or the Finance project course unit, Empirical Finance.

Your Accounting course units can be chosen from:

- Advanced Management Accounting
- Accountability & Auditing
- Share Prices & Accounting Information
- Contemporary Issues in Financial Reporting & Regulation
- Corporate Governance in Context
- Advanced Business Information Systems
- Case Studies in Digital Transformation

Final year of study

BA (Econ) Accounting and Finance / Finance – Course structure

To graduate as a **Finance** specialist you must select at least two thirds of your course units in Finance.

This includes the compulsory project course unit, Empirical Finance, and a choice from:

- International Finance
- Financial Derivatives
- Advanced Corporate Finance
- Share Prices & Accounting Information
- Financial Engineering
- Corporate Contracting & Managerial Behaviour
- Financial Market Microstructure
- Applied Investment Management

BA (Econ) Accounting and Finance Graduate Profile

Maria Yianni

“I would do it all over again and I wouldn’t change a thing. The course offers exciting prospects to expand your knowledge on both accounting and finance topics, but also gives you the opportunity to broaden your horizons in other areas.

The Manchester Leadership Programme was one of my optional course units and it really made a difference to the whole Uni experience – it’s a unique course that combines volunteering with course credits and helps develop both leadership and team work skills.

The careers events and the student life are awesome as well – just some of the benefits of living in a city like Manchester!”

Maria went to work as a Trainee Chartered Accountant at Deloitte in Cyprus



Which degree programme?

Entry requirements

BSc (Hons) Accounting

UCAS Code: N400

Standard entry requirements

GCE A Level grades AAA plus GCSE Maths grade A and GCSE English Language grade B

International Baccalaureate 37 points overall, 6,6,6 in Higher Level subjects plus no less than 5 for Standard Level English, and 6 for Maths. Maths Studies & English Literature is excluded.

All applications and admissions are dealt with by **Manchester Business School**

E-mail: ug-mbs@mbs.ac.uk

Approximately **50** places are available on this degree programme

BA (Econ) (Hons) pathways specialising in:

Accounting & Finance UCAS Code: **NN43**

Finance UCAS Code: **N300**

Economics & Finance UCAS Code: **LN13**

Standard entry requirements

GCE A Level grades AAB (specific subjects required). General Studies is not accepted. Plus GCSE Maths grade B and GCSE English Language grade C.

International Baccalaureate 35 points overall, no lower than 5 in any subject

All applications and admissions are dealt with by the **School of Social Sciences**. E-mail: socialsciences@manchester.ac.uk

Approximately **200** places available on the accounting and/or finance pathways

To find out more about BA (Econ)

Visit the School of Social Sciences

Admissions staff and current students are available all day in the foyer of the
Arthur Lewis Building (building 36 on our campus map)



Accounting and/or Finance at Manchester... is it for you?

Summary

- Vibrant city
- Dynamic University
- Reputable School
- Peer mentoring scheme to help you through your first year
- Academic advisor to support you throughout your academic life
- Excellent Careers Service to help you during your studies, and up to 2 years after graduation
- SOFAB Society – for students of Finance, Accounting & Business – organises events to help students with their career and at the same time allows them to meet people from their own programme - guest speakers and social events

IS ONE OF OUR DEGREES FOR YOU....?!

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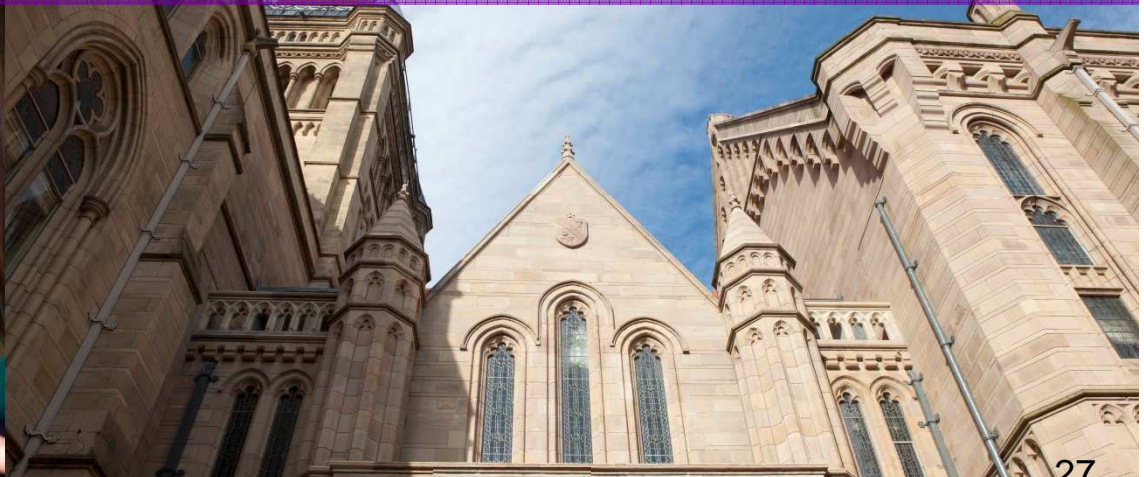


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