

BSC ACCOUNTING PROGRAMME

2ND YEAR WELCOME BACK MEETING

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YOUR PROGRAMME DIRECTOR



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BSC ACCOUNTING TEAMS COMMUNITY



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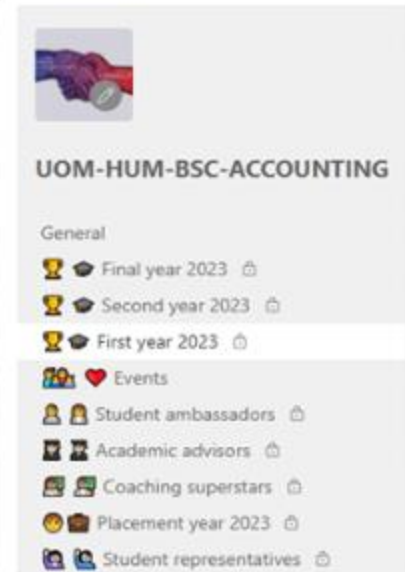
Empowering students to become connected, independent learners



Welcome to BSc Accounting's Teams Community space!

I'm Huw Morgan and I'm your Programme Director. 😊

As a teaching focussed Senior Lecturer in Accounting and Finance, I'm passionate about student-centred learning using innovative teaching practices and a range of digital technology to empower students to become autonomous learners.



BSC ACCOUNTING COACHING

How will it work?

- > In groups of 7-8 you will be assigned a BSc Accounting Student from the final year who will answer your questions and guide you through your studies.

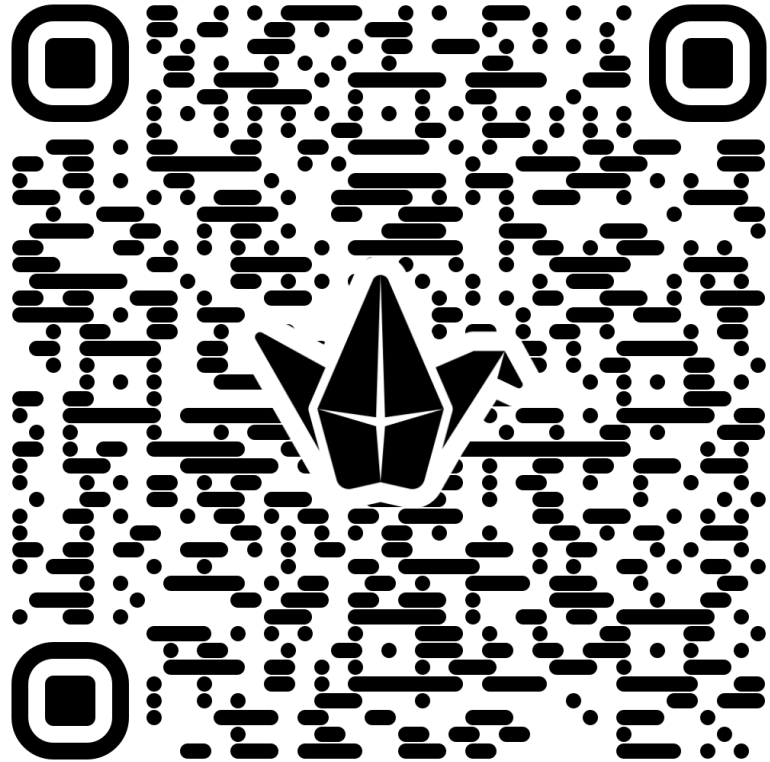
When will we find out?

- > Details of who your coach is will be on the BSc Accounting Teams Community space. You will be matched to a coach on the Coaching spreadsheet!
- > Keep an eye on Teams for further announcements



YOUR EXPERIENCE SO FAR: QUICK SURVEY

Second Years: PW =
“**ACCY2**”



Link: <https://padlet.com/manchester/welcome-back-y2-2026-your-thoughts-and-comments-s023tjjym65msam51ap9?pw=B-uA6nYalGq7PBWxfsEmg>

Please also feel free to contact me directly with any questions, comments or feedback: we can arrange a meeting online or in my office hours. Thanks

Survey will stay **open until 5pm today**

MANCHESTER FINANCE WALKING TOURS

Discover Manchester's financial and business heritage through a professionally guided 90-minute walking tour delivered by Marc Duschenes of Junior Trader CIC. The tour will connect your academic studies with Manchester's financial sector and explore the city's commercial history and contemporary financial ecosystem.

Two tours are available, with 25 places on each tour:

- **Weds 14 Oct 2026, 3:00–4:30 pm**
- **Weds 21 Oct 2026, 3:00–4:30 pm**

Places will normally be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, while seeking appropriate participation across the participating programmes. *Registering does not guarantee a place. You will receive a separate confirmation if your registration is successful.*

Manchester Finance Walking Tours Student Registration



YOUR PROGRAMME AIMS

4 STEPS TO BUILD RESILIENCE

How to bounce back from failure!

- F** – Failure happens (natural part of life)
- L** – Lean in (feel and express your emotions)
- E** – Elect a positive response (control how you respond)
- X** – X-ray (be transparent and honest)



Starts with **self
awareness
and
authenticity!**

DEGREE WEIGHTINGS

It all counts now!

Year 1

0%

Year 2

33%

Final year

67%



Find out more about the degree regulations for your particular programme on the [AMBS Undergraduate Handbook](#)

MY PASSPORT TO SUCCESS



- Encourage **critical self reflection**
- Signal where to **seek support**
- Better use of **contact time with academic advisors**

ACADEMIC ADVISORS

Every student is assigned an Academic Advisor. You will meet your Academic Advisor through one of your first-year course units and they will usually continue as your Academic Advisor throughout your programme of study.

Your Academic Advisor will be able to:

- > Discuss your career aspirations and help you develop your CV
- > Write your academic reference when you apply for a job or further study
- > Help you understand feedback on your course units
- > Help you with your Personal Development Plan
- > Offer academic guidance and advice
- > Signpost and refer you to other specialist support services within the University

[Read more about Academic Advisors on the AMBS Undergraduate Handbook.](#)



ONLINE HANDBOOK

- > [The AMBS Undergraduate Handbook](#) is one of the main sources of information about your programme, studies and available support throughout your degree.
- > We recommend saving the handbook as a favourite, or adding it to your bookmarks, to give you easy access for future reference.

MY MANCHESTER

- > Guidance on accessing the University systems is available from [the Student Support website](#).

AMBS STUDENT SUPPORT HUB

- > We are one-stop service for all your general School enquiries and any information and guidance you may need during your time at the University.
- > **Location:** AMBS, Second Floor, room 2.091
- > **Opening hours:** Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm (except bank holidays and University closure days).
- > **Phone number:** 0161 529 3830
- > **Email:** ambs.hub@manchester.ac.uk



AMBS STUDENT SUPPORT HUB: GET TO KNOW THE TEAM!

Information, Advice & Guidance (IAG) team	Student Support & Wellbeing (SSW) team	Curriculum & Programmes (C&P) team	Assessment & Progression (A&P) team
The team acts as a first point of contact for any queries related to your student experience. This includes communications (newsletter, email and social media), providing unofficial transcripts, Academic Advising scheme, etc.	The team provides advice, guidance and support on issues affecting your studies. They have information about mitigating circumstances, coursework extensions, help with registering a disability, and absence from classes.	The team provides information about course unit enrolment, programme structures, and timetable queries. The team also helps students who are spending their third year abroad or on a full year work placement.	The team offers guidance on all aspects of your undergraduate assessment. This includes Blackboard queries, coursework submission, exams, appeals, and any other forms of assessment.
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HOW WE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU

- > Check **your University email account** regularly. Important information will be communicated in this way, such as changes on seminar rooms or assessment details. Failing to check your emails will not be an acceptable excuse for non-attendance or missed deadlines.
- > Fortnightly **AMBS Student Newsletter** to your University email
- > **Canvas** announcements
- > **Noticeboards/screens** around AMBS
- > **Social media** – follow us to keep yourself updated about AMBS events and opportunities!
- > Instagram: [@ambsundergrad](https://www.instagram.com/ambsundergrad)



IT INFORMATION

- > All students have their own IT account which you use to login to University systems.
- > Please make note of your University of Manchester email address and check it daily.
- > PC labs are located across the campus.
- > Student group study rooms (located on the Second Floor of Hive Area) – bookable during term-time via the Student Support Hub team.
- > For IT support, contact the [IT Support Centre](#).
- > Watch this video: [IT checklist for new students at The University of Manchester](#)

> **IT instructional leaflets:**

All leaflets listed below can be found on the [IT Services website](#).

- [Eduroam WiFi](#)
- [Stay safe online](#)
- [Printing](#)
- [Set up and access emails](#)
- [Duo – 2-factor authentication](#)
- [Hornet \(Halls of Residence internet\)](#)



STUDENT SERVICES CENTRE

For queries relating to the following please complete the Student Services Centre's online enquiry form.

- > Registration
- > Student cards
- > University letters
- > Immigration and visas
- > Payment and tuition fees
- > Funding opportunities and financial support
- > Council tax
- > Graduation
- > Official documents and verifications (certificates and transcripts)

DISABILITY ADVISORY SUPPORT SERVICE (DASS)

- > Disabled students make up over 19% of University of Manchester students, and we're proud to offer an accessible and inclusive service.
- > DASS provides practical support by working with you to identify the practical adjustments you need to enable you to succeed in your studies and your overall University experience.

Disability Advisory Support Service (DASS)

- > 2nd Floor of University Place
- > Phone: 0161 275 7512
- > Text (only for d/Deaf students): 07899 658 790
- > Email: dass@manchester.ac.uk
- > [Visit the Disability Advisory and Support Service website](#) to find out more about our services and support.
- > Register with the DASS and discuss how your support requirements are put in place with the AMBS Disability Coordinator at ambs.dc@manchester.ac.uk



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

SHORT-TERM COUNSELLING | GROUPS & WORKSHOPS | SOCIAL PRESCRIBING |
ASSESSMENT & REFERRAL

- > UoM Mental Health Support Team offer a range of workshops, groups, 1-1 appointments and other resources to help you.
- > For more information and to book an appointment, [visit their webpage](#).

Location:

- > 5th Floor of Crawford House
- > Phone: 0161 275 2864
- > Email: counselling.service@manchester.ac.uk
- > If you feel in need of more immediate support and urgent support outside of the Counselling & Mental Health Service working hours, [visit the Help in A Crisis page](#).



You can also access:

[Spectrum Life](#) (24/7 counselling helpline and wellbeing app)

Call UK Freephone: 0800 031 8227
app.spectrum.life/login
Organisation code: **UOMWELL**

YOUR PROGRAMME – LEARNING OUTCOMES

Summary of the Programme's Learning outcomes by year – see [programme specification](#)

Year 1: Foundations

- **Accounting in Context:** Understand the role of accounting, auditing, taxation, governance, finance, and law in organisations and society.
- **Accounting Skills:** Record transactions, prepare financial statements, budgets, forecasts, and performance analyses.
- **Finance Knowledge:** Understand the fundamentals of financial markets, valuation, investment, and corporate finance.

Year 2: Theory and Application

- **Financial Reporting:** Apply and critically evaluate financial reporting theories, principles, and practices.
- **Management Accounting:** Apply and evaluate management accounting techniques for planning, control, and decision-making.
- **Auditing & Taxation:** Apply core auditing and taxation principles and undertake practical auditing and tax tasks.

Year 3: Critical Evaluation and Specialisation

- **Critical Evaluation:** Critically assess theories and evidence relating to financial reporting, auditing, and accountability.
- **Professional Context:** Evaluate how accounting shapes and is shaped by organisational, economic, social, and political environments.
- **Research Awareness:** Engage with specialised accounting topics, contemporary issues, and emerging research developments.

YOUR PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

- > Your programme structure lists all of your core and optional course units.
- > Visit the AMBS Undergraduate Handbook to familiarise yourself with your programme structure.

STRUCTURE OF PROGRAMME

- > 3- or 4-year programme, two semesters each academic year
- > Each year involves 120 credits of study, this consists of taking course units (normally 10 credits or 20 credits)
- > You will normally take 60 credits in each semester
- > Optional internship year comes after your second year of study
- > You will start to apply for a placement in 8 months time.....



On average you'll need to apply to 20-30 companies to successfully get the offer of a placement But majority of placement students got a 1st grading in their degree last year

INDUSTRIAL/ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- > Students will be offered the opportunity to undertake a work placement in their third year of study. In order to become eligible for a placement year, particular criteria must be met (see your degree regulations).
- > As long as you meet the first-year criteria, you can start to look for a placement in your second year of study. You will have to ensure that you pass all your exams in your second year.
- > There is a significant tuition fee reduction for the placement year. Further details will be available to you in Semester 2 and in placement drop-in sessions, but you can [read the general information about work placements on the AMBS Undergraduate Handbook.](#)

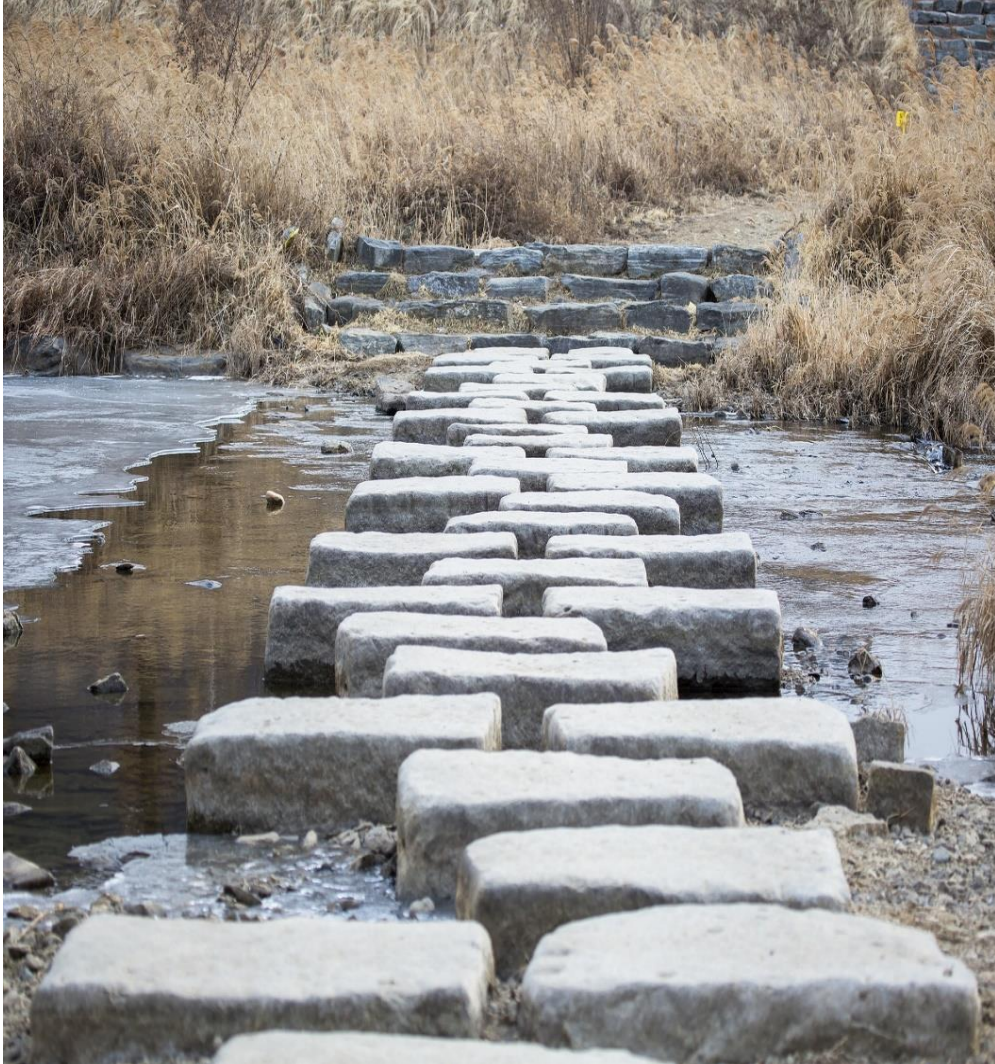
INDUSTRIAL PLACEMENT AS A PART OF YOUR DEGREE

WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 2-4 PM
AMBS G.003

During the session, Svetlana Gannon (AMBS placement officer) and colleagues from the Careers Service will cover everything you need to know about securing a placement, including:

- ✓ Placement timelines and key deadlines
- ✓ Where and when to search for opportunities
- ✓ Application and interview tips
- ✓ Assessment centres and recruitment processes
- ✓ The support available from AMBS and Careers
- ✓ Placement rules, requirements and important university procedures

IN SECOND YEAR



You have 90 credits of compulsory courses to give you some exemptions from ACA, ACCA, and CIMA exams.

Of these two are core courses (BMAN21020 and BMAN23000) and must be passed at 40% (they cannot be compensated)

You can choose options for the remaining 30 credits from four other courses or UCIL courses (note choosing BMAN20072 is necessary if you wish to do BMAN32082 in third year)

YEAR 2

PRE-REQUISITES:	Year 2	Core units:	S1	S2
BMAN10760	BMAN24641	Business Strategy	10	
BMAN10501, BMAN10522M	BMAN20081	Financial Statement Analysis	10	
BMAN 10760	BMAN24751	Professional Accounting Practice	10	
BMAN 10501	BMAN21020A	Financial Reporting & Accountability	10	10
BMAN10522M	BMAN23000B	Foundations of Finance	10	10
BMAN10512	BMAN21040A	Intermediate Management Accounting	10	10
		Total CORE courses	60	30
	<u>OPTIONS</u>	(pick 30 credits)		
BMAN10522M	BMAN21011	Financial Markets and Institutions	10	
N/A	BMAN24332	Employment Relations & Human Resource Mgmt		20
ECON10221&252	ECON20332	Development Economics: Understanding Poverty		10
BMAN10522M	BMAN20072	Investment Analysis		10
BMAN10522M	BMAN24102	Mergers and Acquisitions: Financial Perspectives		10
	Bold = Y3 dependent	Designated Compulsory (40% pass needed)		

FOR FINAL YEAR

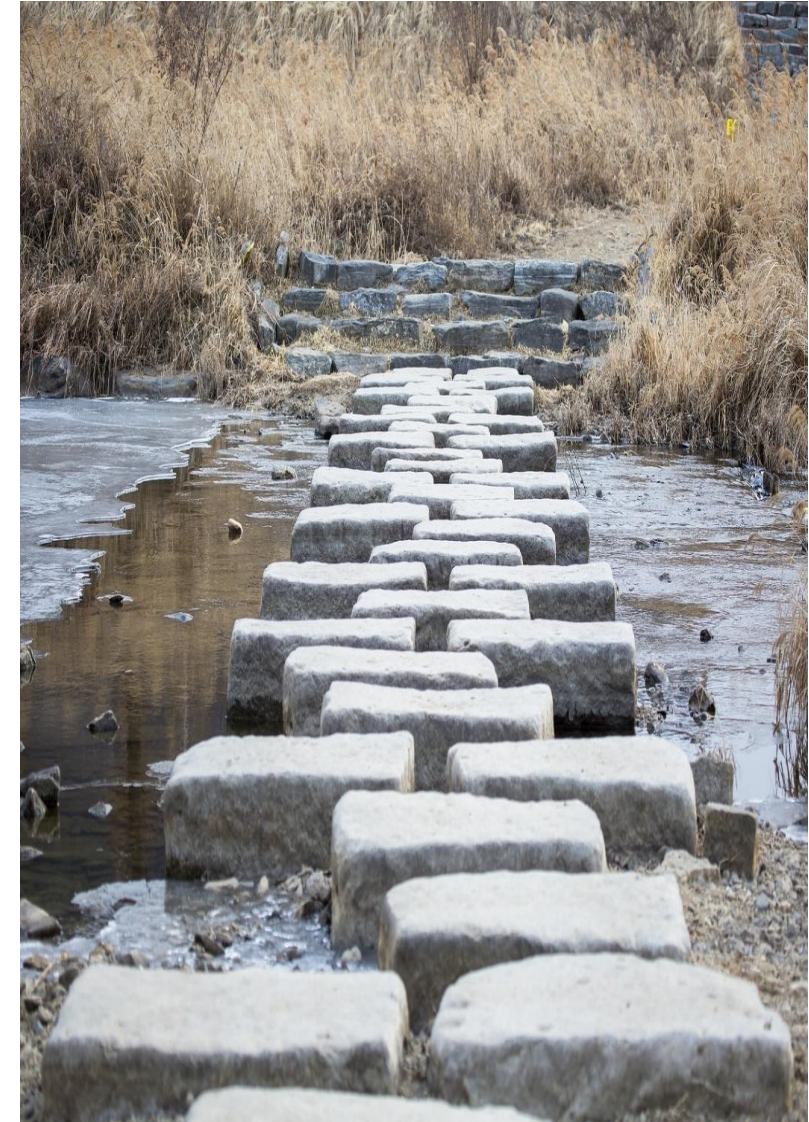
You have 70 credits of compulsory courses, including a 40 credit module BMAN31610 Corporate Financial Communication and Valuation

You can choose options for the remaining 50 credits from fifteen other courses.

If you want to take BMAN32082 Applied Practical Investments you need to have passed BMAN23000 (which is compulsory) and BMAN20072 Investment analysis (a second year option)

If you want to take BMAN31921 Leadership and Success at Work you need to have chosen and passed BMAN10872 Introduction to Work Psychology (a first year option)

Think carefully about what you are planning to do next and what assessments and subjects you are good at, as 2/3 of your degree mark will be taken from your final year.



Year 3

BMAN21020
BMAN21020
N/A
BMAN21020
N/A
BMAN23000B
N/A
N/A
BMAN23000B
BMAN20072; BMAN23000B
BMAN23000B
BMAN10750
N/A
BMAN23000B; BMAN30091
N/A
N/A
BMAN21040
BMAN23000B

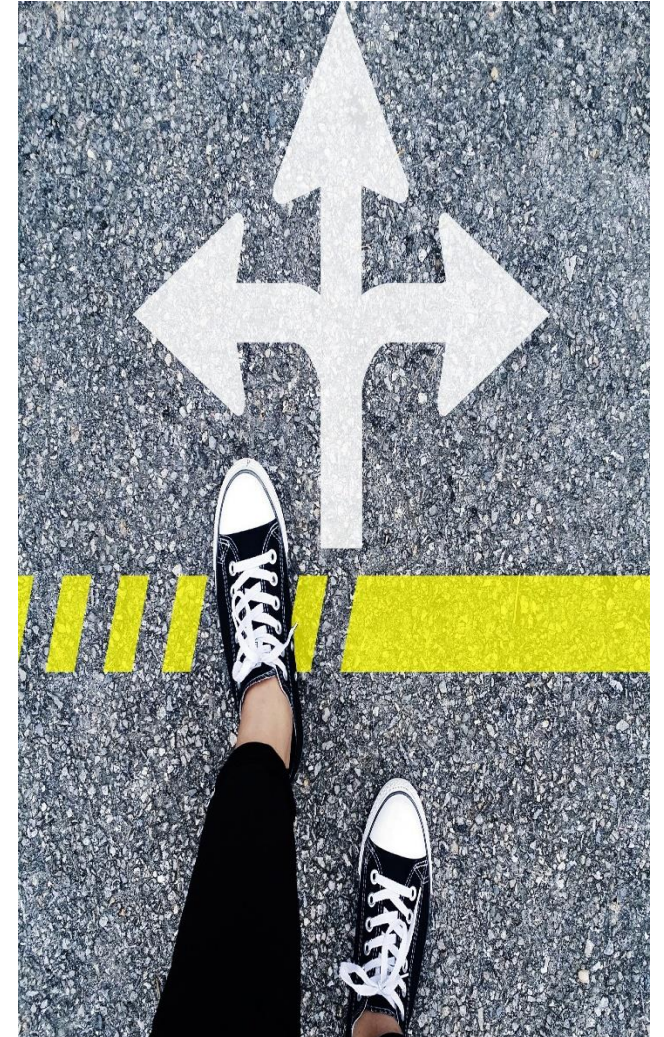
BMAN30131
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BMAN30071
BMAN32082
BMAN30702
BMAN31152
BMAN32272
BMAN30242
BMAN31982
BMAN31992
BMAN31040
BMAN30060

Core units:	S1	S2
Accountability & Auditing	10	
Contemp Issues in FR and Regln	10	10
Corp Fin Communication & Valuation	20	20
Total CORE courses	40	30
Corporate Governance in Context	10	
Digital Transformation in Accounting	10	
Financial Derivatives	10	
Human Resource Strategy & Practice	20	
People Management and Change	10	
Share Prices & Accounting Information	10	
Applied Practical Investing		10
Corporate Contracting and Manag Behav.		10
Business Decision Analytics		20
FinTech: The Digital Trans of Fin Services		20
Financial Engineering		10
Int and Comparative HRM		20
International Competitiveness and Innovation		20
Advanced Management Accounting	10	10
International Finance	10	10

WHEN CHOOSING OPTIONS

Think carefully about:

- What you **enjoy** and what you are **interested** in
 - What kind of assessments you are **good at**
 - What the **lecturers** are like
 - Where the subject might lead to in terms of **career aspirations**
 - A **good degree result** is more important than individual course subjects
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- > Talk to those in **higher years** to **ask** about their options
 - > **Attend the first week lectures** to get a flavour of the course unit
 - > Look at the **course outlines**
 - > You can take a split of **70/50** but the programme director needs to approve this.



COURSE UNIT SELECTION

- > You must be enrolled onto **all** of your courses (totalling 120 credits) by 4pm on **Friday, 9 October 2026**. Please ask if you experience any problems enrolling.
- > You should aim to take an even split of credits over the year (60 credits in both semester 1 and 2). If you want to take a 70/50 or 50/70 split of credits, you must seek permission from your Programme Director first.
- > Please consider how taking an uneven split of credits can affect your performance.

DEADLINES

- > Changing full year and Semester 1 course units: **Friday, 9 October 2026**
- > Changing Semester 2 course units: **Friday, 12 February 2027**

CANVAS: YOUR CENTRAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Canvas is the University of Manchester's new central learning environment. Throughout your time studying at Manchester, you will use Canvas to navigate your course, access course materials, lecture recordings, submit assignments, and more.

Stay connected with your studies on the go

- > The [Canvas Student app](#) makes it easy to keep on top of your learning, wherever you are. From your mobile device, you can access course materials, take part in discussions, submit assignments, check your grades, and stay organised with calendars, to-do lists, notifications and messages - all in one place.

Find out more about how to get started [with Canvas](#) on the Student Support webpage.



ASSESSMENT – WHAT TO EXPECT?

Semester 1 exams take place in January:

> Thursday, 14 January 2027- Friday, 29 January 2027

Semester 2 exams take place in May/June:

> Monday, 17 May 2027- *Wednesday, 9 June 2027*

[Find out more about the general exam guidance, including exam timetable, mitigating circumstances, and support during exam periods on the AMBS Undergraduate Handbook.](#)

- > Some courses are assessed by exam or coursework only, and others using a combination of both. [Familiarise yourself with guidance on assessment, feedback, and academic malpractice on the AMBS Undergraduate Handbook.](#)
- > You can find out how a course is assessed by looking at the course outline. All course outlines can be found via My Manchester. It is your responsibility to check your coursework deadlines and your exam dates, times and venues.

FEEDBACK

- > Written and/or verbal comments on assessed or non-assessed coursework.
- > Specific course related feedback sessions.
- > Group feedback provided via an online discussion forum.
- > Informal advice and discussion during a lecture, seminar or workshop.
- > Online exercises and quizzes delivered through the course Canvas page.
- > Responses to your emails and questions.
- > Written and/or verbal comments after you have given a group or individual presentation.
- > Generic feedback posted on Canvas regarding overall examination performance.
- > Group and individual discussions/meetings with your Academic Advisor.
- > Discussions and meetings with your Programme Director.
- > [Find out more about coursework feedback on the AMBS UG Handbook.](#)

PROGRESSION ROUTES TO YEAR 3

1. Pass everything (40%+ in 120 credits); **OR**
 2. Pass 40% + in at least 80 credits and have a “compensated mark” (30-39%) in a maximum of 40 credits ; **OR**
 3. Receive a mark below 40% in more than 40 credits = compensation and REASSESSMENT ; **OR**
 4. If you fail any course below 30% = REASSESSMENT
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- > You can be reassessed in courses up to a maximum of 80 credits
 - > Read more about exam procedures and regulations on the AMBS Undergraduate Handbook.



REASSESSMENT

- > Resits take place during August.
- > Resits are for progression only and are not a second chance for you to obtain a better mark.
- > If you fail your resits, you risk exclusion from the programme.
- > [Read more about reassessment on the AMBS Undergraduate Handbook.](#)



DEGREE WEIGHTINGS

Year 2: weighted 33% towards your overall degree.

Year 3: weighted 67% towards you overall degree.

- > Find out more about the degree regulations for your particular programme on the AMBS Undergraduate Handbook.

ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

- > Success starts with **good** attendance!
- > You are expected to attend **and** log your attendance in all timetabled classes (lectures, seminars, labs, workshops etc.) and remain in Manchester, on campus during term time.
- > You are expected to avoid any behaviour that would interfere with the learning and engagement of others.
- > If you are on campus and unable to attend a class due to illness or other good reason you need to submit an absence request using the SEAtS app.
- > Attendance in classes will be monitored.



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND ATTENDANCE SYSTEM (SEATS)

- > Our Student Engagement and Attendance System (SEAtS) enables students and staff to log attendance at teaching sessions, such as lectures and seminars.
- > The SEAtS system will help you stay on top of your academic schedule and will actively support your engagement and wellbeing, allowing us to offer you further support during your studies should you need it.

How to use SEAtS:

- > Download the SEAts App
 - > Log in using your University email
 - > Select a teaching event and scan the QR code
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- > For more information about SEAtS, please visit the [SEAtS guide for students](#).

RAISING ISSUES

- > If you experience an issue that relates to the quality of the undergraduate teaching and learning experience within AMBS, you should follow the steps highlighted in our flowchart to seek a resolution.
- > Familiarise yourself with the steps that you need to take to raise an issue on this flowchart.

DIGNITY AT WORK AND STUDY POLICY

- > The University of Manchester does not tolerate any form of harassment, discrimination or bullying. If you believe that you are being bullied or harassed, you can receive confidential professional advice to help deal with the issue and ensure that you are getting the support you need.
- > [The University's Dignity at Work and Study Procedure for Students applies to all students.](#)
- > [The University's Student Support website offers an Advice and Response Service](#) to speak to an Advisor or anonymously report bullying, harassment, gender-based violence, sexual harassment and discrimination.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Are you passionate about improving the student experience?

- > All AMBS programmes have at least one Student Rep. They are chosen to act as the representative for their particular programme for one academic year.
- > Reps facilitate communication between students and School/University to tell us what's going well and what we can improve on.
- > Reps will be involved on programme committees, focus groups and the student voice committee.
- > If you missed the sign-up period but still want to become a Rep, please email your Programme Director to ask if any more Reps are needed on your programme..
- > [Find out more about the role on our AMBS Undergraduate Handbook.](#)



STUDENT SOCIETIES

- > Join a student society to find friends with similar interests and improve your personal skills!
- > All AMBS first year students will have the opportunity to learn more about the student societies during Welcome Week at the Student Fair.
- > [Find out more about AMBS Student Societies on the AMBS Undergraduate Handbook.](#)



STELLIFY

- > The Stellify Award is a unique University of Manchester award supporting your personal development and career by formally recognising the extra-curricular activities you complete during your time at The University of Manchester.
- > [Read more about Stellify.](#)



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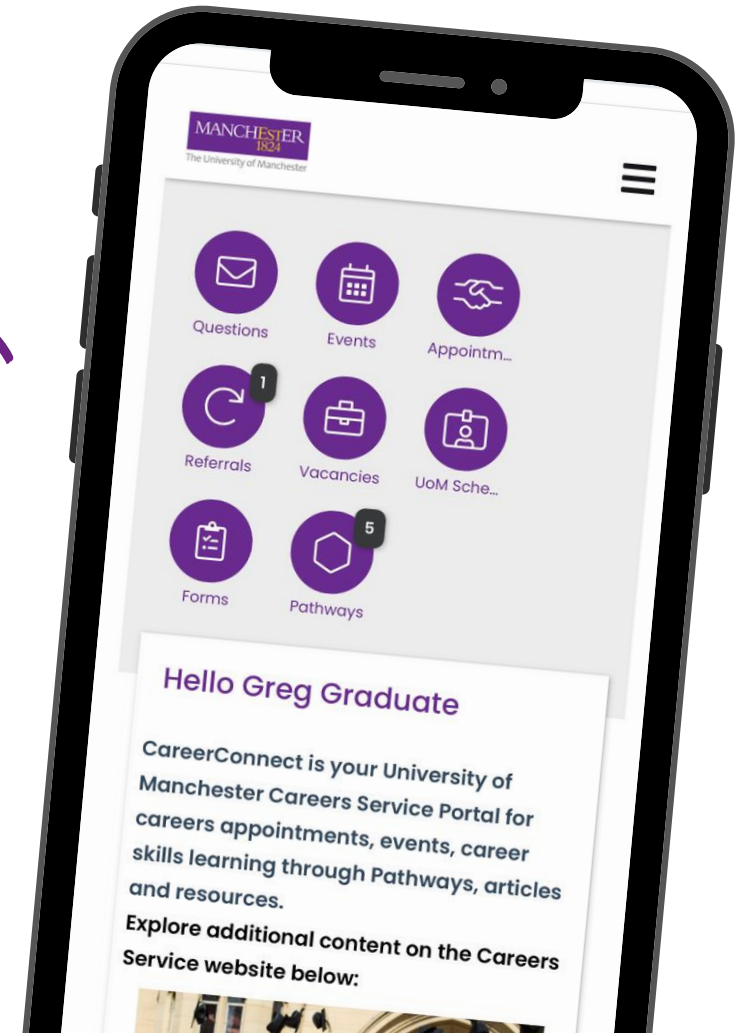
WELCOME 2026 CAREERS SERVICE



CareerConnect

Activate your student account

- Search for vacancies - part-time roles, graduate jobs, internships, placements and more!
- Book one-to-one appointments
- Register for employer events to network or gain insights into organisations
- Sign up for events such as Careers Fairs, workshops and more
- Use on-demand Pathways for a step-by-step approach on applying for jobs and exploring postgraduate study



Visit our websites for information

Careers Website

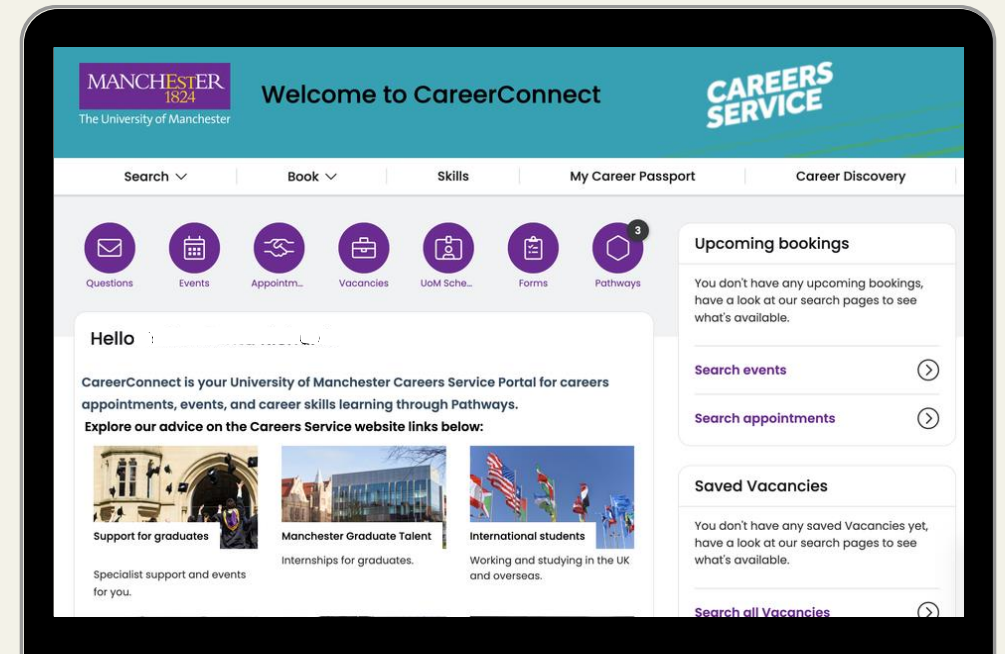
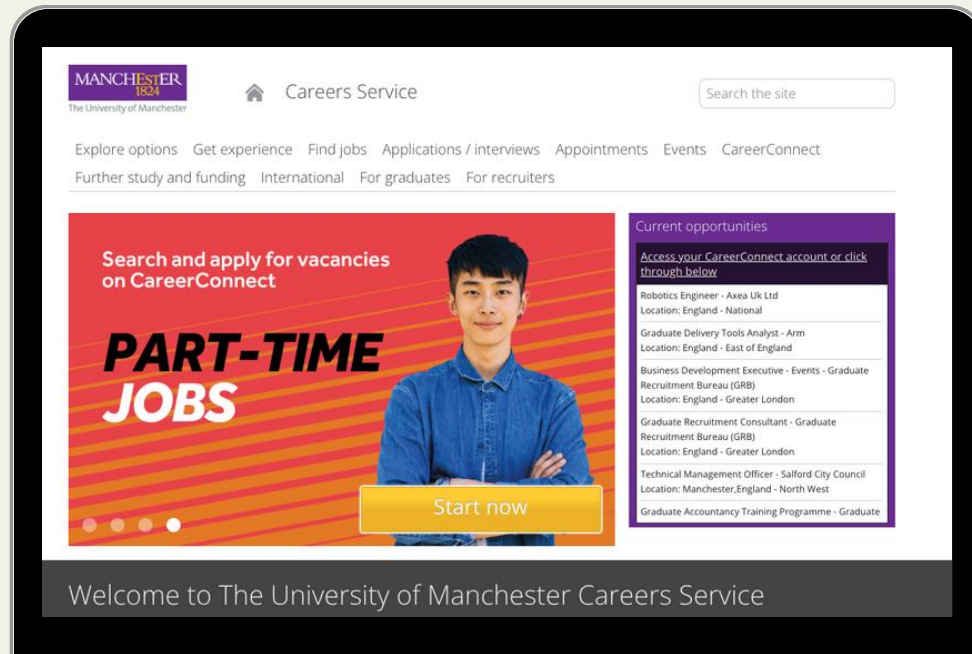
manchester.ac.uk/careers

Find general careers information, and resources like CV templates.

CareerConnect

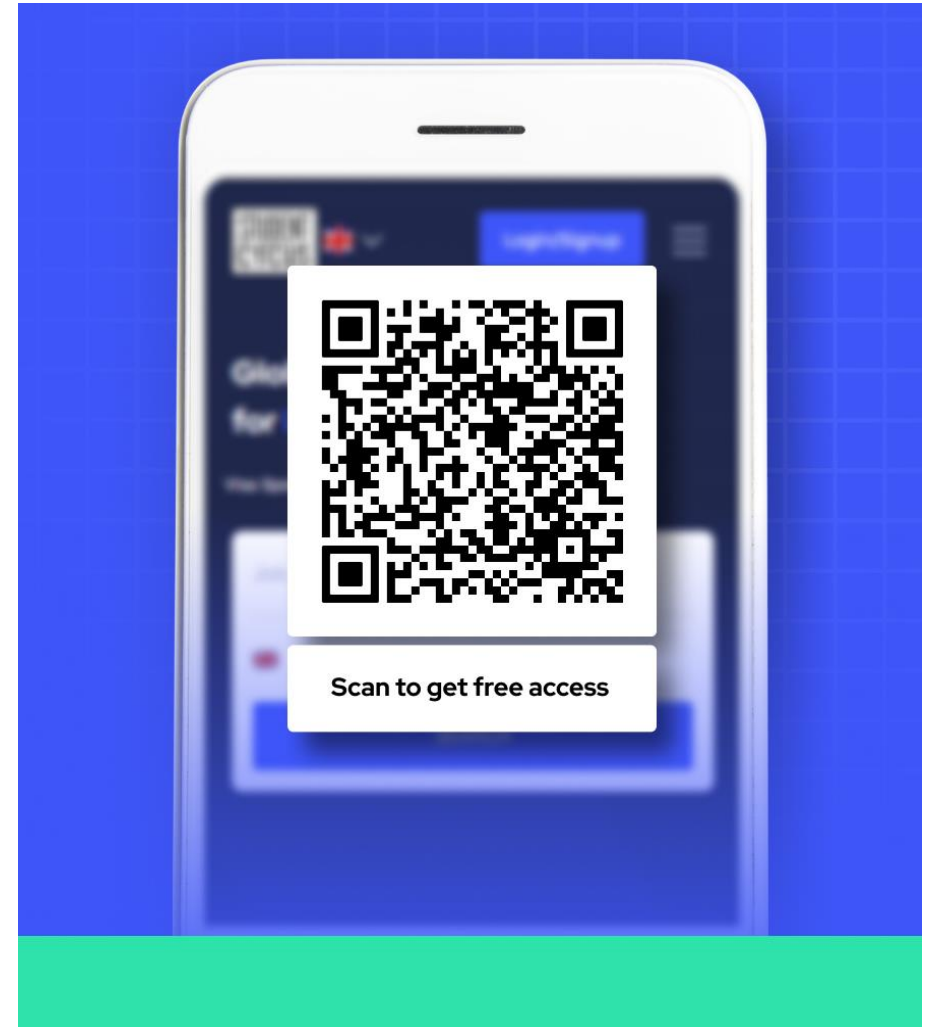
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Apply for vacancies, book appointments, and register for events.



STUDENT CIRCUS: JOB SEARCH SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- > AMBS is proud to announce its partnership with Student Circus — an online job search platform for international students that brings you filtered visa-sponsored job listings, internships, and placement opportunities.
- > As part of the partnership, you now have unlimited access to thousands of filtered visa-enabled opportunities in the UK & handpicked opportunities in your home country, along with other resources on the platform.
- > You can create an account and login via <https://alliancembs.studentcircus.com/>



USEFUL CONTACTS

- > **Your Programme Director:**
huw.morgan@manchester.ac.uk or
via [BSc Accounting Teams Community](#)
- > **AMBS Student Support Hub:**
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QUESTIONS

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THANK YOU



Stay in touch! We're here to support you and help you make the most of the opportunities at Manchester.