



## **Module Specification**

### **Fundamentals of Accounting and Finance**

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Fundamentals of Accounting and Finance

**Module code:** UMADNJ-30-M

**Level:** Level 7

**For implementation from:** 2021-22

**UWE credit rating:** 30

**ECTS credit rating:** 15

**Faculty:** Faculty of Business & Law

**Department:** FBL Dept of Accounting Economics & Finance

**Partner institutions:** Bristol Institute of Business Management, Villa College

**Delivery locations:** Bristol Institute of Business Management, Frenchay Campus, Villa College

**Field:** Accounting and Finance

**Module type:** Standard

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Excluded combinations:** None

**Co-requisites:** None

**Continuing professional development:** No

**Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements:** None

## Part 2: Description

**Overview:** This module introduces students to the core accounting principles and finance tools to underpin the programme learning.

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** See Learning Outcomes

**Outline syllabus:** You will cover:

Part A- Accounting:

Fundamentals of financial accounting

Accounting equation and the system of double entry

The basic financial statements

Fundamental concepts and frameworks

Financial reporting issues and disclosures

The components of financial statements: revenue, inventories, fixed tangible assets, intangible assets, provisions, taxation, and foreign exchange transactions.

The impacts of changes in accounting policies on financial statements

The impacts of creative accounting on financial information, and ethical issues

Segment reporting and earnings per share

Part B- Finance:

The role of the financial manager and time value of money

Investment appraisal: NPV/IRR/Payback

Investment appraisal: Relevant cash flows, tax and risk in investment appraisal

Working capital: stock, cash and credit management

Cash flow forecasts and introduction to budget

Sources of Finance: Debt, equity, retained earnings, short-term and long-term finance

Cost of equity, valuation of debt and WACC

WACC and introduction to capital structure

Overview of financial management and the finance function.

Financial markets and institutions

### **Part 3: Teaching and learning methods**

**Teaching and learning methods:** Real-life, practical examples will be introduced to help engage the students in financial planning and decision making processes. The emphasis will very much be on why we do things as opposed to simply following the well-trodden routines. Students will be encouraged to approach the issues from a variety of different angles, from financial accounting and reporting, from a financial management and a financial investment perspective. Students will be encouraged to participate and share any practical experiences so that the class as a whole benefits from the collective experience.

Students will be actively encouraged to make themselves familiar with the study skills web pages and in particular to read widely around the subject matter. Active use will be made of Blackboard facilities.

Students will be actively encouraged to study independently in order to gain a deep understanding of the issues covered, as well as recent developments in the theories and practices of accounting and financial management. Students, in addition to the scheduled contact hours, should engage with essential reading, case study preparation, assignment preparation and completion etc.

**Module Learning outcomes:**

**MO1** Apply key tools of financial accounting and corporate financial management and recommend solutions to business problems

**MO2** Apply a range of business planning, forecast, evaluation and control tools to real world situations including sensitivity, scenario and forecast analyses using computer spreadsheets

**MO3** Apply the risk-return theoretical framework in the context of portfolio management

**MO4** Understand conceptual frameworks and fundamental concepts, accounting standards, and the regulatory framework of financial reporting.

**MO5** Evaluate and make recommendations on the appropriateness of an organisation's control and performance measurement systems

**MO6** Apply asset valuation techniques for key asset classes

**MO7** Work in teams and make effective presentations

**Hours to be allocated:** 300

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 228 hours

Face-to-face learning = 72 hours

Total = 300

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/umadnj-30-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/umadnj-30-m.html>

**Part 4: Assessment**

**Assessment strategy:** There are two components in the module. The first component is a 3 hour closed book examination at the end of the module. The second component is a coursework with a group assignment and an individual element. The group assignment will be a comprehensive case study with a group

presentation, and the individual element will be a 1,000 word assignment based on the case study. Each form of assessment addresses the learning outcomes; the coursework and case study develop and assess a range of learning outcomes but with particular emphasis on transferable skills, the group presentation and individual report focuses on developing students' teamwork, understanding and critical thinking skills, while the examination emphasizes, in particular, the cognitive and subject specific skills.

Non-assessed formative feedback will be provided on group work activities and individual practical problems.

The assessment criteria for the coursework assignment (and how they relate to the stated learning outcomes) will be communicated to students when they are notified of the topic.

### **Assessment components:**

#### **Examination - Component A (First Sit)**

Description: Exam (3 Hours)

Weighting: 70 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO3, MO4, MO6

#### **Presentation - Component B (First Sit)**

Description: Group presentation based on case study (max 15 minutes)

Weighting: 21 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: Yes

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7

#### **Report - Component B (First Sit)**

Description: Individual report based on case study (1000 words)

Weighting: 9 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7

**Examination - Component A (Resit)**

Description: Exam (3 Hours)

Weighting: 70 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

**Report - Component B (Resit)**

Description: Individual report based on case study (750 words)

Weighting: 9 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

**Presentation - Component B (Resit)**

Description: Recorded individual presentation (7mins)

Weighting: 21 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

**Part 5: Contributes towards**

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Accounting and Finance [Sep][FT][Frenchay][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Accounting and Finance [Jan][FT][Villa][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Accounting and Finance [Sep][FT][Villa][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Accounting and Finance [Sep][FT][BIBM][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Accounting and Finance [Jan][FT][BIBM][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Accounting and Finance [Sep][FT][Villa][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Accounting and Finance [Jan][FT][Villa][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Accounting and Finance [May][FT][Villa][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Accounting and Finance [May][FT][Villa][1yr] MSc 2021-22