



Programme Specification

Accounting and Business Management {Foundation}

[Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs]

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Section 1: Key Programme Details

Part A: Programme Information

Programme title: Accounting and Business Management {Foundation}
[Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs]

Highest award: BA (Hons) Accounting and Business Management

Interim award: BA Accounting and Business Management

Interim award: DipHE Accounting and Business Management

Interim award: CertHE Accounting and Business Management

Awarding institution: UWE Bristol

Affiliated institutions: Not applicable

Teaching institutions: UWE Bristol

Study abroad: No

Year abroad: Yes

Sandwich year: Yes

Credit recognition: No

Department responsible for the programme: FBL Dept of Accounting Economics & Finance, Faculty of Business & Law

Contributing departments: Not applicable

Professional, statutory or regulatory bodies: Not applicable

Apprenticeship: Not applicable

Mode of delivery: Sandwich

Entry requirements: For the current entry requirements see the UWE public website.

For implementation from: 01 September 2021

Programme code: N4FM-SEP-SW-FR-N4NB

Section 2: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Part A: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Overview: This programme develops students into strategic decision makers who understand how to manage and lead companies in an increasingly complex and technology driven market place.

Educational Aims: Programme Learning Goals summarise the broad outcomes expected on graduation. These are that students should have gained :

Knowledge of :

Accounting and management techniques and applications, including financial management and strategic management decision making

Contemporary theory, regulation and practice in accounting and management

Skills in :

Critical Analysis and problem solving

Effective communication and team collaboration

Attributes of:

Social responsibility and global citizenship

Equipped for employment and career progression

Programme Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this programme graduates will achieve the following learning outcomes.

Knowledge and Understanding

- A1. Key theories and principles for preparing, using and analysing accounting information
- A2. Key theories and techniques in management accounting and performance evaluation
- A3. Key theories and techniques required for the financial management of an organisation
- A4. Key theories, regulations and practices of governance, ethics and management of risk in an organisation
- A5. Key external and internal factors that shape the performance of organisations and the strategic tools that are available for managers
- A6. The management of information systems and the application of technology in the collection, production and evaluation of information

Intellectual Skills

- B1. Gather, evaluate and apply quantitative and qualitative data and evidence from a range of resources
- B2. Apply analysis and critical thinking skills to make appropriate decisions in challenging contexts

Subject/Professional Practice Skills

- C1. Carry out an accounting and/or management research programme
- C2. Write management reports
- C3. Select and use management tools and techniques
- C4. Apply appropriate techniques for evaluating the performance of business organisations
- C5. Prepare and present budgetary control information appropriate to the cultural, structural and managerial context of an organisation.

- C6. Identify and take account of the organisational, motivational, sustainability and ethical issues underpinning the interpretation and evaluation of financial information
- C7. Apply strategic decision making in a variety of organisational contexts

Transferable Skills and other attributes

- D1. Communicate effectively using a variety of media
- D2. Demonstrate effective team working skills
- D3. Recognise ethical & sustainability challenges and apply ethical reasoning in a professional context
- D4. Apply software packages and technology for data management and analysis
- D5. Recognise diversity and cross cultural perspectives in a business context
- D6. Demonstrate self-reliance and independence in learning and professional development
- D7. Apply enterprising and creative behaviours in a professional context
- D8. Be self-aware and reflective

Part B: Programme Structure

Year 1

The student must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 1.

Year 1 Compulsory Modules

The student must take 120 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UMCUL9-30-0	Becoming a Professional 2022-23	30
UMEDKL-30-0	Economics and Accounting for the Real World 2022-23	30
UJUUL7-30-0	Introduction to Law in a Social, Business and Global Context 2022-23	30

UMCDKK-30-0	Introduction to Organisation, Enterprise and Management 2022-23	30
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Year 2

The student must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 2.

Year 2 Compulsory Modules

The student must take 120 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UJUUKX-15-1	Business Law 2023-24	15
UMED8D-15-1	Economic Principles in a Contemporary Context 2023-24	15
UMADQ8-15-1	Essential Information and Academic Skills 2023-24	15
UMADMY-15-1	Foundations of Financial Accounting 2023-24	15
UMADQ7-15-1	Introduction to Management Accounting 2023-24	15
UMADQ9-15-1	Introduction to Managerial Finance 2023-24	15
UMADMH-15-1	Management and Professional Development for Accounting and Finance 2023-24	15
UMED8J-15-1	Statistics and Data Management 2023-24	15

Year 3

The student must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 3.

Year 3 Compulsory Modules

The student must take 60 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
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UMADQM-15-2	Applied Research Skills in Accounting and Finance 2024-25	15
UMCDQN-15-2	Elements of Management in Practice 2024-25	15
UMADQC-15-2	Management Accounting and Decision Making 2024-25	15
UMPDM3-15-2	Managing People 2024-25	15

Year 3 Optional Modules Management

Students choose two Management modules from the following:

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UMODSW-15-2	Business Ethics: The Dark Side of Work and Organisations 2024-25	15
UMMDFY-15-2	Digital Business Management 2024-25	15
UMSD7Q-15-2	Entrepreneurship and Small Business 2024-25	15
UMSD7R-15-2	International Business 2024-25	15
UMKDQD-15-2	Marketing Planning and Practice 2024-25	15
UMMDP3-15-2	Operations and Business Systems 2024-25	15

Year 3 Optional Modules Accounting

Students choose two Accounting modules from the following:

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UMAD5L-15-2	Corporate Finance 2024-25	15
UMAD5N-15-2	Credit Management: Theory and Practice 2024-25	15
UMADQL-15-2	Entrepreneurial Finance 2024-25	15

UMADNB-15-2	Financial Accounting 2024-25	15
UMED8U-15-2	Good Business, Bad Business and Sustainability 2024-25	15
UMADQ6-15-2	Personal Financial Planning 2024-25	15
UMEDSY-15-2	Race, Inequality and Justice - An Interdisciplinary Perspective 2024-25	15

Year 4**Placement or Study Year Abroad**

For the award of the sandwich title (SW) students must choose one of the following options both of which aim to enable students to contextualise their academic learning in an applied business and/or cultural context:

Work Placement: a significant period of paid employment or self-employment normally in the field relevant to the specialism of the degree. During this time students must complete and pass the 15 credit level 3 module, Placement Learning UMCDN5-15-3. This module assesses the student's personal development, from the experience of placement and their ability to identify issues relevant to their Placement's organisational context, and to then frame, scale and position a critical work-based enquiry relevant to the specialism of the degree.

Study Year Abroad, which consists of two semesters of study at a partner institution abroad.

During this time students must complete and pass the 15 credit level 3 module, Learning & Development on Study Year Abroad (UMCD9Y-15-3). This module assesses the student's personal development from the experience of SYA and their ability to evidence cross-cultural awareness and analysis of the country in which they have been studying.

In addition, whilst at the partner institution students must have studied and attempted assessments in modules totalling 60 ECTS, of which 50-55 ECTS should be in modules related to their programme of study at UWE with a further 5-10 ECTS in the language of the host country. If the advent of failing any modules students must be able to demonstrate engagement i.e. that they have attended classes and sat the exams.

To be eligible for either Placement or SYA students must have passed a minimum of 210 credits. Where students make this choice they are advised to take 15 fewer credits at level 3 as the 15 placement/SYA credits count towards the total required to complete the programme.

Year 4 Compulsory Sandwich Modules

The student must take 15 credits from the modules in Compulsory Sandwich Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
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UMCD9Y-15-3	Learning and Development on Study Year Abroad 2025-26	15
UMCDN5-15-3	Placement Learning 2025-26	15

Year 5

The student must take 105 credits from the modules in Year 5.

Year 5 Compulsory Modules

The student must take 75 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UMADQF-15-3	Business Strategy and Technology 2026-27	15
UMODML-15-3	Managing Organisational Change 2026-27	15
UMADQH-15-3	Strategic Management Accounting 2026-27	15
UMADQG-30-3	Strategic Project (Accounting and Finance) 2026-27	30

Year 5 Optional Modules

The student must take 30 credits from the modules in Optional Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UMSD87-15-3	Business Innovation and Growth 2026-27	15
UMAD5W-15-3	Credit Risk Analysis and Management 2026-27	15
UJUUKY-15-3	Financial Crime 2026-27	15
UMADFR-15-3	Financial Management 2026-27	15
UMADQK-15-3	Financial Technology 2026-27	15
UMAD5T-15-3	International Financial Management 2026-27	15
UMAD5X-15-3	Investment Management 2026-27	15

UMADKB-15-3	Islamic Banking and Finance 2026-27	15
UMOD6F-15-3	Organisational Leadership 2026-27	15
UMMD7P-15-3	Project Management 2026-27	15
UMED95-15-3	Sustainable Business 2026-27	15
UMSD89-15-3	Virtual Business 2026-27	15

Part C: Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR) Synopsis

The programme prepares students for successful careers in a range of financial roles in business. Engagement with a real world applied context is key to success, developing students abilities or manage financial decision making in a complex and changing business environment and underpinned with social responsibility and ethical standards which are embedded in core studies. Graduates are able to demonstrate excellent technical competence, the capacity to critically and strategically evaluate complex information and the skills to apply their knowledge in resolving challenging business and financial problems

Part D: External Reference Points and Benchmarks

Set out which reference points and benchmarks have been used in the design of the programme:

QAA UK Quality Code for HE

Framework for higher education qualifications (FHEQ)

Subject benchmark statements

Qualification characteristics for Foundation degrees and Master's degrees

Strategy 2020

University policies

Staff research projects

Any relevant PSRB requirements

Any occupational standards

Part E: Regulations

Approved to University Regulations and Procedures.