

Course Specification

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Core Information

Awarding Body / Institution:	University of Wolverhampton		
School / Institute:	Wolverhampton Business School		
Course Code(s):	FC009P01UV	Full-time	18 Months
	FC009P31UV	Part-time	36 Months
Course Title:	MSc Professional Accounting and Finance - Extended		
Hierarchy of Awards:	Master of Science Professional Accounting and Finance - Extended Postgraduate Diploma Professional Accounting and Finance - Extended Postgraduate Certificate Professional Accounting and Finance - Extended University Statement of Credit University Statement of Credit		
Language of Study:	English		
Date of DAG approval:			
Last Review:	2021/2		
Course Specification valid from:	2021/2		
Course Specification valid to:	2026/7		

Academic Staff

Course Leader:	Lorraine Morris
Head of Department:	Mr Andrew Groves

Course Information

Location of Delivery:	University of Wolverhampton
Category of Partnership:	Not delivered in partnership
Teaching Institution:	University of Wolverhampton
Open / Closed Course:	This course is open to all suitably qualified candidates.

Entry Requirements:

Entry requirements are subject to regular review. The entry requirements applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website (and externally as appropriate e.g. UCAS)

Distinctive Features of the Course:

This course will enable you to have the opportunity to study for both ACCA final level papers and an MSc at the same time, enabling you to gain both awards following an eighteen month period of study if you are successful with all assessments. The course is a collaboration between the University and Kaplan Financial limited who is one of the world's largest providers of professional accounting education.

This course includes tuition and preparation for four final strategic professional level papers of the ACCA. These include two optional papers, Advanced Performance Management APM and Advanced Financial Management AFM. These are followed by two essential papers, Strategic Business Leader SBL and Strategic Business Reporting SBR. We also encourage you to self study for the ACCA Ethics and Professional Skills module.

Educational Aims of the Course:

This course enables entry onto the MSc Professional Accounting if you did not gain a first or second class honours at degree level (or equivalent). It will add to your existing skills and knowledge providing you with enhanced understanding and abilities which will prepare you for Masters courses.

The MSc in Professional Accounting and Finance provides an opportunity for you to both complete your ACCA qualifications and also gain a Masters in Professional Accounting and Finance following an eighteen month period of study.

This course will provide you with an in depth grounding for your professional and/or academic career in finance, business and accounting. It will develop your strategic understanding and critical thinking of the main finance and accounting theories upon which modern business decisions are made as well as exploring the role and importance of accounting information in the management of corporations. Through your dissertation you will be able to investigate in depth a business, accounting or management issue, applying your research and quantitative skills which have been further developed throughout the course.

Studying for your ACCA papers will be taken with the support and guidance of Kaplan Financial Limited. Kaplan has become one of the world's largest providers of professional accounting education with operations in more than 30 countries.

In addition, the course will provide you with the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities. These could include, for example, a visit to the London Stock Exchange, and guest lectures from prominent individuals within the financial world.

Intakes:

September

Major Source of Funding:

Office for Students (OFS)

Tuition Fees:

Tuition fees are reviewed on an annual basis. The fees applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website.

Year	Status	Mode	Amount
2020/1	H	Full Time	£11834
2020/1	Overseas	Full Time	£14867
2021/2	H	Full Time	£10900.00
2021/2	Overseas	Full Time	£15500.00

PSRB:

None

Course Structure:

September (Full-time)

Year 1

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7AC010	Advanced Financial and Performance Management	30	SEM2	Core
7FC014	Entrepreneurial Financial Management	30	SEM1	Core
7FC002	International Finance	30	SEM1	Core
7MG001	The Masters Research Project	60	CRYRA	Core
7AC011	Strategic Business Finance	30	SEM2	Core
7BE011	Masters Learning	0	SEM1	Core

September (Part-time)

Year 1

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7FC002	International Finance	30	SEM1	Core
7BE011	Masters Learning	0	SEM1	Core

Group 10 | Min Value: 60 | Max Value: 60

7MG001	The Masters Research Project	60	CRYRA	
7BU021	The Masters Professional Project	60	CRYRA	

September (Part-time)

Year 2

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7FC014	Entrepreneurial Financial Management	30	SEM1	Core

September (Part-time)

Year 3

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7AC010	Advanced Financial and Performance Management	30	SEM2	Core
7AC011	Strategic Business Finance	30	SEM2	Core

Please note: Optional modules might not run every year, the course team will decide on an annual basis which options will be running, based on student demand and academic factors, to create the best learning experience.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Academic Regulations Exemption:

None

Reference Points:

[UK Quality Code for Higher Education](#)

[Qualifications and Credit Frameworks](#)

[Subject Benchmark Statements](#)

[University Policies and Regulations](#)

Equality Act (2010)

Learning Outcomes:

PGCert Course Learning Outcome 1 (PGCCL01)

Demonstrate a systematic understanding of knowledge, and a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights, much of which is at, or informed by, the forefront of your academic discipline, field of study or area of professional practice with a conceptual understanding that enables the student: 1. to evaluate critically current research and advanced scholarship in the discipline. 2. to evaluate methodologies and develop critiques of them and, where appropriate, to propose new hypotheses.

PGCert Course Learning Outcome 2 (PGCCL02)

Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to your own research or advanced scholarship and ability to continue to advance your knowledge and understanding, and to develop new skills to a high level.

PGCert Course Learning Outcome 3 (PGCCL03)

Demonstrate originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the discipline.

PGCert Course Learning Outcome 4 (PGCCL04)

Ability to deal with complex issues both systematically and creatively, make sound judgements in the absence of complete data, and communicate your conclusions clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences.

PGCert Course Learning Outcome 5 (PGCCL05)

Demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems, and act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks at a professional or equivalent level.

PGCert Course Learning Outcome 6 (PGCCL06)

Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring: 1. the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility 2. decision-making in complex and unpredictable situations 3. the independent learning ability required for continuing professional development.

PGCert Course Learning Outcome 7 (PGCCL07)

Analyse the different approaches and techniques that facilitate detailed study at the postgraduate level in business and management issues

PGDip Course Learning Outcome 1 (PGDCL01)

Demonstrate a systematic understanding of knowledge, and a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights, much of which is at, or informed by, the forefront of your academic discipline, field of study or area of professional practice with a conceptual understanding that enables the student: 1. to evaluate critically current research and advanced scholarship in the discipline 2. to evaluate methodologies and develop critiques of them and, where appropriate, to propose new hypotheses.

PGDip Course Learning Outcome 2 (PGDCLO2)

Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to your own research or advanced scholarship and ability to continue to advance your knowledge and understanding, and to develop new skills to a high level.

PGDip Course Learning Outcome 3 (PGDCLO3)

Demonstrate originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the discipline.

PGDip Course Learning Outcome 4 (PGDCLO4)

Ability to deal with complex issues both systematically and creatively, make sound judgements in the absence of complete data, and communicate your conclusions clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences.

PGDip Course Learning Outcome 5 (PGDCLO5)

Demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems, and act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks at a professional or equivalent level.

PGDip Course Learning Outcome 6 (PGDCLO6)

Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring: 1. the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility 2. decision-making in complex and unpredictable situations 3. the independent learning ability required for continuing professional development.

PGDip Course Learning Outcome 7 (PGDCLO7)

Analyse the different approaches and techniques that facilitate detailed study at the postgraduate level in business and management issues

Masters Course Learning Outcome 1 (MACLO1)

Critically evaluate and apply a variety of corporate & international finance and accounting practice in an organisational setting.

Masters Course Learning Outcome 2 (MACLO2)

Critically evaluate and appreciate the relevance of accounting information for business performance management.

Masters Course Learning Outcome 3 (MACLO3)

Critically evaluate and apply financial management skills in the context of corporate, small, and medium business.

Masters Course Learning Outcome 4 (MACLO4)

Critically assess how the international economic environment affects businesses.

Overview of Assessment:

Module	Title	Course Learning Outcomes
7AC010	Advanced Financial and Performance Management	MACLO1, MACLO2, PGCCLO1, PGCCLO2, PGCCLO3, PGCCLO4, PGCCLO5, PGCCLO6, PGDCLO1, PGDCLO2, PGDCLO3, PGDCLO4, PGDCLO5, PGDCLO6
7AC011	Strategic Business Finance	MACLO1, MACLO2, PGCCLO1, PGCCLO2, PGCCLO3, PGCCLO4, PGCCLO5, PGCCLO6, PGDCLO1, PGDCLO2, PGDCLO3, PGDCLO4, PGDCLO5, PGDCLO6
7BE011	Masters Learning	PGCCLO7, PGDCLO7
7BU021	The Masters Professional Project	MACLO4
7FC002	International Finance	MACLO1, PGCCLO1, PGCCLO2, PGCCLO3, PGCCLO4, PGCCLO5, PGCCLO6, PGDCLO1, PGDCLO2, PGDCLO3, PGDCLO4, PGDCLO5, PGDCLO6
7FC014	Entrepreneurial Financial Management	MACLO3, PGCCLO1, PGCCLO2, PGCCLO3, PGCCLO4, PGCCLO5, PGCCLO6, PGDCLO1, PGDCLO2, PGDCLO3, PGDCLO4, PGDCLO5, PGDCLO6
7MG001	The Masters Research Project	MACLO4

Teaching, Learning and Assessment:

This is a blended learning course with supportive and structured learning activities on Canvas supported by weekly in-class activities.

The online materials and face-to-face components of the module are integrated into a complimentary learning experience, which is both engaging and relevant, and resources are also accessible online. You are provided with a road map for studying each module in the form of a Homepage on Canvas. Each Canvas Homepage sets expectations and includes an orientation to help you understand how to successfully navigate the different online components of the module and prepare for the face-to-face meetings.

The structure of each Canvas topic follows a standard Business School layout to ensure consistency and familiarity for students and to help you navigate the different modules you will be studying. The Canvas Pages are used to present learning inputs and related activities with a narrative flow; content is structured into bite-sized inputs and activities, inclusive of any Panopto recorded slides. Each module Canvas page features a balance between interactive activities and short lecture inputs.

Regular opportunities are built in for formative feedback in-class and online. For summative assessments on modules with more than one tutor a marking rubric is used to ensure consistency and you will receive summative feedback via Canvas within four working weeks of submission. Your feedback may be written, oral or audio-visual in nature.

Blended learning lends itself to enquiry-based learning – this puts less emphasis on the lecture method of teaching and more on empowering you to solve problems, evaluate situations, research topics or apply principles, which is more appropriate to business education. Face-to-face sessions are delivered in workshop mode with a set of task-based activities, which draw on the online content, and enable you to practically and critically explore the topic individually and in small groups.

Opportunities are built in for you to collaborate in peer-to-peer learning activities. This could include things such as small groups using a flipped learning approach, small group case study analysis, student-led assessment unpacking, group discussions, student-led seminars and problem-based learning.

The workshop and activity-based approach to learning enables multiple opportunities for formative feedback and self-diagnosis and testing to be built into the core content for each module, and there will be regular opportunities for you to engage in small group and one-to-one tutorials.

Throughout your studies you will be expected, and directed, to read from a range of sources, including academic journals. You will work autonomously as well as interactively within group exercises. In order to progress and show knowledge and skill at Master's level requires a significant amount of self-directed as well as lecturer directed reading and this forms a significant part of this course.

On this course you will also be given access and work with the MyKaplan platform which is an on-line

platform designed by Kaplan to aid you through your ACCA studies. This platform includes materials, activities, and short videos of the module materials.

Assessment Methods:

At the University of Wolverhampton, a variety of modes of assessment will be used to support and test your learning and progress and to help you develop capabilities that are valued beyond your University studies and into your working life. Your course may include a variety of assessment activities:

- Written examinations (including online examinations, open and closed book examinations and quizzes)
- Coursework (for example, essays, reports, portfolios, project proposals and briefs, poster presentation)
- Practical (for example, oral and video presentations)
- An extended piece of work or research, such as a dissertation or a practice-based piece of research.

Inclusivity.

The modules are developed with Universal Design in mind, and to meet all accessibility standards. For instance, downloadable transcripts will be provided for all the videos – these may be created by Panopto and then edited into a useable text or may be scripted by the author in advance of the recording. We will also ensure that there are adequate descriptions provided for all of graphs, charts, images etc used in PowerPoint slides included in the transcripts. There will also be alternative text for all graphics used in page, and we will ensure that all documents, PDFs etc are formatted to best be used by screen readers.

Case studies, examples and resources are drawn from a wide range of business cultures and contexts representing our diverse and international community.

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Coursework (for example, essays, reports, portfolios, project proposals and briefs, CVs, poster presentation)
Practical (for example, oral and video presentations, laboratory work, performances, practical skills assessment)

In the final year of your undergraduate degree, and at the end of your postgraduate degree, you are likely to be expected to write an extended piece of work or research, such as a dissertation or a practice-based piece of research.

Student Support:

General University support:

[The University Library](#) is the key source of academic information for students. The Library provides physical library resources (books, journal, DVDs etc.) and offers a range of study areas to allow you to study in the environment that suits you best: Social areas, quiet and silent areas. The Library also provides access to wide range of online information sources, including eBooks, e-Journals and subject databases.

The Library also provides students with academic skills support via the [Skills for Learning programme](#). While on campus you can attend workshops or ask for one-to-one help on a range of skills such as academic writing and referencing. You can also access a range of online skills material at: www.wlv.ac.uk/lib/skills

The [University Student Support website](#) offers advice on a variety of matters (careers, counselling, student union advice, etc.) Students can also access these services by booking appointment with the SU, careers, counselling services, etc.

Course Specific Support

A personal tutor is allocated to you and they will maintain regular communication (virtual and/or face-to-face) with you to support you as you progress. Should you encounter any difficulties, follow-up meetings are arranged to ensure that you make satisfactory progress or are not at risk of withdrawal. Personal tutors can assist you in your personal and academic development, planning and progression, as well as offering you advice and guidance to help you liaise with other staff and support facilities in your school and the University, including study skills support.

The course leader will monitor the academic and experiential quality of the course through Award Boards, focus groups and other channels. The course leader also supports and directs you proactively on the course, both collectively and individually, and responds to enquiries with regard to your academic programme of study.

The Faculty Enabling Tutor liaises with Student Support and Wellbeing (SSW) regarding provision for specific disabled students & disseminates information from Student Support and Wellbeing on the needs of specific disabled students. The Faculty Enabling Tutors also monitor requests for, and provision of, specific examination and assessment arrangements, publicise 'surgery' arrangements and make available time to meet with individual disabled students to enable them to discuss their own school-specific disability issues where necessary. The tutor takes a pro-active role in monitoring the welfare and academic progress of disabled students within the school.

Where applicable, in-class semester assessments are arranged by the module tutor. The module tutor will, where appropriate, ensure that any arrangements made for students requiring special consideration will be checked by University Student Support and Wellbeing to ensure fairness and equality, and that the provisions of the University Equal Opportunities policy are met. These arrangements will apply to those students who have identified special learning requirements.

Modules which are based upon ACCA materials (7AC010 and 7AC011) will use the full study resources supplied by Kaplan. This will include access to the MyKaplan platform as well as study texts, examination kits, class and revision notes.

Employability in the Curriculum:

You will be in a unique position of having an excellent academic and professional qualification taught by market leaders in both fields, giving you the knowledge and ability to succeed in the world of finance.

Studying for the ACCA professional qualification alongside the MSc will greatly enhance a candidate's opportunity to find attractive employment positions. In a recent survey carried out by the ACCA (the largest student survey carried out by a professional body with over 22,000 respondents) it was found that studying for the ACCA qualification helps individuals find new roles. In 59% of cases it reassured the new employer of the technical and business skills of the candidate and in 28% of cases it was a pre-requisite for obtaining the position. ACCA students and affiliates frequently earned salaries that exceed the national average across professions.

The ACCA professional qualification is very portable, in the above survey 34% of respondents had changed jobs in the previous 12 months, most typically in order to gain promotion or a better salary, or in order to get a different experience in their career. In addition 64% of students and affiliates planned to work in another country in the future demonstrating unlimited job opportunities across the world.

In addition, the course will provide a robust grounding if you wish to pursue doctoral study.

