

Academic Year 2025/26

Bachelor of Science with Honours in Business Accounting and Finance (with Work Placements)

UCAS Code: NN14

Notes

- (i) *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) *All optional modules are offered subject to the constraints of the timetable and to any restrictions on the number of students who may be taught on a particular module. Not all modules may be offered in all years and they are listed subject to availability.*
- (iii) *Unless otherwise stated under 'Type', modules are not core.*
- (iv) *A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (v) *A core module is a module which a student must pass, and in which a fail mark may neither be carried nor compensated; such modules are designated by the board of studies as essential for progression to a further stage of the programme or for study in a further module.*
- (vi) *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*

1. Stage 1

- (a) All modules are core.
- (b) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ACC1010	Introduction to Financial Accounting*	20	10	10	4	Core	
ACC1011	Introduction to Management Accounting and Finance*	20	10	10	4	Core	
AFM1052	Sustainability and Ethics*	20	10	10	4	Core	
AFM1151	Introductory Quantitative Methods and Assurance*	20	10	10	4	Core	
ECO1017	Introductory Economics	20	10	10	4	Core	
LAW1054	Introduction to Business Law*	20	10	10	4	Core	

2. Stage 2

- (a) All modules are core.
- (b) All modules taken except the Placement contribute to overall Honours classification.
- (c) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
AFM2100	Assurance and Tax*	20	20	0	5	Core	

AFM2102	Business and Digital Strategy*	20	10	10	5	Core	
AFM2103	Fundamentals Case Study*	10	0	10	5	Core	
AFM2104	Assurance, Risk and Reporting*	30	15	15	5	Core	
AFM2105	Stage 2 Placement**	40	20	20	5	Core	

3. Stage 3

- (a) All modules are core
- (b) All modules taken except the Placement contribute to overall Honours classification.
- (c) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ACC3056	Business Planning Taxation*	30	15	15	6	Core	
ACC3057	Financial Accounting and Reporting*	25	15	10	6	Core	
ACC3058	Business Finance*	25	10	15	5	Core	
ACC3054	Stage 3 Placement**	40	20	20	5	Core	

4. Stage 4

- (a) All modules are core
- (b) All modules taken except the Placement contribute to overall Honours classification.
- (c) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ACC4051	Contemporary Issues in Business, Accounting and Finance	40	20	20	6	Core	
ACC4052	Case Studies in Business, Accounting and Finance	20	10	10	6	Core	
ACC4053	Financial Analysis	20	10	10	6	Core	
ACC4056	Corporate Governance and Ethics	20	10	10	6	Core	
ACC4055	Stage 4 Placement**	40	20	20	6	Core	

5. Progress towards the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) Chartered Accountant Qualification

Modules marked “*” have specific relevance in terms of progress towards the ICAEW Chartered Accountant qualification.

In addition to the university pass mark of 40%, students also need to achieve a mark of **50%** or more in the following assessments in order to allow exemption from corresponding papers in the ICAEW Certificate and Professional Level examinations:

- ACC1010 Introduction to Financial Accounting
- ACC1011 Introduction to Management Accounting and Finance
- AFM1052 Sustainability and Ethics
- AFM1151 Introductory Quantitative Methods and Assurance (Assurance Paper)
- LAW1054 Introduction to Business Law
- AFM2100 Assurance and Tax (Assurance element)
- AFM2102 Business and Digital Strategy
- ACC3058 Business Finance (Paper A) and
- ACC3058 Business Finance (Paper B)

If a student fails to achieve an ICAEW pass (50%) in any of the modules listed above, they will be offered one re-sit attempt. A second attempt at a module for accreditation purposes only, where the University pass standard has already been met, will have no impact on the degree classification. If a student fails to achieve an ICAEW pass (50%) after 2 attempts (in-line with PwC's examination policy), then the student will not be offered a subsequent placement with PwC and will not be able to proceed on NN14. If the student has achieved more than 40% (a university pass) but less than 50% after two attempts, the student will be given the option of progressing to the next stage of NN49 Accounting Studies or transferring to stage 2 of N400 Accounting and Finance.

BSc (Honours) Accounting Studies (NN49) shares an almost identical taught programme of modules to BSc (Honours) Business Accounting and Finance (NN14) with the exception of the placement modules.

Students may be able to take further attempts at ICAEW papers by registering as an external student directly with ICAEW. Such attempts would not have any bearing on university progression but would enable students to complete any outstanding professional papers for ICAEW credit purposes.

In addition to the university pass mark of 40%, students also need to achieve a mark of **55%** or more in the following assessments in order to allow exemption from corresponding papers in the ICAEW Professional Level examinations:

- AFM2103 Fundamentals Case Study
- AFM2104 Assurance, Risk and Reporting
- ACC3056 Business Planning Tax
- ACC3057 Financial Accounting and Reporting

If a student fails to achieve an ICAEW pass (55%) in any of the modules listed above, they will be offered one re-sit attempt. A second attempt at a module for accreditation purposes only, where the University pass standard has already been met, will have no impact on the degree classification. If a student fails to achieve an ICAEW pass (55%) after 2 attempts, (in-line with PwC's examination policy), then the student will not be offered a subsequent placement with PwC and will not be able to proceed on NN14. If the student has achieved more than 40% (a university pass) but less than 55% after two attempts, the student will be given the option of progressing to the next stage of NN49 Accounting Studies or transferring to stage 2 of N400 Accounting and Finance. Students may be able to take further attempts at ICAEW papers by registering as an external student directly with ICAEW. Such attempts would not have any bearing on university progression but would enable students to complete any outstanding professional papers for ICAEW credit purposes.

6. Placements

Modules marked with an “” are the placement modules AFM2105, ACC3054 and ACC4055.** These modules contribute to the approved technical work experience required by ICAEW to qualify as a Chartered Accountant.

There are placements in Stages 2, 3 and 4 with the placement provider PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC). The placements form part of the degree via the modules AFM2105, ACC3054 and ACC4055. While these are core modules, they are assessed on a pass/fail basis and they do not contribute to the calculation of the overall degree classification.

Students have a separate contract for each placement. Students will work for a pre-determined period during December to March for Stages 2 and 3 and November to March for Stage 4. PwC will be entitled to request a personal reference from the University prior to offering a placement.

Assessment of performance on the placement will be conducted by the University in consultation with PwC in line with the guidelines published in the degree programme handbook and relevant module handbook. In line with these guidelines, students shall be required to comply with the professional and/or ethical rules of PwC and ICAEW while under contract even during the times when they are not actually working for the placement provider.

Students who do not successfully complete a placement module are not eligible to continue on the degree programme. **There is no opportunity to re-sit the placement modules.** Appeals against placement assessment shall be conducted in accordance with the University’s Academic Appeals Procedure for Students. Alleged misconduct on the placement will be subject to investigation by the University, PwC and, where relevant ICAEW. Where the professional and/or ethical rules of PwC and ICAEW are breached because of misconduct on the part of the student, then the placement contract may be terminated with the result that the student fails the placement module.

Students who fail a placement module or who experience difficulties with the placements will be offered the option of transferring to BSc (Honours) Accounting Studies (NN49) which shares an almost identical taught programme of modules to BSc (Honours) Business Accounting and Finance (NN14) with the exception of the placement modules.

7. Assessment methods

The following assessment methods may be used: oral examinations; unseen written examination papers; in-course assessments of essays, projects, seminar work and workshops; presentations; performance on work placements. Details of the assessment pattern for each module are specified in the relevant module outlines.

8. Degree classification

In determining students’ overall Honours Classification, those taught modules taken at Stage 2 will be weighted at 25% of the total as will the taught modules taken at Stage 3. The taught modules taken at stage 4 will be weighted 50% of the total. It should be noted that the Placement modules do not contribute towards the Honours Classification.