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This professionally accredited degree provides a firm foundation in accounting and finance.

You graduate with real-world problem-solving skills that are attractive to employers and a strong understanding of the academic theory that underpins professional practice.

The degree focuses on three core disciplines that are essential for a successful career in any area of business or finance:

- financial accounting
- management accounting
- finance

Many of our graduates go on to train as chartered accountants. However, this degree can also lead to a range of other career options, such as finance or general management.

This degree is also available with a placement year (UCAS code N401) or with a study abroad year.

We also offer Accounting and Finance BSc Honours at our London campus.

Quality and ranking


We also rank in the top 200 universities in the world in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2015.

Industry links

Newcastle University Business School has excellent links with accounting organisations and professional bodies. We regularly welcome guest speakers from industry.

Also, each year we award prizes, sponsored by major firms and professional bodies, to outstanding students to commend their dedication. This can boost your CV and give you exposure to future employers.

Work placement or study abroad

You can choose to spend a year between your second and third year of study in a 12-month work placement in the UK or overseas, or studying at one of our partner universities abroad.

Study abroad

- Choose to study abroad at one of our partner universities in Europe through the Erasmus exchange scheme. We currently have partners in Denmark, Finland, France, Holland, Norway, Spain and Sweden.

Work placement

- Gain valuable industry experience with a 12-month work placement in a UK or Overseas business.
- Receive support from the Business School’s dedicated Placement Officer and the University’s Careers Service to help you find a placement that matches your skills and interests.
- We have recently placed students in companies including: Nissan, P&G, PWC, KPMG, BAE Systems, Experian, Network Rail, UNW Chartered Accountants, Virgin Media, First Derivatives, and Warner Bros.

Find out more about work placements and study abroad opportunities on the Business School’s website.

Professional exemptions

What is an ‘exemption’?

If you want to become a chartered accountant, it is important to study a degree that is professionally accredited.

This shows that your degree meets the standards set by the industry, and often means that you do not need to take certain additional exams after you graduate (this is called an ‘exemption’).

This degree offers a number of exemptions from the examinations of professional bodies, putting you on the fast track to further qualifications in your chosen career.

Exemptions available to current students

- Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
  - Fundamentals Level: papers F1-F9
- Association of International Accountants (AIA)
  - Foundation Level (Certificate in Accountancy): all modules
  - Professional Level 1 (Diploma in Accountancy): all modules
  - Overall, i.e. papers 1-12 of Modules A to D
- Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)
  - Certificate Level: all papers
  - Operations Level: P1 (Performance Operations) and F1 (Financial Operations)
• Management Level: P2 (Performance Management) and F2 (Financial Management) at the Management level
Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)
• Professional Certificate stage (level 1): all papers
• Professional Diploma stage (level 2): Financial Management, Business Strategy and Public Finance and Taxation
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)
• Certificate Level: all papers
• Professional Level: Business Strategy and Financial Management
To obtain exemptions, students may need to achieve a minimum grade in a particular module or modules – please contact Dr Josie McLaren for further details.

Other professional affiliations
We are also an IMC Advantage Partner with the Chartered Financial Analysts’ Society UK, which means our Accounting and Finance degree is highly relevant for those who wish to become a registered investment adviser.

Accounting and Finance is a Pathways to Associate Member program of CPA Australia. Our graduates are deemed to have met the requirements to commence the CPA program, without the need to complete any foundation modules.

Teaching and assessment
Study at the cutting edge
• Research provides the foundation for teaching at all levels in Newcastle University Business School. This ensures that your study material reflects current accounting practice
• Our research expertise is reflected in your choice of modules, particularly in the later Stages of your degree

Teaching methods
• Modules are taught by a mixture of lectures, seminars, workshops, and tutorials
• In a typical week, most students will have eight to 16 hours of lectures and two-to-six hours of seminars, tutorials and workshops
• Optional help sessions and online self-study software programmes are also available

Assessment methods
• Course work, individual and group presentations, online assessment and dissertations

Find out more
• Teaching and assessment methods may vary from module to module. More information about each module can be found in the Modules section
• Visit our Teaching and Learning pages to read about the outstanding learning experience available to all students at Newcastle University

Facilities and support
This degree is run by Newcastle University Business School, based in our state-of-the-art building within Newcastle’s emerging business district.

Facilities
• 120 PCs across three hi-tech computer clusters
• Wi-Fi connectivity throughout our building
• Social spaces for learning and relaxation
• Bookable meeting rooms
• Take a virtual tour of our building

Careers support
• Specialist careers and business start-up support from the University’s award-winning Careers Service
• Career management sessions with our dedicated Business School Careers Adviser
• Annual Career Development Week, to help you improve your employability skills and meet potential employers
• Work experience opportunities while studying with us
• Business School summer internship scheme
• Managerial and entrepreneurial skills development – we are one of only 140 business schools worldwide to receive accreditation from the EQUIS scheme for this

Support
• Personal tutor throughout your degree
• Peer mentor in your first year
• Board of Students so you can have your say

Find out more:
• Visit us
• Request a prospectus
• Take a virtual tour
• Watch a video about Newcastle University
• Enquire online
• Telephone (Student Services): +44 (0) 191 208 3333
• Apply

Our attractive campus has lots of green spaces where you can relax.
Modules

Please note

Our degrees are divided into Stages. Each Stage lasts for an academic year and you need to complete modules totalling 120 credits by the end of each Stage. Programme modules do change and therefore may differ for your year of entry.

Stage 1

**Compulsory modules**
ACC1010 Introduction to Financial Accounting
ACC1011 Introduction to Management Accounting and Finance
ACC1012 Professional Skills for Accounting and Finance
ECO1017 Introductory Economics
BUS1001 Introduction to Management and Organisation
LAW1054 Introduction to Business Law

Stage 2

**Compulsory modules**
ACC2002 Managerial and Business Economics
ACC2003 Financial Control
ACC2005 Intermediate Financial Accounting
ACC2007 Corporate Finance
ACC2021 Understanding Company Accounts

**Optional modules**
You take one of the following optional modules:
ACC2009 Strategic Business Analysis
ACC2020 Auditing
NCL2007 Career Development for Second-Year Students

Stage 3

**Compulsory modules**
ACC3001 Financial Accounting
ACC3002 Management Accounting
ACC3006 International Financial Management

**Optional modules**
You take 60 credits from the following list:
ACC2009 Strategic Business Analysis
ACC2020 Auditing
ACC3003 Issues in Behavioural Finance
ACC3004 Derivative Markets
ACC3008 Auditing as Social Accountability
ACC3009 Taxation in Accounting
ACC3016 Accounting, Organisations and Society
ACC3018 Accounting, Change and Development
NCL3007 Career Development for Final-Year Students

Stage 3

NCL3008 Advanced Career Development

Entry Requirements

All candidates are considered on an individual basis. If your qualifications are not listed here, please see our additional entry requirements web pages to find out which other qualifications are considered.

Additional Information on GCSEs (or equivalent)

Achievement of a minimum of five GCSE grades A*-C, or equivalent, is normally required. These must include Mathematics and English GCSE, or equivalent, at the specified grades.

**A Levels**

AAB excluding General Studies. See guidance on Business School preferred subjects (PDF: 129K). GCSE Mathematics at grade A and English at grade B required if not taken at A or AS level.

Please see the Additional Information section about further GCSE (or equivalent) requirements.

Scottish Qualifications

AAABB at Higher Grade. Mathematics and English required at grade 2 Standard Grade (or Intermediate 2 equivalent) if not offered at Higher Grade. Combinations of Highers and Advanced Highers accepted. Where a candidate bypasses the assessment for National 5 qualifications, a minimum of grade B in the Higher in Maths and grade C in the Higher English is required.

Please see the Additional Information section about further GCSE (or equivalent) requirements.

Scottish qualifications can be taken in more than one sitting.

International Baccalaureate

35 points. Standard Level Mathematics or Mathematical Studies required at grade 5 if not offered at Higher Level.

Please see the Additional Information section about further GCSE (or equivalent) requirements.

Irish Leaving Certificate

A1A1A1B1B at Higher Level, normally to include Mathematics.

Please see the Additional Information section about further GCSE (or equivalent) requirements.

Access Qualifications

30 Level 3 credits at Distinction and 15 level 3 credits at Merit to include at least 6 credits in maths or quantitative methods.

Please see the Additional Information section about further GCSE (or equivalent) requirements.
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma (formerly BTEC National Diploma)
Overall DDD. Business-related subjects preferred. GCSE Mathematics at grade A and English at grade B required.
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Cambridge Pre-U
D3,D3,M2 in Principal Subjects. GCSE Mathematics at grade A and English at grade B required if not offered at a higher level.
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PARTNERS - A Levels
BBB excluding General Studies. GCSE Mathematics at grade A and English at grade B required if not taken at A or AS level.
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English Language Requirements
Applicants whose first language is not English require a minimum score of IELTS 6.5 or equivalent.
If you need help to meet our English Language requirements, we can provide support with extra tuition.
Read more about UK visas and immigration requirements.

International Foundation Programmes
If you are an international student and you do not meet the academic and English language requirements specified above, you should consider a preparation course at INTO Newcastle University, which will help to prepare you for study on this degree. INTO Newcastle University is based on the University campus and offers a range of courses including the International Foundation in Business and Management.

Undergraduate Admissions Policy
- Newcastle University Admissions Policy for 2016 Entry (PDF: 109 KB)
See further Newcastle University Admissions Policies.

Accounting and Finance careers
We enjoy a good reputation for producing highly employable graduates.
The combination of expert knowledge and personal and professional skills you learn on this degree provides you with a good foundation for the future.
You will learn technical skills and gain knowledge related to:
- accounting
- finance
- economics
- law
Our degree also helps you develop the key skills employers are looking for, such as:
- communication skills
- the ability to work in a team
- personal enterprise
- commercial awareness
A variety of careers in business and industry are open to you, and you will be well placed if applying to graduate training schemes.
Graduates in accounting and finance do not have to become accountants, although in practice many do.
A professional accounting qualification can open the door to a wide range of senior positions - a high proportion of the chief executive officers of FTSE-100 companies are accountants by training.
Some graduates choose to go on to further study and there are plenty of postgraduate degrees available at Newcastle University.
Find out more about the career options for Accounting and Finance from Prospects: The UK’s Official Careers Website.

Careers and employability at Newcastle
Newcastle University consistently has one of the best records for graduate employment in the UK.
- 94.1% of our 2014 UK/EU graduates progressed to employment or further study within six months of graduating.
- More than three quarters (77%) of our graduates who entered employment achieved a graduate-level position.
We provide an extensive range of opportunities to all students through an initiative called ncl+ which enables you to develop personal, employability and enterprise skills and to give you the edge in the employment market after you graduate.
Our award-winning Careers Service is one of the largest and best in the country, and we have strong links with employers.
The Business School runs a Career Development Week for all Business School students to give you an insight into possible career options. We also have a dedicated
Placement Officer who can help you find a work placement in your area of interest.

For more information about the careers support available for Business School students, visit the Business School website.

Our award-winning University Careers Service has a dedicated adviser with responsibility for students in the Business School:

- receive bespoke careers advice and guidance
- attend career management sessions at each Stage

Finance

**Tuition Fees (UK and EU students)**

2016 entry:
£9,000 per year

See more information on all aspects of student finance relating to Newcastle University.

Please note that the tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year in line with inflation and subject to government regulations.

**Tuition Fees (International students)**

2016 entry:
£13,315 per year

You will be charged tuition fees for each year of your degree programme (unless you are on a shorter exchange programme).

If you spend a year on placement or studying abroad as part of your degree you may pay a reduced fee for that year.

Please note that the tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year as a result of inflation.

See more information relating to all aspects of student finance at Newcastle University.

**Scholarships and Financial Support (International students)**

You may be eligible for an International Undergraduate Merit Scholarship (IUMS) or an International Family Discount (IFD).

The Student Forum at the heart of campus.

**Scholarships and Financial Support (UK and EU students)**

You may be eligible for one of a range of Newcastle University Scholarships in addition to government financial support.

Newcastle University Scholarships
Government financial support