

BA (Hons) International Accounting One year (Top-up) Degree by Distance Learning

The BA (Hons) International Accounting DL has been designed primarily for those students that wish to gain a greater understanding of accountancy and finance IN A GLOBAL SETTING. The degree is also the vehicle for students that have passed modules meeting professional body standards that wish to add an undergraduate degree to their learning. The BA International Accounting is therefore a one year stand alone degree and also bridge to post graduate and professional study.

The course provides students with an in-depth knowledge of accounting and finance either as a foundation to pursue further study, or to enhance employment opportunities. It has been primarily designed for those interested in accounting as 'users' of accounting information rather than 'providers'.



Content

Students gain an understanding of the more strategic and specialist areas of accounting and finance in a global setting including International Finance, Strategic Management and Auditing. A dissertation project is compulsory, requiring an in-depth study of an issue of interest in the field.

Accounting dissertation (Compulsory): The project requires the student to integrate and consolidate material studied at all levels and facilitates an in-depth, independent study of a relevant topic selected from the field of finance and accounting. It is a major vehicle for the development of student research, organisational and personal skills and also requires the student to demonstrate presentation, analysis and evaluation in a reflective and critical manner.

Advanced Accounting and Finance: This module offers students a final level course in Accounting and Finance designed for 'users' of financial information rather than 'providers'. The module is taught to International Financial standards

Audit and Investigations: Audits are associated with gaining information about financial systems and the financial records of a company or a business. This module will provide students with the knowledge and skills to undertake Audits to ascertain the validity and reliability of information, and provide an assessment of a system's internal control.

International Money and Finance: The changes currently taking place in the international monetary environment of business, both in Europe and at the global level, are placing increasing emphasis upon the ability of companies to maximise the resultant opportunities and minimise the threats, by means of international financial management. This module explains the key factors involved in these developments.

Strategic Management: This module enables students to explore a range of strategic issues in some depth. This will be achieved by independent study and the completion of an e-portfolio. The module is designed with relatively little previous experience of Strategic Management. It will introduce students to concepts, theories and current issues in Strategic Management.

Teaching and Learning Methods

The approach to the subject is designed to enable students to become independent learners, capable of reading around subjects, solving problems, researching topics, engaging in integrative projects and developing a critical approach to their reading, lectures and seminar activities.

In addition to the above, the course also aims to help students achieve key Accounting learning outcomes and to promote development of generic skills in learning, communication, group work, problem solving, personal management, the use of IT and numeracy. Developments in these areas will be reviewed by students in consultation with Personal Tutors.

The standard programme is structured over three semesters (one year). Materials will be provided with a text book with comprehensive support material on a CD and through the University virtual learning environment.

Semester one and two

Students are expected to study two modules each semester and complete assessments in each module.

Semester three

Students are expected to complete the dissertation.

Student can study the degree over a **two year extended mode** whereby only one module will be studied each semester.

Assessment

A variety of assessment methods are used, including reports, essays, presentations, student-led seminars and examinations.

Related Subjects

The course has been designed to provide a key understanding of Accounting and provides opportunity for further study.

Employment opportunities

Accounting is a major and integral aspect of business life in all sectors and across nations. Those with knowledge in the field of accounting and finance can find employment in industry, commerce, public service and the 'not-for-profit' sector.

Professional Bodies

This degree has been approved by a number of professional bodies for exemption. The degree is a recognised progression route for AIA students. On successful completion of the programme student will be exempted from papers 9, 10 and 12. The IFA also recognises the degree as exemption from final level papers.

Entry Requirements

HND or Foundation Degree in Business or Finance or equivalent. Holders of professional body qualification such as AAT, IFA, AIA and international partnership agreements.

Suggested introductory background reading

Mclaney E and Atril P (2005) Accounting an Introduction, 3rd Edition FT Prentice Hall.

Students' views

'Well motivated staff and interesting lectures'

'Lecturers are friendly, approachable and helpful'

'Relevant to the world of work'

'The course is challenging, interesting and enjoyable, subjects are taught in-depth'

The Field consistently receives one of the highest quality ratings by its students as reported in the National Student Survey (NSS). The survey is an annual questionnaire to undergraduate students based on quality of academic provision and support through the learning process.

Further Information:

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