



MSc Accounting and Finance

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COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW

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This course has been created for professionals looking for a different style of degree study. It gives you an innovative exploration into real-world business, enriched by the inclusion of contemporary trends in accounting and finance. The course explores today's latest technologies, setting you up for a diverse selection of industry roles. This degree is also ideal for professionals from other business areas who would like to add accounting and finance knowledge to their skill sets. If you have qualifications from the ACCA, CIMA, or ICAEW, this course is available with up to six module exemptions, giving you a fast-track to an MSc degree (depending on the professional or strategic level papers completed).

Course at a glance

- Apply contemporary accounting and finance principles to real world business cases.
- Critically evaluate new developments and challenges within the sector and draw up your own strategic solutions.
- Develop skills in digital analysis and data handling relevant to today's FinTech sector.
- Explore new technologies and innovations suited for a wide selection of accounting and finance roles.

Key facts

Location: Online

Start dates: Every 3 months

Part time: 1 year+

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If you'd like to get in touch to find out more about studying this course, please use the following:

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Entry requirements

- A UK Honours Degree at a minimum of second class (2.2) or equivalent OR
- Level 6 degree apprenticeship (ideally in business)
- You may apply if you hold professional accounting qualifications or business related qualifications.
- Non-standard entry: 5 years of work experience, ideally in a business discipline.
- IELTS 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element); or TOEFL iBT 90; or equivalent;
Alternatively, we can accept evidence that you have previously studied in English.

Career Progression

- Data Analyst
- Financial Analyst
- Blockchain Designer
- FinTech Careers
- Business Planner
- Accountant

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Online learning

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Studying online doesn't mean studying alone. As well as receiving regular feedback and guidance from your course tutor, you'll be studying with likeminded students and you'll have access to community message boards to discuss your course and the topics being raised within it.

We've even set up community boards embedded into each of the course modules so you can have discussions with your tutor and classmates on the topics you're currently learning.

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Online learning key benefits

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Each of the six core modules on the course has been designed to help you better understand and implement accounting in business strategy and to develop your entrepreneurial outlook. You'll gain a broad appreciation of contemporary accounting and finance principles, giving you the confidence and expertise to address the sector's challenges with innovation, integrity, and social responsibility.

The final financial management project gives you an opportunity to take a closer look into an aspect of innovative technology in accounting and finance, such as blockchain, FinTech, cloud computing, and distributed ledgers. By studying these state-of-the-art technologies, you'll gain skills and knowledge essential for a successful career in today's accounting and finance sector. Please see the following pages for a detailed overview of each course module.

Level 7 core modules

Managing Within a Competitive Environment (20 credits)

This module considers issues related to environmental analysis and decision-making. Drawing on aspects of marketing, strategy, and finance, you will examine how these disciplines might be used to aid and evaluate decision-making processes. The assessment you'll undertake in the module requires you to evaluate aspects of the wider business environment in which your organisation sits, and the ways in which information is used to inform decision making. Key learning outcomes from the module also include:

- **The critical application of accounting and finance theories and principles in strategic and operational business environments.**
- **Gaining an appreciation of the challenges presented by new developments in accounting and finance theory and practice.**
- **Gaining the confidence to make strategic decisions in your organisation based on evidence from wider analysis of the wider business environment.**

Analysing Business and Financial Performance (20 credits)

The analysing business and financial performance module explores the way in which corporate and business performance is evaluated and measured. The module places a critical eye on a range of evaluation and performance measurement techniques, furthering your understanding of how to assess business performance based on real-world data and analysis. After completing the module, you should be able to:

- **Apply relevant knowledge and skills in the performance management domain.**
- **Confidently and competently exercise professional judgement in selecting and applying strategic management accounting techniques in diverse business environments.**
- **Appreciate the role that accountants and financial officers play in the planning, control, and evaluation of organisational performance and strategic and operational development.**

Analysing Financial Statements (20 credits)

The analysing financial statements module will enable you to apply technical knowledge, analytical techniques, and professional skills in the context of the preparation and evaluation of corporate financial statements and reports. On the module you will also develop skills in drafting, analysing, and interpreting financial statements and corporate reports. Other core learning outcomes include:

- **Appreciating the role of stakeholders in the production of financial statements and reports.**
- **Understanding the role of ethics and compliance in the production of financial statements. Identify challenges to be able to anticipate, plan for, and manage risk taking in health projects.**
- **Gaining the ability to evaluate corporate reporting conventions, protocols, and practices.**

Accountability, Governance and Assurance (20 credits)

The accountability, governance and assurance module looks at assurance and governance processes in the context of best practice and current developments. During the module you'll further your understanding of audit and governance principles in a variety of settings and jurisdictions. The module will also give you the opportunity to:

- **Examine the regulatory and statutory audit environment.**
- **Apply and evaluate contemporary audit theory.**
- **Examine contemporary corporate governance debates.**

Global Issues in Taxation and Fiscal Policy (20 credits)

Tax plays an important role in economic management, social welfare, and the regulation of behaviour by governments. This module examines how the globalisation of economic activity and business has created new challenges: taxation structures and systems that might once have been appropriate in domestic contexts have been subject to increasing scrutiny. Alongside learning how to apply the principles of taxation and fiscal policy, this module will also help you to:

- **Compare and contrast structures and systems of taxation in different countries, and examine the impact of change in various economic factors in the health systems.**
- **Critically consider, explain, and evaluate approaches to taxation in the context of globalisation.**
- **Understand ethical issues in tax policies while considering how different approaches to taxation allow for exploitation.**

Managing Strategic Finance and Risk (20 credits)

This module examines the importance of strategic finance and risk management for corporations in supporting decision making that enhances long-term business objectives. You will learn how strategically managing a company's finance supports target setting and creates an opportunity for better planning and governance. During the managing strategic finance and risk module you will also have the opportunity to:

- **Develop your appreciation for principles of financial management and apply this knowledge to strategic financial decision making and risk management.**
- **Enhance your awareness of the risks faced by businesses and the strategies employed to alleviate those risks.**
- **Evaluate key strategic finance and risk management theories, such as working capital management, financing of the firm, cost of capital estimation, and investment appraisal.**

Financial Management Project (60 credits)

Accounting and finance (financial management) is currently being transformed by new digitally enabled processes including digital ledgers, block chains, cryptocurrencies, cloud computing, and other fintech. These innovations create opportunities for organisations to transform financial management practices, garner competitive advantages, and improve operational efficiencies. The final financial management project gives you the opportunity to investigate one of these areas of new technology, practice, or accounting convention. You will be required to research your topic thoroughly using multiple sources, developing a research project that discusses the strategic contribution of the new technology or practice to the accounting and finance domain.



Dr. Hassaan Khan

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Hassaan Khan brings 15 years of experience as a senior academic in higher education.

Hassaan studied accounting and finance at the University of Kent, followed by an MSc and PhD in Finance from Durham University.

Before joining Arden, he was associate dean at the Global Banking School, looking after the finance and business management degrees.

Hassaan was director of programmes at BPP University where he was responsible for degrees in finance and applied management, professional courses, and degree apprenticeships in accountancy.

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