

Course Information Sheet

(MSc)

Accounting and Financial Management

Mode and course length – Full-Time (1 year) Part-time (2 years)

Location – ARU London Campus (East India Dock)

Awarding Body – Anglia Ruskin University. As a registered Higher Education provider Anglia Ruskin University is regulated by the Office for Students.



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Overview

The course prepares MSc graduates to master accounting and finance theory and practice, enabling them to evaluate financial information and adhere to regulatory frameworks. It emphasizes independent research, cross-cultural competence, and responsible financial management, while developing advanced analytical skills, effective communication, and leadership in diverse environments through practical projects and innovative solutions.

Course Delivery

Our courses are delivered through teaching and learning methods that provide students with the broadest possible exposure to a modern and innovative higher education experience. These methods may vary and could include attendance at lectures and seminars, undertaking laboratory exercises or work-based activities, practical work, performances, presentations, field trips, other relevant visits, and e-learning through the VLE, our online learning management system.

Each course is divided into a number of 'modules', each focusing on specific areas and employing a distinct approach to its delivery. This information is made available to students for each module they undertake via the Module Definition Form (MDF) and the VLE.

Assessment

Knowledge and understanding are assessed through various methods, including presentations and a range of assignments. These assignments may take different forms, such as a written management report on responding to an organisational issue, a presentation, an essay, a briefing document, or an analysis of a company report. Most modules will include at least two assessments, offering the opportunity to evaluate both knowledge and understanding as well as a range of skills effectively.

Formative assessment will also be provided throughout the course. This feedback will help improve students' knowledge and development and allow for the evaluation of their academic needs.

Fees

Information about your course fee, including any annual fee increases or deposits (if required), can be found in your offer letter.

Additional Costs

During your course, you may be required to take extra or repeated modules to recover any modules you have failed. If you started your course on or after September 2019 and this extends your course end date beyond the original date stated in your offer letter, you will be charged an additional tuition fee to cover the costs of the extra or repeat modules. This additional fee will be based on the credits for the module(s) you repeat or take.

Modules

Core Modules

MOD009372 Postgraduate Study Skills, Research Methods and Ethics

This module helps students develop academic skills for postgraduate study by focusing on empirical and conceptual research methods, ethical considerations, and academic writing. It covers research methodologies, data handling, and ethical issues, while also providing guidance on career development and enhancing critical thinking and argumentation skills.

MOD009389 Corporate Reporting, Budgeting and Control

This module equips students with in-depth knowledge of financial reporting principles, accounting standards, and budgeting techniques. It covers corporate reporting practices, emerging issues like sustainability, and the importance of strategic planning and stakeholder involvement in financial management and control.

MOD009390 Corporate Finance and Valuations

This module provides students with in-depth knowledge of corporate finance principles and firm valuation techniques. It covers capital structure, time value of money, investment appraisal, firm valuation methods, and Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A), equipping students with practical skills for careers in finance and investment.

MOD009391 Taxation, Audit and Assurance

This module offers a comprehensive understanding of the UK tax system, including tax strategy and compliance, as well as the principles of auditing and assurance. It covers key topics such as corporate governance, sustainability reporting, and emerging issues like cryptocurrencies, equipping students with the knowledge and skills needed for careers in taxation, audit, and related fields.

MOD009392 Investment and Risk Management

This module provides students with a solid foundation in asset pricing, investment strategies, and risk management techniques. It covers investment vehicles, portfolio construction, behavioural finance, and emerging issues like sustainable and impact investing, while equipping students with skills to manage and control risk, including integrating climate change considerations.

MOD009394 Postgraduate Major Project (Accounting and Finance)

In the MSc Accounting and Financial Management program, students complete a capstone project involving a virtual stock portfolio simulation. The project includes a 5-minute individual presentation (30%) and a 4,500-word written report (70%), where students design, manage, and analyse a portfolio using the Wall Street Survivor website, applying knowledge from their coursework and considering factors like risk, return, and sustainable investing.

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