

Finance & Accounting Pathway

BA (Hons) Accounting & Financial Management (Final Year Top-up)

University of Sunderland



- Text-based distance learning
- Stand alone course or combine with the Edexcel HND Business (Finance) to form 3 year degree

Qualification

On successful completion of this programme you will be awarded the University of Sunderland BA (Hons) Accountancy and Financial Management.

Awarding Body

University of Sunderland

Course Description

The BA (Hons) Accounting and Financial Management is designed to allow the key areas of accounting and financial management to be integrated within a business context. You will be encouraged to evaluate the ways that module ideas can be used to improve your understanding of the financial management of business and the role of the manager as one who is responsible for financial resources. The programme also generates integrative ways of looking at work problems.

The University of Sunderland BA (Hons) Accounting and Financial Management (Final Year Top-up) can be studied as a stand-alone programme for those who already have an HND in Business, which contains elements of accounting and finance, or can form part of a three-year degree programme – The University of Sunderland BA (Hons) Accounting and Financial Management.

Mode

Text-based distance learning. Tutor supported.

Course Content (Modules)

Comprises six modules:

1. Financial Management

You will examine and critically evaluate the key strategic decisions that a business may have to make and appreciate how accounting and finance can assist in making and evaluating those decisions. You will gain an understanding of specific analytical skills in key decision areas within strategy and finance at local and international level. You will also gain an understanding of the limitations of the current state of financial theory in making strategic business decisions.

2. Strategic Management Accounting

You will critically evaluate a range of key strategic management accounting models and concepts. You will gain an understanding of specific analytical skills in key areas within management accounting at local and international level. You will also gain an understanding of the role and limitations of management accounting theory.

3. Business Modelling for Decision-Makers

You will examine the key models used to aid decision-making and profit maximisation in business organisations. This will include an examination of linear programming models, project planning and planning networks, inventory control, modelling for decision-making and simulations. You will examine these in the context of maximising the financial efficiency and effectiveness of the business.

4. International Financial Reporting

You will gain an appreciation of the current key issues in international financial reporting. You will gain an understanding of the conceptual

framework as a paradigm for accounting. You will evaluate the uses and limits of financial information. You will also analyse and interpret financial reports for strategic decision-making.

5. Managing Projects

This module will enable you to understand the processes of project planning, financing and implementation using a variety of techniques covering:

- Effective project definition
- Activity and time planning
- Cost and quality evaluations
- Risk management
- Management and leadership of project teams

This module will introduce a good mix of operational skills and analysis of major strategic projects from around the world. This is an integrative module drawing down from a range of business functions and skills typical of the way businesses are increasingly being managed today.

6. Contemporary Developments in Business and Management

You will explore some of the key issues of enterprise including: innovation, effective corporate governance and social responsibility. You will then review the effective management of knowledge and intellectual capital of the organisation. This module also examines the contribution that small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) make to the economy in terms of innovation and knowledge creation.

Assessment

There is one assessment for each module (six in total) these are a mix of reports and assignments.



Duration of Programme

Minimum 12 months for the University of Sunderland BA Top-Up. However, this programme is flexible and can be extended to a maximum of five years.

Entry Requirements

A HND in a relevant subject. The HND Business (Finance) allows direct entry to this programme.

What's Included

All study materials, core textbooks and student handbooks are supplied. You will be allocated a personal tutor for academic support who you can contact as often as you like by telephone and email. You will have access to a programme co-ordinator for administrative support. You will also have access to an online Virtual Campus.

Workload

We recommend an average of 12 hours study time per week for this programme.

Exemptions

No exemptions available for this programme.

How to Apply

In addition to a completed application form, provide one reference, preferably from an academic or current employer, and proof of qualifications.

What you could study next

Successful completion of the programme may allow you entry to:

University of Bradford MA Finance, Accounting & Management
University of Bradford MBA
University of Sunderland MBA
University of Wales MBA
ACCA Qualification



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