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## Professional Accounting and Finance courses

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Rebecca Wright, Professional accounting tutor and ACCA graduate

# Why study a professional accountancy qualification at the University of South Wales?

The University of South Wales has a rich history of providing first class tuition for ACA and ACCA professional accountancy qualifications and we typically teach over 300 part-time professional accountancy students each year. We also franchise AAT tuition to local further education colleges. Our Professional Tuition Hub is a key element of the School of Law, Accounting and Finance with a focus on professional tuition. We have over 40 years experience teaching ACCA and we launched our ACA course in 2012, working closely with ICAEW. September 2018 sees the launch of our innovative MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition).

## Experienced and focused tuition team

Our professional course tuition team consists of ten qualified accountants and one qualified lawyer who have significant accounting practice and industry experience. Members of the team work / have worked for private sector tuition providers, have a vast amount of experience teaching students how to pass professional exams, deliver CPD sessions for the local professional bodies and engage in bespoke CPD training for large organisations. Our team regularly attend professional body Lecturers' Conferences.

## Quality accreditation

We are an ICAEW Partner in Learning and an ACCA Platinum Approved Learning Partner, in recognition of our excellent pass rates and pastoral support for students. As an example, our average student pass rate on our ACA course during 2016/17 was 88%.

## Award winning

We have been named as PQ Magazine 'Public Sector Accountancy College of the Year' in 2010, 2012 and 2016, and we were shortlisted in 2011 and 2013 - 2015. We also have award winning students. A USW ACA student won the South Wales Society of Chartered Accountants annual award for the highest score across the November 2016 & July 2017 Advanced Level exams; our ACCA students have won national prizes in 2013, 2014 and 2017 and a USW ACA student was shortlisted for PQ Magazine 'Student of the Year' in 2015 (an accolade won by another of our ACCA students in 2011).

## Tuition in key South Wales locations

Our Professional Tuition Hub is located at our state of the art campus on the banks of the river Usk in Newport city centre. Opened in 2011, Newport City Campus has excellent teaching rooms, library and student catering facilities. The campus is easily accessible from across South Wales and border counties – being near Newport train station and M4 Junctions 27 and 28 – and has ample safe, secure parking on the doorstep. Our ACCA and ICAEW part-time courses are taught at this Campus. The MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition) is taught at our Treforest Campus, which has extensive resources for postgraduate students.

## Study and employer resources

Study texts and other resources including progress tests and mock examinations\* are supplied to our students as part of the tuition fee. Student performance reports for sponsoring employers are available on request. Our tuition includes knowledge, question practice and revision segments, and we charge one overall fee per paper for all these elements with no hidden costs or extra purchases required.

## Professional body relationships

We work very closely with the professional bodies, locally and nationally. For example, we hosted the ICAEW BASE Business Game in 2017, we are represented on the South Wales Society of Chartered Accountants committee, we have been the headline sponsor of the ACCA Wales National Conference since 2013, we host ACCA and AAT CPD lectures and the professional bodies regularly sponsor student prizes.

## Innovative courses

Students studying the ACCA Fundamentals Level papers at Newport City Campus can choose between sitting external ACCA exams or internal university exams under an innovative internally-assessed scheme. The internal scheme, which leads to ACCA exemptions on a paper by paper basis as the University exams are taken, allows students to develop transferable skills valued by employers via assignments.

Our MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition) allows students to combine MSc and ACCA Strategic Professional studies in an innovative and efficient manner.

\* Mock examinations do not apply to ACCA internally assessed papers





**Tom Burns, ACCA graduate**

"Studying the ACCA course has given me the confidence to grow and develop as a professional. I am now working for a company that has enjoyed rapid expansion, allowing me to utilise the knowledge gained from ACCA and apply it to real-life scenarios."



Location: Newport Campus  
 Course Delivery: Day Release / Afternoon / Evening



ACCA Paper	Morning 9.30am-1pm	Afternoon 1.30-5pm	Evening 5.30-9pm	Day of tuition and dates of tuition blocks	Academic contact
<b>Applied Knowledge</b>				<b>Tuesday:</b> 4 Sept - 13 Nov 2018 22 Jan - 14 May 2019	claudia.scicluna@ southwales.ac.uk
Accountant in Business (AB)		Sept			
Management Accounting (MA)			Sept		
Financial Accounting (FA)		Jan			nicola.gilbert@ southwales.ac.uk
<b>Applied Skills</b>					
Corporate and Business Law (LW)		Sept	Jan		
Performance Management (PM)		Jan	Sept		
Taxation (TX)	Jan*	Jan	Sept		
Financial Reporting (FR)	Sept*	Sept	Jan		
Audit and Assurance (AA)		Sept* and Jan	Sept		
Financial Management (FM)		Sept and Jan*	Jan		
<b>Strategic Professional</b>				<b>Thursday:</b> 6 Sept - 22 Nov 2018; 24 Jan - 16 May 2019	nicola.gilbert@ southwales.ac.uk
Strategic Business Leader (SBL)		Sept <sup>‡</sup>			
	Jan <sup>‡</sup>				
Strategic Business Reporting (SBR)		Jan	Sept		
<b>Advanced Options:</b>				<b>Wednesday:</b> 5 Sept - 14 Nov 2018 9 Jan - 22 May 2019	
Advanced Financial Management (AFM)			Jan		
Advanced Performance Management (APM)		Jan			
Advanced Taxation (ATX)	Sept*	Jan			
Advanced Audit and Assurance (AAA)	Jan	Sept*			

September start deliveries (marked 'Sept' above) run between Sept-Nov 2018 and prepare students for Dec 2018 exams.

January start deliveries (marked 'Jan' above) run between Jan-May 2019 and prepare students for June 2019 exams. There is a three week Easter vacation for the weeks commencing 8/15/22 April 2019.

September Applied Skills and Applied Knowledge papers also include 2 additional study days per paper outside of the usual timetable above, which will run 9.30am-4.30pm.

September Strategic Professional/Advanced options papers also include 3 additional study days per paper outside of the usual timetable, apart from SBL (which requires 1 additional study day).

*\*Our core ACCA offering is predominantly delivered on an 'afternoon-evening' basis. The core offering will deliver papers once or twice, with a second delivery subject to sufficient demand. The additional deliveries marked with an asterisk may also be offered, in addition to the core offering, but this will be subject to sufficient student demand. These deliveries incorporate morning options to allow 'day release' study.*

*# Modules generally either run in 9.30am-1pm, 1.30pm-5pm or 5.30pm-9pm slots. The exception to this is Strategic Business Leader, which runs in longer slots (September - 1.30pm-9pm, January - 9.30am-5pm).*

The University of South Wales is an ACCA Platinum Approved Learning Partner, the highest level of accreditation. This means that our pass rates are consistently above global averages.

To apply for our professional and postgraduate accounting courses, visit [www.southwales.ac.uk/apply](http://www.southwales.ac.uk/apply)



## ACCA Progression Notes

A student requiring all ACCA papers can complete the qualification in approximately four years. We recommend a maximum of two papers per exam diet.

Exams must be taken in the ACCA level order (see below), however papers within each level can be taken in any order.

**Applied Knowledge Level (AB, MA, FA)**

**Applied Skills Level (LW, PM, TX, FR, AA, FM)**

**Strategic Professional Level (SBL, SBR and two from AFM, APM, ATX and AAA)**

Outstanding exams in a current level must be entered if a student wants to enter exams in the next level.

Students should complete the online Ethics and Professional Skills module before they start the Strategic Professional Level.

Students should consult the ACCA exam timetable before embarking on papers. In particular, Advanced Audit and Assurance should be studied after Strategic Business Reporting and the following paper combinations should be avoided: Strategic Business Leader with Tax / Advanced Tax, Law with Financial Management / Advanced Financial Management.

The Strategic Professional Level was introduced in September 2018 with two new papers, Strategic Business Leader and Strategic Business Reporting. For more information visit [www.accaglobal.com](http://www.accaglobal.com)

Students studying the Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills levels can choose between sitting external ACCA exams or internal university exams. Those who obtain sufficient internal credits are awarded a university Certificate and / or Diploma of Higher Education (Professional Accounting) as part of their ACCA studies. Please note: when students take internal university exams, they can claim exemptions from ACCA on a paper by paper basis.

## 2018/2019 tuition fees

Applied Knowledge level (AB, MA, FA); £620 per paper

Applied Skills level (LW, PM, TX, FR, AA, FM); £875 per paper

Strategic Professional level; £1,500 for Strategic Business Leader, and £1,135 for all other papers (SBR, AFM, APM, ATX and AAA)

**Our tuition includes all the key elements that you need, for one price per paper - there are no hidden costs or extra tuition purchases required. We impart the required knowledge (syllabus content), engage you in question practice AND undertake revision sessions close to exam time. Progress tests are included for all papers; mock examinations are included for externally examined papers. Our tuition fees also include the cost of a study text and question practice kit, but exclude any fees payable directly to ACCA.**

For the latest information on student fees payable to ACCA (including student membership, exemption and exam entry fees), visit: [www.accaglobal.com](http://www.accaglobal.com). The fees quoted are for part-time home / EU students. International students should refer to the USW international student fees webpages.

# ICAEW ACA qualification



Location: Newport Campus

Course Delivery: Part-Time Day Release (with block revision)

## Year Two (Professional Level)

September-December: Financial Management, and Tax Compliance | January-June: Business Planning Taxation, and Financial Accounting and Reporting

## Year Three (Professional and Advanced Levels)

September-December: Business Strategy (Professional Level) | January-July: Advanced Level

Note - Certificate Level (Certificate in Finance, Accounting & Business), which is the 'Year 1' entry qualification, will run in short block courses under our USW Commercial Services arm. For more details please contact Alison Jones, Course Leader. Please note that this delivery is subject to sufficient student demand.

For students starting Professional Level in September 2018, Audit and Assurance will be available in the Autumn of 2019\*.

Level	Paper	Timing	Academic contact	Tuition fees <sup>#</sup>
Professional Level	Financial Management Tax Compliance	Teaching starts Monday 3 September 2018, 9.30am-5pm.  2 papers taught for 11 weeks, plus 2-day revision block per paper at the end of tuition. Examinations December 2018.	rebecca.wright@ southwales.ac.uk	£875 per paper
	Business Strategy	Teaching starts Monday 10 September 2018.  2-day revision block at the end of tuition. Examination December 2018.		
	Business Planning Taxation Financial Accounting and Reporting	Teaching starts Monday 7 January 2019, 9.30am-5pm.  Two papers taught for 13 weeks (non- consecutive), plus 2-day revision block per paper at the end of tuition. Examinations June 2019.		
Advanced Level	Technical Integration papers and Case Study	Teaching starts Monday 7 January 2019, 9.30am-5pm.  Tuition for Corporate Reporting and Strategic Business Management runs between Jan-June 2019; Case Study tuition takes place spring / summer 2019. Examinations July 2019.		Technical Integration papers £1,135  Case Study £1,340

<sup>#</sup> Tuition fees include the cost of ICAEW study materials, progress tests and mock exams, but exclude the cost of open book exam texts and any fees payable directly to the ICAEW professional body. For the latest information on student fees payable to ICAEW (including student membership, exemption and exam entry fees), visit [www.icaew.com](http://www.icaew.com). The fees quoted are for part-time home / EU students. International students should refer to the USW international student fees webpages.

\* Subject to sufficient student demand

# MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition)

Location: Treforest Campus

Course Delivery: Full-Time / Part-Time

Our innovative MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition) course combines advanced academic study with a professional Accounting qualification.

This course is aimed at students who have completed the Fundamentals Level papers of the ACCA Professional Qualification (papers F1-F9), or those who are exempted from these ACCA papers by virtue of studying an Accounting degree, recognised and accredited by ACCA.

Taught by award-winning tutors from our Platinum accredited ACCA programme, modules on this Accounting Masters course are aligned with the final Strategic Professional Level of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Qualification. Students are prepared to sit the four ACCA Strategic Professional external exams shortly after the completion of internal Masters assessments. The course therefore offers a study regime that is highly efficient in terms of both cost and time, with professional and academic Masters study occurring concurrently. On the full-time course students can obtain a Masters qualification and sit all ACCA exams in one year<sup>#</sup>.

MSc module and ACCA paper	Credits	Timing	Delivery pattern	Key dates 18/19 (week commencing)
<b>Full-time 2018/19</b>				
Strategic Business Reporting	40	September to December 2018	<b>Block 1:</b> 8 weeks x 10 hours per week	Induction: 17 September 2018. Tuition commences: 24 September 2018; Tuition ends: 12 November 2018; MSc internal exam: 19 November 2018 External ACCA SBR exam: 3 December 2018
Advanced Financial Management	40	December 2018 to March 2019	<b>Block 2:</b> 7 weeks x 11 hours per week, plus extra revision in final week.	Tuition commences: 10 December 2018; Tuition ends: 11 February 2019; MSc internal exam: 18 February 2019 External ACCA exam: 4 March 2019
Advanced Performance Management	40	March to June 2019	<b>Block 3:</b> 7 weeks x 11 hours per week, plus extra revision in final week.	Tuition commences: 11 March 2019; Tuition ends: 13 May 2019, MSc internal exam: 20 May 2019; External ACCA exam: 3 June 2019
Strategic Business Leader and Business Research Project	40 + 20	September 2018 to September 2019	<b>Blocks 1, 2 &amp; 3:</b> 14 weeks x 6.5 hours per week = 90 hours; plus 3 weeks x 7 hours (in June) = 21 hours	Tuition commences: 24 September 2019; Tuition ends: 6 May 2019; MSc internal exam: 20 May 2019; External ACCA exam: 3 June 2019  Research Methodology tuition - June 2019. Business Research Project submission - end of September 2019.
<b>Part-time 2018/19</b>				
Advanced Financial Management	40	September to December 2018	8 weeks x 10 hours per week: 2 x 3.5hr sessions and 1 x 3hr session	Induction: 3 September. Tuition commences: 10 September 2018; Tuition ends: 5 November 2018; MSc internal exam: 19 November 2018; External ACCA exam: 3 December 2018
Strategic Business Reporting	40	January 2019 to June 2019	12 weeks x 6.5 hours per week	Tuition commences: 21 January 2019; Tuition ends: 6 May 2019; MSc internal exam: 20 May 2019; ACCA external exam: 3 June 2019

## 2018/19 Tuition fees:

Full-time UK and EU	£6,400*
Full-time International	£13,400
Part-time UK and EU	£712 per 20 credits**

For full details of USW bursaries and postgraduate student loans, please visit [www.southwales.ac.uk/money](http://www.southwales.ac.uk/money). USW tuition fees include the cost of textbooks, but exclude any fees payable to the ACCA professional body. For the latest information on fees payable to ACCA (including student membership, exemption and exam entry fees), visit: [www.accaglobal.com](http://www.accaglobal.com)

For further information on this course, please contact Rhian Gosling, Course Leader on: [rhian.gosling@southwales.ac.uk](mailto:rhian.gosling@southwales.ac.uk)

# Please note that it is the responsibility of students to enter external ACCA exams. Visit [www.accaglobal.com](http://www.accaglobal.com) for further details.

\* Please note the full-time UK and EU fee is £9,400, however USW is offering a full-time UK and EU bursary of £3,000 which means students pay £6,400.

\*\* Please note the part-time UK and EU fee is £1,045 per 20 credits, however USW is offering a bursary of £333 per 20 credits which means students pay £712 per 20 credits.

# Courses

## Newport Campus

- Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- ACA – Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

## Pontypridd Campus

- BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance
- BSc (Hons) Banking, Finance and Investment (Top Up)
- BA (Hons) Forensic Accounting
- MSc Finance and Investment
- MSc Forensic Audit and Accounting
- MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition)

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**Call: +44 (0)1443 654 450 (Overseas)**

**Visit: [www.southwales.ac.uk/accounting](http://www.southwales.ac.uk/accounting)**

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