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Rebecca Wright, ICAEW Course Leader and ICAEW/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 250-300 part-time professional accountancy students each year. We have over 40 years' experience teaching ACCA and we launched our ACA course in 2012, working closely with ICAEW. September 2018 also saw the launch of our innovative MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition). **We are very proud to have been placed FIRST in Wales and 22nd in the UK for our Accounting & Finance Courses in the 2020 Guardian University League Tables.**

Experienced and focused tuition team

Our professional course tuition team consists of nine 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 2017/18 was 82%.

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 ACCA student came top in the world in her final Strategic Professional Level papers in June 2019;** 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.

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, ICAEW and MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition) part-time courses are taught at this Campus. The MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition) full-time course is taught at our Treforest Campus.

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 Applied Knowledge and Skills Level papers at Newport City Campus can choose between sitting external ACCA exams or internal university assignments and exams under an innovative internally-assessed scheme. The internal scheme, which leads to ACCA exemptions on a paper-by-paper basis as the University modules are passed, allows students to develop transferable skills valued by employers. **ACCA and ICAEW revision courses are available from November 2018.**

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
Internally assessed scheme (DipHE Professional Accounting) available. See Note 1 on next page	Applied Knowledge:				Tuesday: 3 Sept - 12 Nov 2019 21 Jan - 12 May 2020	claudia.scicluna@southwales.ac.uk
	Accountant in Business (AB)		Sept			
	Management Accounting (MA)			Sept		
	Financial Accounting (FA)		Jan			
	Applied Skills:					nicola.gilbert@southwales.ac.uk
	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			
Combined studies with MSc Professional Accounting available. See Note 2 (next page)	Strategic Professional:				Thursday: 5 Sept - 28 Nov 2019; 23 Jan - 21 May 2020 Wednesday: 4 Sept - 20 Nov 2019 8 Jan - 27 May 2020	nicola.gilbert@southwales.ac.uk
	Strategic Business Leader (SBL)	Sept [‡]				
			Jan [#]			
	Strategic Business Reporting (SBR)		Jan	Sept		
	Advanced Options:					
	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 2019 and prepare students for Dec 2019 exams.

January start deliveries (marked 'Jan' above) run between Jan-May 2020 and prepare students for June 2020 exams. There is a three week Easter vacation for the weeks commencing 6/13/20 April 2020.

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 (excluding SBL).

**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: 9.30am-5pm; January: 1.30pm-9pm).

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

ACCA STRATEGIC PROFESSIONAL LEVEL REVISION COURSES ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SELECTED MODULES FOR DEC 2019 AND JUNE 2020 EXAM SITTINGS AT £125 PER MODULE.

Please contact nicola.gilbert@southwales.ac.uk for further details.

For Dec 2019 exams: SBR, SBL, ATX, AAA: Courses will take place in w/c 18 & 25 November.

For June 2020 exams: SBR, SBL, ATX, AAA, AFM, APM: Courses will take place in w/c 11, 18 and 25 May.

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

Note 1 - Diploma of Higher Education (Professional Accounting)

Students studying the Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills levels can choose between sitting external ACCA exams or internal university assignments and exams. Those who obtain sufficient internal credits are awarded a university Diploma of Higher Education (Professional Accounting) as part of their ACCA studies. The internal scheme leads to ACCA exemptions on a paper-by-paper basis as the University modules are passed.

Note 2 – MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition) – part-time variant

Students can choose to study our MSc Professional Accounting alongside the ACCA Strategic Professional Level papers on a part-time basis. This is an innovative route that allows students to obtain both an MSc and their Strategic Professional exams at the same time. The syllabus of the MSc is mapped to the ACCA papers. MSc students sit in the ACCA classes noted on the previous page but receive extra tuition each week, on the same study day, to build key academic Masters skills valued by employers. Internal MSc assignments and exams are sat prior to the sitting of each external ACCA Strategic Professional exam.

A typical study route would involve:

Year 1: SBR Sept-Dec; Option paper Jan-June

Year 2: SBL Sept-Dec; Option paper Jan-June; Research Methods and Business Research Project June-Sept

2019/2020 tuition fees – ACCA

Applied Knowledge level (AB, MA, FA); £500 per paper

Applied Skills level (LW, PM, TX, FR, AA, FM); £900 per paper

Strategic Professional level; £1,550 for Strategic Business Leader, and £1,170 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.

Please also note that the tuition fees quoted above relate to ACCA and/or Dip HE Professional Accounting tuition only. Students who are enrolled on the MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA Tuition) course will be charged one set of MSc fees covering all tuition required. See page 7 for further details.

For the latest information on student fees payable to ACCA (including student membership, exemption and exam entry fees), visit: 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: CFAB and ACA qualification



Location: Newport Campus

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

Certificate Level (Certificate in Finance, Accounting and Business, or 'CFAB'):

CFAB is the entry qualification for ACA. Tuition runs in short block courses (3.5 days/module) under our USW Commercial Services arm. For more details please contact Rebecca Wright, Course Leader at rebecca.wright@southwales.ac.uk. Please note that this delivery is subject to sufficient student demand.

- Block 1: Assurance (Sept); Accounting (Oct)
- Block 2: Management Information (Nov); Business, Technology and Finance (Dec)
- Block 3: Law (Feb); Principles of Taxation (March)

ACA Qualification:

Year One (Professional Level)

September-December: Audit & Assurance, and Financial Accounting & Reporting* | January-March: Tax Compliance* | March-June: Business Planning Taxation*

Year Two (Professional and Advanced Levels)

September-December: Financial Management, and Business Strategy & Technology (Professional Level) | January-July: Advanced Level

Financial Management will not be available in September 2019. The next delivery will be September 2020.

Level	Paper	Timing	Academic contact	Tuition fees [#]
Professional Level	Audit & Assurance Financial Accounting & Reporting* Business Strategy & Technology	Teaching starts Monday 2 September 2019: Audit & Assurance 9.30am-1pm; FA&R 1.30pm-5pm; Business Strategy & Technology 1.30pm-5pm. Papers taught for 11 weeks, plus 2-day revision block per paper at the end of tuition. Examinations December 2019.	rebecca.wright@southwales.ac.uk	£900 per paper
	Tax Compliance*	Teaching starts Monday 13 January 2020, 9.30am-5pm. TC taught for 6 weeks. Plus two-day revision block in w/c 24 Feb. TC exam in March.		
	Business Planning Taxation*	Teaching starts Monday 16 March, 9.30am-5pm. BPT taught for 6 weeks. Plus three-day revision block in w/c 18 May. BPT exam in June.		
Advanced Level	Technical Integration papers and Case Study	Teaching starts Monday 13 January 2020, 9.30am-5pm. Tuition for Corporate Reporting and Strategic Business Management runs between Jan-June 2020; Case Study tuition takes place spring / summer 2020. Examinations July 2020.		Technical Integration papers £1,170 each Case Study £1,380

* Note that the running order of these modules has altered as compared with previous versions of this brochure.

[#] 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. The fees quoted are for part-time home / EU students. International students should refer to the USW international student fees webpages.

REVISION COURSES ALSO AVAILABLE FOR DECEMBER, MARCH AND JUNE EXAMS (SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AND ADVANCED LEVEL PAPERS), £150 PER PAPER. Please contact: rebecca.wright@southwales.ac.uk

MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition)

Location: Treforest Campus (full-time); Newport Campus (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 Applied Knowledge and Skills papers of the ACCA Professional Qualification (papers AB - FM), 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.

Part-time Masters students will infill with ACCA students studying at Newport Campus, but will also receive additional Masters seminar time.

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

MSc module and ACCA paper	Credits	Timing	Delivery pattern	Key dates 19/20 (week commencing)
Full-time 2019/20				
Strategic Business Reporting (SBR)	40	September to December 2019	Block 1: 9 weeks of tuition: 8-9 hours per week (80 in total).	Induction 16 September 2019. Tuition commences 23 September 2019; MSc internal exam 18 November 2019; External ACCA SBR exam 2 December 2019
Advanced Financial Management (AFM)	40	December 2019 to March 2020	Block 2: 8 weeks of tuition: 8-10 hours per week (80 in total).	Tuition commences 9 December 2019; MSc internal exam 17 February 2020; External ACCA exam 2 March 2020
Advanced Performance Management (APM)	40	March to June 2020	Block 3: 8 weeks of tuition: 8-10 hours per week (80 in total).	Tuition commences 9 March 2020; MSc internal exam 18 May 2020; External ACCA exam 1 June 2020
Strategic Business Leader (SBL) and Business Research Project	40 + 20	September 2019 to September 2020	Blocks 1, 2 & 3: 14 weeks x 7 hours per week = 98 hours; plus 3 weeks x 7 hours (in June, research methodology) = 21 hours	Tuition commences 23 September 2019; MSc internal exam 18 May 2020; External ACCA exam 1 June 2020. Research Methodology tuition - June 2020. Business Research Project submission - end of September 2020
Part-time 2019/20				
Strategic Business Reporting (SBR)	40	September to December 2019	Wednesday afternoon/evening: 3-5pm MSc seminar; 5.30-9pm ACCA workshop. Plus three additional study days	Tuition commences 2 September; MSc internal exam 18 November 2019; External ACCA exam 2 December 2019
Advanced Option paper (choose from ATX, AAA, AFM, APM)	40	January to June 2020	Wednesdays: ATX: 1.30-5pm ACCA workshop; 11am-1pm MSc seminar AAA: 9.30-1pm ACCA workshop; 1.30-3.30pm MSc seminar AFM: 5.30-9pm ACCA workshop; 3-5pm MSc seminar APM: 1.30-5pm ACCA workshop; 5.30-7.30pm MSc seminar	Tuition commences 6 January; MSc internal exams 18 May 2020; External ACCA exams 1 June 2020

For current tuition fees and information about USW bursaries and postgraduate student loans, please visit www.southwales.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/postgraduate-fees-and-funding/.

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

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

Courses

Newport Campus

- Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- CFAB and ACA – Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)
- MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition) part-time

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) full-time

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