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Professional Accounting and Finance courses

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Nicola Lloyd, ACCA worldwide prizewinner, June 2019

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 45 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 top in Wales and 22nd in the UK for our Accounting & Finance Courses in the 2020 Guardian University League Tables, and to be shortlisted for three categories in the 2020 PQ Magazine Awards.

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.

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 have been shortlisted again under three categories in 2020. 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) courses are taught at this 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 module 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 ACCA Applied Knowledge and Skills Level modules 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 module-by-module basis as the University modules are passed, allows students to develop transferable skills valued by employers. **ACCA and ICAEW revision courses are also available.**

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 Module	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: 15 Sept - 17 Nov 2020 19 Jan - 11 May 2021	claudia.scicluna@southwales.ac.uk
	Business & Technology (BT)		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: 17 Sept - 3 Dec 2020; 21 Jan - 27 May 2021 Wednesday: 16 Sept - w/c 30 Nov 2020 6 Jan - w/c 24 May 2021	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 2020 and prepare students for Dec 2020 exams.

January start deliveries (marked 'Jan' above) run between Jan-May 2021 and prepare students for June 2021 exams. There is a three week Easter vacation for the weeks commencing 29 March and 05/12 April 2021.

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

September Strategic Professional/Advanced Options modules also include 3 additional study days per module outside of the usual timetable (excluding SBL).

**Our core ACCA offering is predominantly delivered on an 'afternoon-evening' basis. The core offering will deliver modules 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.*

***Additional intensive deliveries of LW and PM will be available in Jan-Feb and March-May (whole days per week), subject to student demand. Jan-Feb block = w/c 4 Jan to w/c 8 Feb (for March exam); March-May block = w/c 8 March to w/c 10 May (for June exam).*

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 December 2020 and June 2021 exam sittings at £125 per module.

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

For December 2020 exams: SBR, SBL, ATX, AAA: Courses will take place in w/c 23 & 30 November.

For June 2021 exams: SBR, SBL, ATX, AAA, AFM, APM: Courses will take place in w/c 10, 17 and 24 May.

ACCA Progression Notes

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

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

Applied Knowledge Level (BT, 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 modules. In particular, Advanced Audit and Assurance should be studied after Strategic Business Reporting and the following module combinations should be avoided: Strategic Business Leader with Tax / Advanced Tax, Law with Financial Management / Advanced Financial Management.

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 module-by-module 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 modules 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 modules. 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 module Jan-June

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

2020/2021 tuition fees – ACCA

Applied Knowledge Level (BT, MA, FA); £520 per module

Applied Skills Level (LW, PM, TX, FR, AA, FM); £930 per module

Strategic Professional Level; £1,600 for Strategic Business Leader, and £1,210 for all other modules (SBR, AFM, APM, ATX and AAA)

Our tuition includes all the key elements that you need, for one price per module - 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 modules; mock examinations are included for externally examined modules. 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: Afternoon/Evening & Block (CFAB); Part-Time Day Release & Block Revision (ACA Professional & Advanced Levels)

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

CFAB is the entry qualification for ACA. Students are able to obtain exemptions from all six CFAB modules by studying our innovative, internally assessed Cert HE (Professional Accounting, ICAEW) (**professional body approval pending**). **Under this scheme students study modules as follows:**

Sept-Dec: Business & Technology (BT) and Management Accounting (MA) (Tuesdays 1.30pm-9pm; tuition starts 15 Sept 2020)

Dec-Jan: Principles of Taxation (PoT) (2.5 days/week for 2 weeks; tuition starts w/c 14 Dec 2020)

Jan-June: Financial Accounting (FA) and Corporate & Business Law (LW) (Tuesdays 1.30pm-9pm; tuition commences 19 Jan 2021)

June: Assurance (AS) (2.5 days/week for 2 weeks; tuition starts w/c 14 June 2021)

CFAB module costs: PoT, AS = £450 per module; BT, MA, FA = £520 per module; LW = £930.

Please contact rebecca.wright@southwales.ac.uk for further information

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

Level	Module	Timing	Academic contact	Tuition fees [#]
Professional Level	Audit & Assurance Financial Accounting & Reporting Financial Management Business Strategy & Technology	Teaching starts Monday 14 September 2020: Audit & Assurance 9.30am-1pm; Financial Accounting and Reporting 1.30pm-5pm; Financial Management 9.30am-1pm; Business Strategy & Technology 1.30pm-5pm. Modules taught for 11 weeks, plus 2-day revision block per module at the end of tuition. Examinations December 2020.	rebecca.wright@southwales.ac.uk	£930 per module
	Tax Compliance	Teaching starts Monday 11 January 2020, 9.30am-5pm. Tax Compliance (TC) taught for 6 weeks. Plus two-day revision block in w/c 22 Feb. TC exam in March 2021.		
	Business Planning Taxation	Teaching starts Monday 15 March 2021, 9.30am-5pm. Business Planning Taxation (BPT) taught for 6 weeks. Plus three-day revision block in w/c 17 May. BPT exam in June 2021.		
Advanced Level	Technical Integration modules and Case Study	Teaching starts Monday 11 January 2021, 9.30am-5pm. Business Management runs between Jan-June 2021; Case Study tuition takes place spring / summer 2021. Examinations July 2021.		Technical Integration modules £1,210 each Case Study £1,450

Revision courses also available for December, March and June exams (selected professional and advanced level modules), £150 per module. Please contact: rebecca.wright@southwales.ac.uk

[#] 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.

MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition)

Location: Newport Campus (full-time and 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 modules of the ACCA Professional Qualification (BT - FM), or those who are exempted from these ACCA modules 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.

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

MSc module and ACCA module	Credits	Timing	Delivery pattern	Key dates 20/21
Full-time 2020/21				
Strategic Business Reporting (SBR)	40	September to December 2020	80 hours of tuition. Typically 5.5 hours/week plus extra whole study days.	Masters induction and first teaching Weds 16 Sept 2020; internal MSc exam w/c 23 Nov 2020; External ACCA SBR exam w/c 7 Dec 2020 (TBC)
Strategic Business Leader (SBL)	40	September 2020 to March 2021	98 hours of tuition: 7 hours per week across 14 weeks (8 weeks pre-Christmas; 6 weeks post-Christmas).	Tuition commences Thurs 17 Sept 2020; MSc internal exam w/c 15 Feb 2021; External ACCA exam w/c 1 March 2021 (TBC)
Advanced Option modules (AFM, APM, ATX, AAA)	40 per module	Jan to June 2021	80 hours of tuition per module (students study 2 modules from 4). Typically 3.5 hours/week plus extra Masters tutorials.	Tuition commences 6 Jan 2021; MSc internal exams w/c 17 May 2021; External ACCA exams w/c 7 June 2021 (TBC)
Business Research Project	20	June to September 2021	3 weeks x 7 hours (in June, research methodology) = 21 hours plus 121 project support.	Research Methodology tuition - June 2021. Business Research Project submission - end of September 2021
Part-time 2020/21				
Strategic Business Reporting OR Strat'c Business Leader	40 per module	September to December 2020	SBR - Wednesday afternoons & evenings. 5.5hrs/week plus extra whole study days. SBL - Thursdays (9.30am-5pm)	Tuition commences 16 Sept 2020 (SBR) or 17 Sept (SBL); internal MSc exams w/c 23 Nov 2020; External ACCA exams w/c 7 Dec (TBC)
Advanced Option module (choose from ATX, AAA, AFM, APM)	40	January to June 2021	Wednesdays: ATX: 1.30-5pm ACCA workshop; AAA: 9.30-1pm ACCA workshop; AFM: 5.30-9pm ACCA workshop; APM: 1.30-5pm ACCA workshop. Please note that additional MSc tutorials (whole or half days, 20 hours/module in total) will also be scheduled.	Tuition commences Weds 6 January 2021; MSc internal exams w/c 17 May 2021; External ACCA exams w/c 7 June 2021 (TBC)

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)

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

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