

DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD

Course Title	BA (Hons) Accounting and Financial Management [with International Foundation]
Awarding Bodies	University of Suffolk
Level of Award ¹	FHEQ Level 6
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales (ICAEW) Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)
Credit Structure ²	480 Credits Level 3: 120 Credits Level 4: 120 Credits Level 5: 120 Credits Level 6: 120 Credits
Mode of Attendance	Full-time
Standard Length of Course ³	4 years full-time
Intended Award	BA (Hons) Accounting and Financial Management
Named Exit Awards	None
Entry Requirements ⁴	IELTS (academic): 5.5 overall with a minimum score of 5.5 in all components, or equivalent.
Delivering Institution	University of Suffolk
UCAS Code	NN43

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the BA (Hons) Accounting and Financial Management [with International Foundation] course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 3 in the 2022-23 academic year⁵.

Course Summary

This course is for international students to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence before progressing to level 4 of the BA (Hons) Accounting and Financial Management undergraduate degree. At level 3, students will be taught and assessed on six 20-credit modules, three of which provide students with essential academic skills and academic English skills and understanding, and three concerned with business and management. Students will be

¹ For an explanation of the levels of higher education study, see the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

² All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the [Higher education credit framework for England](#)

³ Where the course is delivered both full-time and part-time, the standard length of course is provided for the full-time mode of attendance only. The length of the part-time course is variable and dependent upon the intensity of study. Further information about mode of study and maximum registration periods can be found in the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#).

⁴ Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the [Admissions Policy](#) and further details about Disclosure and Barring Checks (DBS) can be found on the [University's DBS webpage](#).

⁵ The University reserves the right to make changes to course content, structure, teaching and assessment as outlined in the [Admissions Policy](#)

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required to achieve an IELTS score of 6.0 to enable them to progress to Level 4. The three academic skills modules will provide students with a range of essential academic study and writing skills, enhance their English language abilities and help develop their career aspirations and employability. The three business and management modules will provide students with a broad foundation in these subject areas.

Accounting and Financial Management covers a range of subjects in accounting, finance and management to help students embark on a professional career in any of these disciplines. The course incorporates aspects of theory and practice to help students connect with the real world of business. Accredited by the ICAEW (www.icaew.com), the oldest professional body of accountants in the world, as well CIMA (www.cimaglobal.com) the course also benefits from their professional support and engagement.

Course Aims

- To provide a coherent and integrated programme of study that will satisfy the needs of students and organisations operating within increasingly complex, dynamic and diverse external environments;
- To develop students' intellectual ability; based on analysis, synthesis and reflection, to analyse complex and changing environments;
- To enable students to be confident and competent in dealing with managerial accounting issues;
- To provide students with the requisite skills for personal and career development;
- To enhance students' employability.

Course Learning Outcomes

The following statements define what students graduating from the BA (Hons) Accounting and Financial Management course will have been judged to have demonstrated in order to achieve the award. These statements, known as learning outcomes, have been formally approved as aligned with the generic qualification descriptor for level 6 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)⁶.

Knowledge and Understanding

1. Demonstrate a systematic understanding of key aspects of accounting and financial management, including acquisition of coherent and detailed knowledge.

Mental or cognitive skills

2. Critically analyse, evaluate, apply and interrelate knowledge and skills developed on the programme.

⁶ As set out in the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

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3. Demonstrate qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment.
4. Demonstrate an ability to deploy accurately established techniques of analysis and enquiry within accounting and financial management.
5. Demonstrate the ability to devise and sustain arguments, and to solve problems using a variety of ideas and techniques.
6. Demonstrate an appreciation of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge.

Subject Specific and Practical Skills

7. Demonstrate evidence of thorough understanding of application of theory in practical situations.
8. Demonstrate the acquisition of problem solving techniques, including the ability to accurately collect, collate and analyse information and data which will lead to both valid and reliable outcomes.

Key Skills

9. Achieve some or all of the employability skills in the University Graduate Headstart Programme.

Course Design

The design of this course has been guided by the following QAA Benchmark, ICAEW and CIMA standards:

- Accounting (2019)
- Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales standards

Course Structure

The BA (Hons) Accounting and Financial Management comprises modules at levels 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Module Specifications for each of these modules is included within the course handbook, available to students on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

	Module	Credits	Module Type ⁷
Level 3			
	Study Skills	20	Mandatory
	English for Academic Purposes	20	Mandatory
	Employability and Enterprise	20	Mandatory
	Management: Theory into Practice	20	Mandatory

⁷ Modules are designated as either mandatory (M), requisite (R) or optional (O). For definitions, see the Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards

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	Business in Context	20	Mandatory
	Managing Projects and Competitive Success	20	Mandatory
Level 4			
	Delivering Successful Projects	20	Requisite
	Business and Economics	20	Requisite
	Introduction to Financial Accounting	20	Mandatory
	Introduction to Management Accounting	20	Requisite
	Management and Managing: An Introduction	20	Requisite
	Banking and Financial Regulation	20	Requisite
	Understanding the Entrepreneurial Spirit *	20	Optional
	Introduction to Marketing *	20	Optional
Level 5			
	Financial Reporting and Analysis	20	Mandatory
	Principles of Taxation	20	Requisite
	Audit and Assurance	20	Requisite
	Designing and Running a Research Project	20	Mandatory
	Cost and Management Accounting	20	Requisite
	Financial Management	20	Requisite
	Applied Management in Practice *	20	Optional
	Business Ethics *	20	Optional
Level 6			
	Advanced Financial Accounting	20	Mandatory
	Advanced Auditing	20	Requisite
	Corporate Financial Strategy	20	Requisite
	Advanced Taxation	20	Requisite
	Extended Project OR The Enterprising Graduate	40	Mandatory
	Exploring Strategic Management	20	Optional

Options (*) are only available when students have exhausted all opportunities on requisite modules.

Awards

On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded a BA (Hons) Accounting and Financial Management.

Course Delivery

The course is delivered at Ipswich.

The level 3 International Foundation will be delivered over three 9-week blocks with two modules being taught and assessed in each 9-week block. Students studying full-time are likely to have approximately 18 tutor structured learning hours per week across the two

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modules in each block. Tutor structured learning will be a mix of lecture, seminar, tutorials, group work and project activity. Students will normally be expected to undertake 22 hours of guided study each week using Brightspace, independent study, formative and summative assessment preparation but should be prepared for this to increase or decrease based on assignment deadlines and class exercises.

From level 4, the course will be delivered over six 5-week blocks. Students are likely to have approximately 288 tutor structured learning hours for level 4, 270 tutor structured learning hours for level 5 and 216 tutor structured learning hours for level 6. Tutor structured learning will be a mix of e.g. lecture, seminar, and practical activity. Students will normally be expected to undertake 30 hours of independent study from level 4 in an average week, but should be prepared for this to vary based on assignment deadlines and class exercises.

Course Assessment

A variety of assessments will be used on the course to enable students to experience and adapt to different assessment styles. The assessment methods used will be appropriate to assess each module's intended learning outcomes. At level 3 the assessment will be 100% coursework which will include including class presentations, short reports (up to 500 words) and longer essays (up to 1000 words), group work and project reports. From level 4 to 6, assessment on the course will be mostly 50% assignment and 50% exam per module, with some exceptions.

Special Features

Students will be registered with the University of Suffolk and will be issued a CAS by the University of Suffolk. Students will have access to the full range of University of Suffolk facilities, resources and support services, including the Library and the online learning environment, Brightspace.

The institution is a Recognised Partner in Learning with the Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales (ICAEW and **Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)**) for the purpose of exemption from some professional examinations.

Course Team

The International Foundation will be delivered by University of Suffolk academic staff, and by GBS staff appointed to the University as adjunct staff. Adjunct staff will deliver the three generic modules (Study Skills, English for Academic Purposes, and Employability and Enterprise). Academic staff from the University of Suffolk Business School will teach the three business and management subject specific modules.

The academic staff delivering this course are drawn from a team that includes teaching specialists and current practitioners. All staff are qualified in their subjects with their own specialist knowledge to contribute.

Course Costs

Students undertaking BA (Hons) Accounting and Financial Management will be charged tuition fees as detailed below.

Student Group	Tuition Fees
Full-time EU/International	£12,996 per year (excluding the first year, for which the fee will be £10,000)

Payment of tuition fees is due at the time of enrolment and is managed in accordance with the Tuition Fee Policy.

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There is no regular requirement for students to pay additional course fees. Where supplementary activities are offered there may be a small charge to cover their cost (for example, for transport).

Academic Framework and Regulations

This course is delivered according to the Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards and other academic policies and procedures of the University and published on the [website](#).