Does it add up?

BAcc (Hons) Accountancy

BA (Hons) Finance

BAcc (Hons) Accountancy and Finance
Why Study Accountancy and Finance?

Accountancy – a qualification you can count on

Studying the Bachelor of Accountancy (BAcc) course you will learn that accounting concerns the preparation, presentation and interpretation of financial information to enable investors, lenders, management, employees, government and others to make effective decisions.

Accountants are required to register and pass examinations of a recognised professional accountancy body. Having our degree behind you will take you some way to achieving this, as you will gain significant exam exemptions from your chosen professional body's scheme, allowing you to work at an advanced level earlier.

Finance – a degree you can bank on

Studying finance involves the investigation of how company managers and investors make financial decisions, how they manage risk and how financial markets function. The course addresses issues such as: how do stock markets work? How can I make money by trading futures and options? How can companies reduce their foreign exchange risk? Do shareholders benefit from corporate takeovers? Does corporate governance matter?

A degree in Finance from Stirling will ensure that you gain a thorough understanding of the theoretical and analytical skills needed for a career in corporate finance, investment management or financial services.

Accountancy and Finance

Both of these subjects can be combined in the very popular BAcc (Hons) in Accountancy and Finance.

The course

We follow our students’ progress from Year 1 to graduation and aim to enhance their learning experience by offering social events throughout their study which include presentations from professional bodies.

The employability of our students is a particular priority to us and one of our Year 3 modules, Accounting Information and Employment, has a particular focus on this. We have a focused involvement from professional accounting bodies, including ACCA and CIMA. A Year 4 optional module reflects the research interests of our staff and includes such diverse areas as sustainability, corporate governance and international finance.

During the degree, students participate in a personal and professional development module with a focus on developing key skills that employers are looking for, as well as helping students prepare for, and make the effective transition into the workplace.

Prizes for undergraduate students are provided by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS) and by KPMG, one of the international accounting firms.

• ICAS Charles Scott Prize: £100 is awarded annually to the Bachelor of Accountancy student with the highest overall performance in certain modules.
KPMG Prize: There are three prizes of £200 awarded annually to the students who achieve the highest aggregate marks in certain modules.

Many professional bodies recognise the Bachelor of Accountancy (BAcc) as a relevant degree and offer significant exemptions from their examinations.

We have accreditation with several professional accountancy bodies including:

Why choose Stirling?
Our teaching and research both have superb reputations for quality.

The 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) placed the School in the UK’s top 25 institutions for Business and Management out of 101 business schools, and in Scotland, in the top five. We were ranked 14th in the UK in terms of research impact.

The Division was placed in the UK’s top 25 institutions for Accounting and Finance based on the latest Complete University Guide Rankings.

Will I get a job when I graduate?
Accountancy offers a wide choice of careers, including financial and management accounting, auditing, taxation, consultancy and financial services, with organisations in every field, from health care and sport, to charities and local and national government.

Significant decisions made by companies, individuals and financial institutions require the analytical skills and professional judgment developed by studying finance. Accordingly, a wide range of opportunities are open to graduates in this discipline. These include working as financial analysts for fund management institutions, as dealers on the stock exchange, investment bankers or financial market regulators.

The curriculum is regularly updated and so includes the latest developments in finance theory and practice, providing graduates with a cutting edge in the jobs market.

96 per cent of students go on to work and/or study within six months after graduation. Stirling are 2nd in Scotland and 7th in the UK for graduate employability.

Our Accountancy graduates are currently working in 21 countries around the world including: USA, Australia, Thailand, Switzerland, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Brazil, Germany and the United Arab Emirates.

Highly ranked degrees + professional accreditations
+ Your drive to succeed
= Your dream job in your chosen financial career
What our alumni say

During my studies I have not only learned the necessary skills for my chosen career and gained employment in my field, but in doing so I have made friends with people from all over the world.

Laura Harkins, BAcc (Hons) Accountancy & Finance, graduated 2015

Typical timetable

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