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# ACCOUNTANCY

BAcc (Hons)

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# ARE YOU STIRLING?



## REASONS TO CHOOSE THIS COURSE

### 1 EXPERT TEACHING TEAM

Our teaching staff are very highly rated by our students and frequently appear in the University's annual teaching awards.

### 2 INDUSTRY LINKS

As well as research active academic staff, Stirling also uses external tutors with professional backgrounds, offering you the opportunity to learn from their experiences.

### 3 PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The BAcc (Hons) is accredited with the major professional accountancy bodies allowing exemptions from their examinations.

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## WHY STUDY ACCOUNTANCY AND FINANCE?

### ACCOUNTANCY

Accounting is the preparation, presentation and interpretation of financial information to enable investors, lenders, management, and others to make effective decisions.

Accountants must pass examinations of professional accountancy bodies. Our degree will take you towards this, as you will gain significant exemptions from your chosen professional body's scheme.

### FINANCE

Finance is the investigation of financial decision making, risk management, and how financial markets function. Issues explored include: how do stock markets work? How can I make money by trading futures and options? How can companies reduce their foreign exchange risk?

Our degree will give you a thorough understanding of the theoretical and analytical skills needed for a career in finance.

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## MORE THAN 97% OF OUR UNDERGRADUATE LEAVERS ARE IN WORK OR FURTHER STUDY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF GRADUATING

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey 2015/16)

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## COURSE DETAILS

BAcc (Hons) Accountancy and the BA (Hons) Finance can be combined with a variety of other subjects. 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 includes presentations from professional bodies.

### INTERNATIONAL LINKS

The School participates in the Erasmus programme, providing the opportunity to study for a semester at a European University or at Universities in North America, Asia and Australasia.

### EMPLOYABILITY

The employability of our students is a particular priority to us and one of our Year 3 modules, Accounting Information and Employment, has a **specific** 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

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.

**“My studies have really helped to shape my future career. There is a great selection of topics and lecturers make subjects vibrant and interesting. I have also made valuable friends from all over the world.”**

**Natasha Gracey**  
BA (Hons) Finance

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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### ACREDITATIONS:

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:



**ACCOUNTANCY** N400  
[stir.ac.uk/3r](http://stir.ac.uk/3r)

**FINANCE** N300  
[stir.ac.uk/4a](http://stir.ac.uk/4a)

**ACCOUNTANCY  
AND FINANCE** NN43  
[stir.ac.uk/f6](http://stir.ac.uk/f6)

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

#### YEAR 1 ENTRY – FOUR-YEAR HONOURS

##### SQA Highers:

AAAB – one sitting

AAAB – two sittings

##### GCE A-levels:

BBB

##### IB Diploma:

32

##### BTEC (Level 3):

DDM

##### Essential subjects:

Mathematics preferred.

#### YEAR 2 ENTRY – THREE-YEAR HONOURS

##### SQA Adv Highers:

ABB

##### GCE A-levels:

ABB

##### IB Diploma:

35

##### Essential subjects:

To include Accountancy and Economics. Preference given to those with Mathematics.

### OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

#### Scottish HNC/HND:

Minimum entry: Bs in graded units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

General entry requirements apply. Please visit: [stir.ac.uk/av](http://stir.ac.uk/av)  
Mathematics National 5 (B), Intermediate 2 (C), Standard Grade (3), GCSE (C/4) or equivalent required.

**PART TIME, ADVANCED ENTRY  
AND STUDY ABROAD  
OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

## TYPICAL TIMETABLE

YEAR	SEMESTER	MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3
1	1	Accounting I (Core)	Mathematics for Business (core)	Any module
	2	Accounting II (Core)	Introductory Economics (Core)	The Management Challenge (Core)
2	3	Finance I (Core)	Business and Corporate Law (Core)	Any Module
	4	Finance II (Core)	External Reporting (Core)	Any Module
3	5	Quantitative Methods for Business Decisions (Core)	Accounting Information and Employment (Core)	Personal Financial Planning (Core)
	6	Mergers and Acquisitions (Core)	Taxation (Core)	Applied Management Accounting (Core)
4	7	Any module	Advanced Financial Accounting (Core)	Finance (Elective)
	8	Accounting and Finance Elective	Financial Analysis (Core)	Auditing (Core)

## COMPULSORY MODULES

Accounting I; Mathematics for Business; Accounting II, Introductory Economics; The Management Challenge; Finance I; Business and Corporate Law; Finance II; External Reporting; Quantitative Methods for Business Decisions; Accounting Information and Employment; Personal Financial Planning; Mergers and Acquisitions; Taxation; Applied Management Accounting; Advanced Financial Accounting; Auditing; Financial Analysis.

## OPTIONAL MODULES

Critical Analysis of Accounting and Finance Issues; Mergers and Acquisitions; Professional Development and Practice; Issues in Accounting; International Finance; Securities and Investment.

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