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Qualification opportunities for ACAs

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Introduction

As an ICAEW Chartered Accountant you already know how important it is to stay up to date with changes in your profession and to strive for continuous development.

We want to support you in this journey for lifelong learning, which is why we have partnered with the universities listed in this brochure, allowing you to use your ACA as credit towards various qualifications. Although we have collaborated with these particular universities, other similar courses may also be available.

Whether you need an additional qualification to practise your profession, or you simply want to do more research in your sector or grow into a more confident manager and leader, there is a suitable programme for you.

We are always looking to partner with more universities in similar ways. If you would like to see your programme included in this brochure please email us at: **partnerinlearning@icaew.com**

Audencia Business School

EXECUTIVE MBA CHIEF VALUE OFFICER

BECOME THE NEXT CHIEF VALUE OFFICER

The MBA Chief Value Officer is a graduate degree from Audencia, a school that is triple accredited (EQUIS, AACSB and AMBA) and the first MBA in the world dedicated to transforming the measurement, control and audit professions to get them through the 'multi-capital' world.

Integrated Thinking, Value Creation, Responsible Strategic Leadership and International Dimension are the distinctive elements of our MBA Chief Value Officer. We offer you very high quality education with exceptional guest speakers and experienced faculty, as well as strategic partnerships.



COST

Training price: **€38,500**
(not subject to VAT).



DURATION

Training duration: 18 months, part time.

START DATE

September 2021.



METHOD

Our Chief Value Officer MBA is delivered in a blended format:

- PARIS face-to-face + learning trips.
- Online (65%).
- 100% English-speaking programme.
- Varied learning methods: e-learning, case studies, role play, simulation, community projects etc.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of eight years of relevant post-graduation full-time work experience and five years of managerial responsibilities (hierarchical, project or functional).

Bachelor's degree or equivalent,
Full ACA, TOEFL or TOEIC test score.

Selection: Online application and interview.



WHERE CAN IT LEAD YOU?

- Complex management roles in an organisation, such as Chief Value Officer, CEO, Chief of Business Units, Sustainability Accountant, with the potential to manage teams and projects in international companies.
- Turn into a sustainable development expert and lead business partner. Become the architect of and force for change by supporting the ecological and social transition of business models.

BENEFITS

- Position yourself as a key player in your organisation, and acquire the capacity to measure and communicate the value creation process of your organisation.
- Understand and anticipate the financial, environmental and social implications of your decisions.

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Birkbeck, University of London

BSc APPLIED ACCOUNTING AND BUSINESS

This is the perfect degree if you are part way through your ACA training or have just completed it and, with an interest in management, you are looking to top up your ACA at half the usual cost.

Taught in a stimulating and supportive learning environment, with people from a wide range of professional backgrounds, the course focuses on different areas of management, with strong emphasis on research.

The course offers you the freedom to tailor it and take the modules in an order that suits you, depending on your business needs - allowing you to combine academic studies without having to take time off work.

BENEFITS

- Focus on management.
- Flexible learning.
- Half the usual cost, with your ACA.
- Internationally recognised centre of excellence.



COST

UK and EU **£6,935.**

International students **£10,500.**



DURATION

Four years, part time.

START DATE

October.



METHOD

A variety of modules, ranging from reflective practice to a strong focus on management and research. Flexible attendance with evening classes, weekend workshops and work-based learning.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

180 credits APL (accreditation for prior learning) for the Certificate and Professional Level of ACA.

You can also apply if you are about to begin your ACA qualification or are part way through it.

International students need IELTS 6.5 (including 6.0 in academic writing) or equivalent.



WHERE CAN IT LEAD YOU?

Progress to a fast-track Master's degree.

Career enhancement in accountancy, business and management.

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BPP University

MSc ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE (TOP UP)

This programme is great for ACA holders who want to enhance their career and gain a better understanding of key accounting principles.

The MSc Accounting and Finance (Top-up) builds upon your existing professional accounting qualification by further developing your analytical and communication skills in accounting and finance.

This course features cutting-edge modules in Data Science and Digital Leadership, which are seen as key areas that will shape the profession in years to come. You will also develop critical thinking skills by working on a Business Project module as part of this Master's degree.

This approach is perfect if you are a professional member or are exam qualified from any professional accountancy body. You will learn from industry experts with stellar experience while earning a Master's level qualification to enhance your professional pedigree.

BENEFITS

- Modules designed in consultation with global accountancy firms.
- Understand Data Science and learn how to apply it – Big Data and Data Analysis is changing how modern accountants work.
- Learn how to exploit opportunities for change through technology and digital leadership.
- Develop critical thinking and analysis skills to solve problems in the Business Project.



COST

UK and EU **£6,000.**
International students **£6,000.**



DURATION

Five months, full time.
Nine months, part time.

START DATES

September and January.



METHOD

Blended learning (full time).
Taught face to face in London, supported with online materials and webinars.
Online (part time).



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

ICAEW membership or exam qualified ICAEW status.

International students: IELTS 6.5 (overall) or equivalent, plus a minimum of 6.5 in writing.



WHERE CAN IT LEAD YOU?

Complex finance roles in an organisation, with the potential to manage clients, teams and projects in international companies.

Add value to your organisation.

You will have a Master's degree which complements your professional qualification and provides a competitive edge over your peers.

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University of Gloucestershire

MSc ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

This course allows ICAEW Chartered Accountants to top up their existing qualification to a full MSc in Accounting and Finance.

During the course you will carry out research into new and changing areas of accounting practice. This will enable you to underpin your professional knowledge with a research focus and keep your professional qualifications up to date.

Taught by highly qualified staff, both academically and professionally, this degree is a great way to boost your career and build on your existing skills.

BENEFITS

- Focus on research.
- Update your professional qualification.
- Enhance your career.
- Flexible learning.



COST

UK and EU **£3,625.**

International students **£4,900.**



DURATION

Six months, full time.

One year, part time.

START DATES

January and March.



METHOD

First stage - Research methods workshop to prepare you for the next stage.

Second stage - Dissertation.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Your ACA qualification from ICAEW.

International students need IELTS 6.5 overall (no less than 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in any other band) or equivalent.



WHERE CAN IT LEAD YOU?

Career enhancement as a professional accountant.

Progress to a research degree in the subject area.

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University of London

GLOBAL MBA

Study this MBA online for optimal flexibility and to maintain your career progression. The programme has a practical focus and provides a platform for you to discuss and exchange real case studies and scenarios.

You will have the opportunity to build your global network and collaborate with peers from around the world, learning from a wealth of inspiring backgrounds and experience.

There are six specialist MBAs available (in Accountancy, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Finance, Law, Health, and Leadership), which will provide valuable career advancement opportunities in specific industries.

BENEFITS

- Four intakes per year.
- Specialist MBAs available.
- Flexible entry, payment and study methods.
- Significant saving in cost and time, with your ACA - recognition of up to five out of 11 modules.



COST

Full course fee **£9,620/£14,585**.

Fees are indicative and depend on whether you live in a developing or developed nation and if you choose web-supported or Teaching Centre supported learning.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A second-class honours bachelor degree or equivalent from an acceptable institution and three years' work experience in a managerial role. There is also an alternative entry route for those meeting only one of these criteria.

With the ACA you can receive recognition for one core module and four optional modules (75 credits) within the Accountancy specialism. The Global MBA programme consists of 11 modules and 180 credits in total.



DURATION

One to five years.

START DATES

January, April, July and October.



METHOD

Online and flexible learning.



WHERE CAN IT LEAD YOU?

The Global MBA will take your existing knowledge and skills to new levels, allowing you to excel in professional and managerial positions in global business.

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Manchester Metropolitan University

MSc ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

This course enables ICAEW Chartered Accountants to gain an advanced qualification that can serve as a step up on the professional ladder.

Throughout this programme, you will explore an area of your interest and have the chance to develop your commercial insight and become a successful finance and business professional. What sets this course apart is the extensive one-to-one interaction with an academic supervisor.

The course is flexible and taught entirely online, allowing you to set your own pace. Students receive tailored interactive learning material, interaction with fellow students and regular support from specialist academic supervisors.

BENEFITS

- Flexible online learning.
- Support from specialist tutors.
- Online access to extensive library and research material.
- Clear and straightforward course structure.
- A support network of other professionally qualified students.



COST

UK, EU and international students.
£1,542 per 30 credits studied per year.



DURATION

One year, part time.

START DATES

October and February.



METHOD

The online course covers two units:
Academic and Professional Development - to equip you with necessary knowledge and skills.

Dissertation - where you undertake an applied research project into an accounting issue of your interest.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Your ICAEW membership, either ACA or FCA.

International students need IELTS 6.5 overall but requirements may vary.



WHERE CAN IT LEAD YOU?

Advance your career.
Change career paths.

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University of Wales Trinity Saint David

MSc FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Both the MSc Accounting and Finance, as well as the MSc Financial Management put a strong emphasis on helping you to develop the necessary accounting and managerial skills required of contemporary and future professionals.

The courses look at the role of accountants not just within a traditional accounting environment, but also as a profession offering great opportunities to expand into all areas of business management. This is why critical and analytical skills are at the forefront of the curriculum.

Taught by experienced, practice-led tutors, the courses attract professionals who are looking to progress in their career and gain senior positions within a business, locally or internationally. With some optional modules to choose from, the MSc Financial Management also offers you the possibility to choose the area you'd like to focus on during your studies.

BENEFITS

- Develop key financial management skills.
- Flexible, supportive environment.
- Experienced, practice-led tutors.
- Opportunity for in-depth research.



COST

UK and EU **£6,300**.
International students **£12,950**.



DURATION

18 months, full time.
28 months, part time.

START DATES

January and September.



METHOD

The course consists of two parts.
Part 1 - five core modules plus one option.
Part 2 - in-depth business research exercise (Dissertation).



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

With your ACA qualification, you may be admitted with exemptions from Part 1 modules.

International students: Entry criteria vary depending on the country you are applying from.



WHERE CAN IT LEAD YOU?

Progression on to financial director or chief executive positions in the UK and internationally.

Entrepreneurial and advisory roles in an SME on a regional or national basis.

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University of Winchester

MSc ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

This is a great programme for those at a strategic and management level looking to develop the knowledge and skills necessary for a career in accounting and finance.

Drawing from your own experiences as a manager and as an employee in a business, you will have the opportunity to not only explore current and emerging theories in the sector, but to also reflect upon your strengths and areas of improvement.

Depending on your skills and learning goals, the degree offers a variety of methods of assessment, as well as constant feedback to support you all the way.

BENEFITS

- Innovative, student-centred teaching and learning.
- Develop your capacity for reflection and self assessment.
- Responsible management at the core of the programme.
- Update and enhance your expertise.



COST

UK and EU **£8,000**.

Part-time entry **£4,000 p/a**.

International students:

Full-time entry **£13,300**.

Part-time entry **£6,650 p/a**.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

As an ICAEW Chartered Accountant, you will be eligible for the fast-track route at a reduced fee: this consists of one taught module and a dissertation.

International students need IELTS 6.5 (including 6.0 in academic writing) or equivalent.



DURATION

One year, full time.

Two years, part time.



WHERE CAN IT LEAD YOU?

A career in accountancy and finance within the private and public sectors.

START DATES

September.



METHOD

The programme is delivered in a small class size.

Blend of lectures, seminars, simulations and case studies.

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There are more than 1.8m chartered accountants and students around the world and 186,500 of them are members and students of ICAEW. They are talented, ethical and committed professionals, which is why all of the top 100 Global Brands employ chartered accountants.*

ICAEW promotes inclusivity, diversity and fairness. We attract talented individuals into the profession and give them the skills and values they need to build resilient businesses, economies and societies, while ensuring our planet's resources are managed sustainably.

Founded in 1880, we have a long history of serving the public interest and we continue to work with governments, regulators and business leaders around the world. And, as an improvement regulator, we supervise and monitor over 12,000 firms, holding them, and all ICAEW members and students, to the highest standards of professional competency and conduct.

ICAEW is proud to be part of Chartered Accountants Worldwide, a global network of 750,000 members across 190 countries, which promotes the expertise and skills of chartered accountants on a global basis.

We believe that chartered accountancy can be a force for positive change. By sharing our insight, expertise and understanding we can help to create strong economies and a sustainable future for all.

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