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# MSc Professional Accountancy

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World class. Worldwide.

# Join the World Class

## 1 Make the most of your professional qualifications

The programme is available to those who are affiliates or members of listed professional accountancy bodies (please refer to the list on the programme's website). You can use your qualifications as credit towards the MSc, allowing you to obtain a master's degree by studying just 60 credits.

## 2 Stimulating programme materials enhance your learning experience

The programme uses Icarus, an award-winning simulation developed by UCL School of Management academics, as an experiential learning tool.

## 3 Quality of learning

Academic direction for the programme is delivered by UCL. UCL is one of the most prestigious universities in the world, ranked ninth in the world in the 2026 QS rankings.

## 4 Opportunities to take your career further

This programme is targeted at career-minded finance professionals who wish to complement their professional skills with master's level understanding and skills applied to accountancy and finance subject areas.

## 5 A mark of excellence

Earn an internationally recognised qualification from the University of London. The University has a track record of teaching, innovation and research dating back 160 years.



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## Key dates

### April session:

Applications/  
registration open:  
22 October 2025

Applications close:  
16 March 2026

Registrations close:  
30 March 2026

Programme starts:  
April 2026

### October session:

Applications/  
registration open:  
29 April 2026

Applications close:  
7 September 2026

Registrations close:  
28 September 2026

Programme starts:  
October 2026

All dates are correct at the time of publication, but may be subject to change. Please visit the programme web page for the most up-to-date information.

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# A University of London degree from anywhere in the world



**Professor Lynsie Chew**  
**Programme Director**  
**UCL programme team**

**Lynsie has a track record of delivering accounting and finance in an innovative way and has won four awards for the quality of her teaching.**

Lynsie is co-editor/co-author of six Pearson custom textbooks and engages in scholarship research on an international basis. Her educational research interests include making accounting education accessible and the use of digital technologies. In UCL School of Management she is academic lead of the School's Digital Education team. She is also involved in the design and delivery of international executive education and CPD delivery. Lynsie is a Faculty Advisor at Harvard Medical School and on the MSc Professional Accountancy she is the module leader for the 'Strategic Financial Project' as well as Programme Director.



**Professor Alan Parkinson (FCCA)**  
**Deputy Programme Director**  
**UCL programme team**

**"This MSc offers content considerations informed by research and insights into real-world issues. By undertaking the MSc, you will build upon your professional qualification by further developing relevant knowledge within the accounting and finance arena, as well as critical thinking skills and independent research capabilities."**

Alan is Professor of Financial Education at UCL where he is School Deputy Director (Education) and Lead of the Finance, Accounting and Economics Teaching Team. He has extensive experience of curriculum planning and design and works regularly with international companies on a consulting basis, and on Executive Education programmes. He is Visiting Professor at École des Ponts in Paris, and a Faculty Advisor at Harvard Medical School. Alan is the MSc Professional Accountancy Deputy Programme Director.

# A trusted name in global education

**The University of London is one of the world's leading universities, internationally recognised for its high academic standards.**

This reputation is based on the outstanding teaching and research of our 17 federation members.

Among former students are six Nobel Prize winners, including Nelson Mandela and Charles Kao, a pioneer in the development of fibre-optics. Graduates have made and continue to make significant contributions worldwide.

## **London made global**

The University of London was founded in 1836 to promote access to higher education. In 1858, we pioneered distance learning when we made our degrees available to study anywhere in the world.

Today, we have around 40,000 students in over 190 countries, studying on 100-plus degrees, diplomas and certificates.

## **Delivered by experts in the field**

Academics within UCL's School of Management provide the programme direction for the MSc, designing the modules, developing the learning content, and setting and marking the assessments. Therefore, you benefit from UCL's academic expertise and cutting-edge research and experience of delivering a range of accounting, finance, and management-related courses, both on-campus and online.



# Stand out from the crowd

**This online programme will be of value to qualified accountants aspiring to senior roles and/or looking to add something unique to boost their professional profiles.**

This qualification enables you to stand out from the crowd by combining and complementing your professional accountancy qualification.

Students of the programme will be able to demonstrate critical appraisal of alternative solutions to financial decision-making based on systematic analysis of complex business problems. Students will also be required to demonstrate independent research capability and present complex ideas through a range of different media appropriate to a finance professional.

**By studying this programme students will:**

- develop an advanced understanding of financial models and management techniques
- understand complex models and concepts underpinning financial decisions that underpin assumptions of value creation within organisations
- understand the complex internal and external relationships for organisations when management make decisions
- be able to assimilate, identify and critically appraise data used for financial decisions at a strategic level in organisations.

In some countries, qualifications earned by distance and flexible learning may not be recognised by certain authorities or regulators for the purposes of public sector employment or further study. We advise you to explore the local recognition status before your register.



**Professor Mike  
Lloyd-Williams**

**Module Leader: Global issues  
in finance and accounting**

'This programme provides the skills to analyse and critically appraise national and global issues affecting all aspects of accounting, financial management and strategic management. The programme is designed to appeal to those who are looking to widen their contributions to more than just the finance function but the organisation as a whole at operational and strategic levels. The development of independent and applied research together with focused learning material is a key feature of this programme.'



# How you study

This MSc programme is offered fully online and allows you to flexibly fit your studies around your schedule.

You can choose to study individual modules on a pay-as-you-go basis and build up your qualification at your own pace.

Each module is run over a 10-week block followed by an assessment submission point, with the exception of the Capstone Project module which is run over two 10-week blocks and has two assessment points.

The programme uses Icarus, an award-winning simulation developed by UCL School of Management academics, as an experiential learning tool analysing and exploring a wide range of accounting, finance and strategic management related challenges.

## Programme structure

### MSc Professional Accountancy

Two elective modules  
(15 credits each)

One Capstone Project  
module (30 credits)

For further information on modules, please visit: [london.ac.uk/professional-accountancy](http://london.ac.uk/professional-accountancy)

## Online support

The programme is delivered online and there is no requirement to come to the UK as part of your studies. Our flexible online programme allows you to work around your own schedule and leads to a globally-recognised qualification.

When you register, we will create your Student Portal account. You can then access your University of London email account and other key resources including the following:

- The Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) offers online learning support and study materials, access to online academic support and discussion areas which allow you to communicate with fellow students.
- The Student Guide provides information which is common to all students and gives guidance on a range of issues relating to your study experience.
- The Online Library provides over 100 million academic electronic items comprising ebooks, ejournals, conference proceedings, etc. In addition, you can request items which are not held in the library via the Online Library's Inter-Library Loan service with the British Library.
- Senate House Library provides free reference for all registered distance and flexible learning students.

## Web-supported learning

You can choose the web-supported study option, which provides you with an Online Tutor and Student Relationship Manager to support you in your studies. Online tutors will respond to academic queries, monitor and facilitate discussions and anchor you each week of your studies to help you stay on track.

## Local teaching support

As an alternative to the web-supported learning option – depending on where you live – you may be able to take face-to-face classes at a local teaching centre for an additional fee. So that you can rely on the standards of the teaching, support and administration that you will receive, we have created a network of institutions that offer study support to University of London students within our Teaching Centre Recognition Framework. These institutions are known as Recognised Teaching Centres.

We cannot advise you on which teaching centre is best for you; ultimately, you must choose one that meets your own needs.

For details about Recognised Teaching Centres please visit: [bit.ly/uol-rtc](http://bit.ly/uol-rtc)

## Assessment

The modules on this programme are assessed via coursework and project assignments. There are no examinations. Assessments may change due to events or circumstances beyond our control. In the event of any changes, you will be informed via the VLE.

## Study materials

All essential resources, activities, videos, discussions and support are provided through the VLE. This allows you to fit your studies around your work commitments. There is no need to purchase additional textbooks.

## Time commitment

The flexible approach to learning allows students to complete the MSc in a minimum of six months (subject to module availability) to a maximum of five years.

You can study at your own pace, adjusting the intensity of learning to suit your needs.



# Entrance requirements and further information

## Entrance requirements

To satisfy the entrance requirements to register for the MSc, an applicant must have fulfilled the professional membership requirements of a professional accountancy body from our approved list which can be found here: [london.ac.uk/professional-accountancy](https://london.ac.uk/professional-accountancy)

## English language requirement

You must satisfy the English language requirement for the programmes. For more information on the requirement please visit: [bit.ly/english-reqs](https://bit.ly/english-reqs)

If you do not meet the English language proficiency requirement but believe that you can

demonstrate the requisite proficiency, the University may, at its discretion, consider your application.

## Computer requirements

The University of London sets minimum basic computer requirements because your study resources are accessed via the Student Portal.

For the *Capstone Project*, students will need **one** of the following supported mobile platforms:

- iOS support OS version 8+
- Android support API level 19+ Version 4.4 – 4.4.4
- Windows 10 UWP version.

Students will also need access to Icarus (Professional Accountancy) App (latest version).

Other specialised software may be made available by the University if required.

For more information about specific software requirements, please visit: [london.ac.uk/professional-accountancy](https://london.ac.uk/professional-accountancy)

## How to apply

Please refer to the MSc Professional Accountancy webpages for details on how to apply: [london.ac.uk/professional-accountancy](https://london.ac.uk/professional-accountancy)

## Fees

The total fee payable to the University of London for 2026–2027 will be published on our website. On average, fees incur a five per cent year-on-year increase. For the latest information on programme fees, please visit: [london.ac.uk/fees](https://london.ac.uk/fees)

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