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ACCA members and affiliates can use their professional qualification as credit towards completing this degree.

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You can study wherever you live and gain a prestigious qualification. In many countries, you can take classes at local teaching institutions.

**3 Quality of learning**  
The programme has been designed by academics at UCL's School of Management. UCL ranked 8th in the world's top universities in the 2020 QS World University Rankings.

**4 Employability**  
Our degrees are internationally recognised and open doors to lucrative careers in finance, accounting, law, business, politics, education and other industries.

**5 Join the World Class**  
On graduation, you'll join a global community of influential alumni, from leaders of business and industry to Nobel Prize winners.



“In a fast changing environment of worldwide access to higher education, a University of London degree continues to offer a guarantee of quality, value and intellectual rigour.”

**Professor Wendy Thomson**  
Vice-Chancellor,  
University of London

# Your prestigious University of London qualification



## About your qualification

When you graduate with a degree, diploma or certificate from the University of London you will receive two important documents – your Final Diploma (the parchment you receive on graduation) and a Diploma Supplement.

## The Final Diploma

- Indicates that you were registered with the University of London and awarded a University of London degree.
- Gives the name of UCL as the member institution that developed the syllabus and provided assessment.
- Features the University of London crest and the Vice-Chancellor's signature.

## The Diploma Supplement

- Describes the nature, level and content of the programme you successfully completed.
- Includes the transcript of courses taken, marks achieved and overall classification.
- States the role of UCL and the method of study.

# Contents

## Key dates

### Application deadlines:

30 November 2020

7 June 2021

### Registration deadlines:

14 December 2020

21 June 2021

Please note: compulsory induction courses are provided after you are fully registered and must be completed before the programme starts.

### Programme starts:

11 January 2021

12 July 2021

### Final assessments take place week commencing:

7 June 2021

6 December 2021

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# Why study for a University of London degree?



**Associate 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. She is one of the School's e-learning champions and is undertaking a Doctorate focusing on Teaching and Learning Technologies. 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 teaching informed by research and insights into real-world issues. It will offer practical solutions to the challenges of making organisations work as they should, not least in the financial context.”**

Alan is Professor of Financial Education at University College London (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 Ecole des Ponts in Paris, and a Faculty Adviser at Harvard Medical School. Alan is the MSc Professional Accountancy Deputy Programme Director.

## A trusted name in global education

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Founded in 1836, the University of London is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the UK. The University of London has been delivering accessible higher education around the world since 1858. Many of our past students have shaped the world we live in, including six Nobel Prize winners and leaders of business, industry and science.

## Programme direction

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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.

In the 2020 QS World University Rankings, UCL is ranked 8th in the world's top universities. Its prestigious School of Management has an excellent reputation for high-quality research and teaching. The School underpins that research and teaching with a focus on operations, data analytics, innovation and enterprise.



## Stand out from the crowd

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This programme will be of value to accountants aspiring to senior roles and will enable you to stand out from the crowd in terms of your qualifications.

Boost your career with this master's programme by developing key research skills and exploring current issues within the profession. This complements the ACCA professional qualification, preparing you for a wealth of opportunities. Graduates are negotiating new contracts within their current organisations and exploring new career avenues overseas.

## Dual recognition

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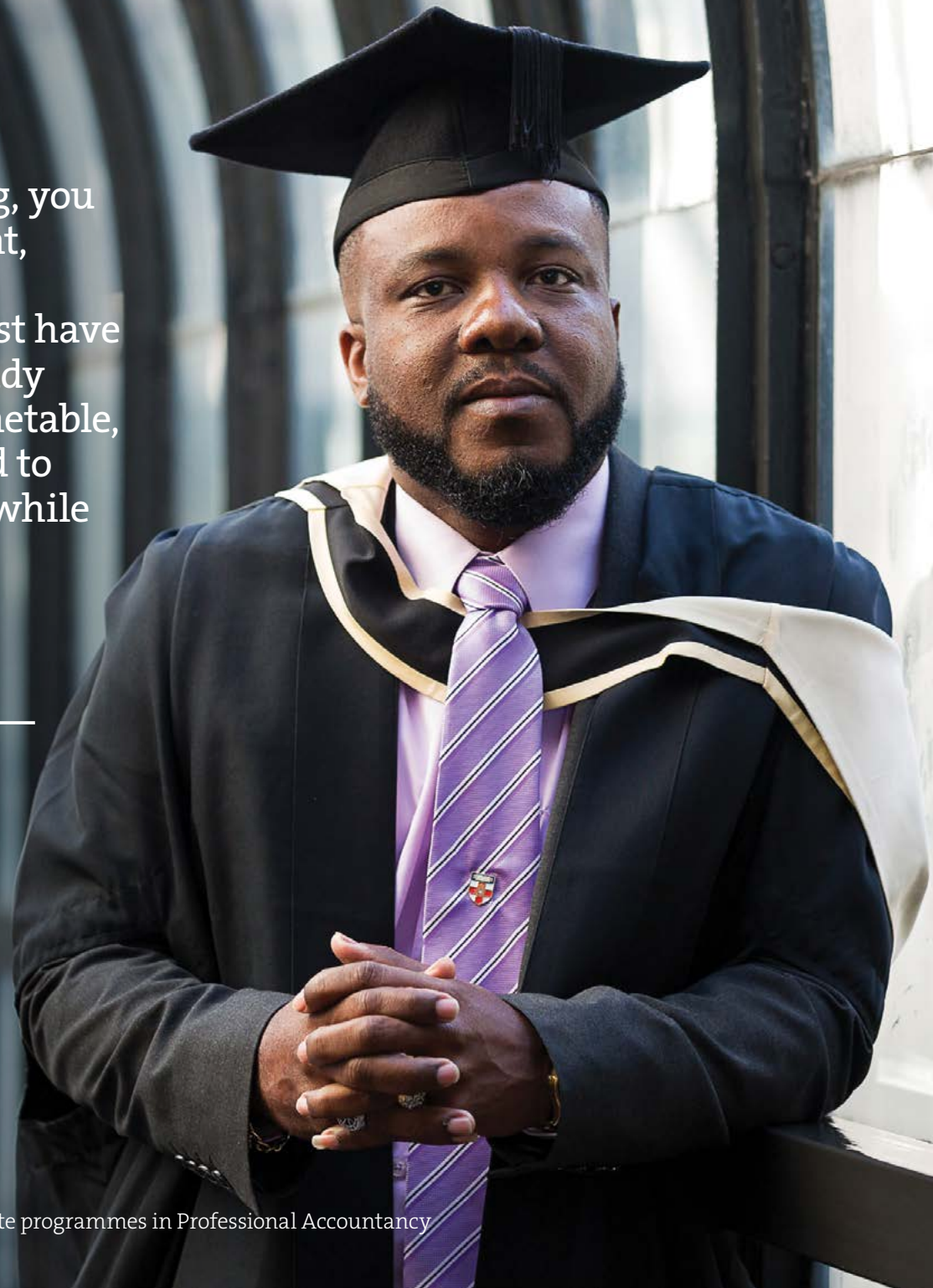
ACCA members and affiliates can complement their professional qualification with this MSc by completing two University of London modules. The University of London recognises the learning that has taken place as part of the ACCA journey and applies this as credit towards the MSc.

The University of London will recognise ACCA exams as counting towards the MSc.

“Being out of the classroom setting, you become persistent, determined and persevere. You just have to stick to the study and stick to a timetable, but you also need to have a little fun while you’re studying.”

**Jesse Sylvester**  
British Virgin Islands

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# Online-supported distance learning



## Fit studying around your schedule

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You can set your own pace and complete the masters in under a year, or take longer if that is more convenient.

Each module takes 22 weeks to complete and you will need to allow about 12–15 study hours per week, which includes time spent on coursework and revision. There are fixed deadlines for submitting coursework. To help you meet these, you are provided with a clear structure for your learning and online tools to plan and manage your time. Modules run twice a year.

## Comprehensive and interactive study resources

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You study using materials developed for online learning, provided in a choice of formats for use with different types of computers, including mobile devices. Study materials include videos, readings, computer software, case studies and more. Interactive exercises and quizzes with automated feedback are embedded throughout.

There are links within the modules to the University of London Online Library and study resources. You do not need to purchase any additional textbooks.

## Network with professionals worldwide

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The University's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) enables you to network with other professionals in your tutor group worldwide. You will be able to share perspectives, compare approaches and gain a truly global viewpoint.

## Web-supported learning

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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. They will introduce the key content at the start of each module, guide you on the assessment, participate in online forums and respond to your queries.

## Getting started

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As soon as you register, you can start on the orientation module. This will help you get up to speed with the programme concepts and help you hone your study skills.

## 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. We are establishing a network of centres in the locations where students are planning to study. These centres have been recognised by the University of London for the quality and standards of their teaching. The list of centres is on our website:

[bit.ly/recognised-centres](https://bit.ly/recognised-centres) Classes may be held on a part-time or block basis.

## Student Relationship Managers

Student Relationship Managers (SRMs) are a key point of contact and support for you throughout your journey with the University of London, from registration through to graduation. Working collaboratively with colleagues from across the University, SRMs provide you with information on a wide variety of topics relating to the management of your student journey.

Some of these key areas include registration for modules, accessing

and using the VLE, progressing through studies and understanding the regulations. SRMs are on hand to assist you with the day-to-day management of your studies, preparing you for the practical steps needed to undertake tasks such as submitting coursework and entering for exams.

SRMs are there to ensure the best possible student experience for you. You will be able to contact and interact with your SRM through a variety of methods. These include VLE forums, our enquiry management system and by telephone. SRMs also participate in regular online question-and-answer sessions.



## Assessment

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The degree is assessed through a combination of methods, including coursework and projects. The grade you achieve for each module is based on all the elements of assessment. You can submit coursework and projects online through the VLE.

## Celebrating your graduation

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Mark your achievement with your friends and family at the annual graduation ceremony in London, which is usually presided over by the University of London's Vice-Chancellor or the Chancellor, HRH The Princess Royal.

## Join a global alumni network

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On graduation, you become a member of the University of London Alumni Association. You may participate in our global events and meet other graduates in your academic or professional field.



“The most rewarding part has been the learning resources that were available. Having access to an abundance of resources really provided a lot of knowledge.

Also, the opportunity to connect with other students around the world is really good. It was cultural exchange but also an exchange of knowledge relating to our studies.”

**Pichmolyka Nhek**  
Cambodia

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# Programme structure

## About the structure

Like the ACCA Qualification, the MSc Professional Accountancy has been designed to support you in developing the high-level knowledge and intellectual skills needed for leadership of the finance function in a global context.

This programme will help you develop the commercial, strategic and creative skills to address the challenges presented by today's fast-paced, volatile and interconnected world.

### Key to ACCA Papers:

- SBL** Strategic Business Leader
- SBR** Strategic Business Reporting
- AFM** Advanced Financial Management
- APM** Advanced Performance Management
- ATX** Advanced Taxation
- AAA** Advanced Audit and Assurance

MSc Professional Accountancy	
<b>You have passed</b>	ACCA Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills papers <b>and</b> ACCA Strategic Professional Essentials (SBL and SBR) <b>and</b> Two ACCA Strategic Professional Options from AFM, APM, ATX and AAA
<b>Additional requirements</b>	Preparation course must be taken if your last exam was completed more than five years ago
<b>Structure</b>	Complete <b>TWO 30-credit modules</b> on the MSc programme



# Entrance requirements and how to apply

## Entrance requirements

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ACCA members or affiliates are eligible to study towards the MSc Professional Accountancy.

### Qualifications required:

- You must be a current ACCA Member or Affiliate with passes in all nine Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills papers, the two Strategic Professional Essentials (SBL and SBR) and two Strategic Professional options from AFM, APM, ATX and AAA.\* If you passed the last of the ACCA Strategic Professional papers more than five years ago, you must be able to demonstrate that your continuing professional development (CPD) record is compliant with the ACCA policy on CPD since you became a member. This includes an up-to-date CPD declaration for the current year.
- One hour of learning on your MSc will be equivalent to one unit.
- If your last ACCA exam was more than five years ago, you will also be required to pass the assessment for our online preparation test. This takes the form of a MOOC, 'Keeping up with change: issues for the finance professional', which is available on a regular basis.

\*Or earlier forms (e.g. 'F' and 'P' papers).

Please refer to our website for the English language requirements for the programme:

[london.ac.uk/msc-accountancy](https://london.ac.uk/msc-accountancy)

## How to apply

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You can apply online at:

[london.ac.uk/msc-accountancy](https://london.ac.uk/msc-accountancy)

After you have completed the application process, you will receive feedback on your eligibility. If you are successful, you will be able to register and pay for the first modules you wish to take.

## How much will it cost?

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The full list of annual fees for the programmes will be published on the Student Fees web page once confirmed. Please visit: [london.ac.uk/fees](https://london.ac.uk/fees)

Fees are subject to annual revision and typically may be increased by up to five per cent per year.

You will pay for each module as you take it. The module fee includes access to study materials and entry into the assessments associated with the module (coursework and project as applicable).

You will also need to pay your ACCA subscription fees as normal to continue to be eligible to study towards and be awarded the MSc.

**Please note:** all student fees are net of any local VAT, Goods and Services Tax (GST) or any other sales tax payable by the student in their country of residence. Where the University is required to add VAT, GST or any other sales tax at the local statutory rate, this will be added to the fees shown during the payment process. For students resident in the UK, our fees are exempt from VAT.



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