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MSc Accounting and Financial Management

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World class. Worldwide.

Join the World Class

1 Explore qualitative perspectives of accounting and finance

By exploring and applying principles within accounting and finance scenarios, you will learn to understand and resolve issues in financial reporting and financial management within a company.

2 Stimulating programme materials enhance your learning experience

The programme uses an award-winning simulation in the capstone project as a tool to explore a wide range of strategic financial challenges.

3 Quality of learning

Academic direction for the programme is delivered by UCL. The programme draws on the extensive international accounting and financial management expertise of its School of Management team.

4 Opportunities to take your career further

You will gain the ability to apply a strong conceptual understanding of accounting and financial management to a range of strategic and operational contexts.

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:
18 December 2023

Applications close:
4 March 2024

Registrations close:
18 March 2024

Programme starts:
8 April 2024

October session:

Applications/ registration open:
25 June 2024

Applications close:
16 September 2024

Registrations close:
23 September 2024

Programme starts:
14 October 2024

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A University of London degree from anywhere in the world



Alan Parkinson

Programme Director,
UCL programme team

Organisations invariably find themselves set against an increasingly volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous landscape.

That landscape presents organisations and their people – not just accountants and finance specialists – with ever demanding challenges. Sometimes expansion. Sometimes maintaining the status quo. Sometimes surviving. All are involved in one way or another with planning for and/or implementing

strategies with financial influences and consequences. Leaders and managers engage with financial decisions on how to identify and support future pathways through organic or inorganic strategies, identifying and managing risk through risk and return trade-offs, data analysis, in a world where governance and assurance are essentials. Whilst accountants and finance professionals play a significant role in that process, increasingly managers in other areas – IT, HR, marketing, technology and elsewhere, are expected to contribute. And that requires demands – a degree of financial knowledge, skills and understanding to be able to make effective and valid contributions, often in a global context. This MSc Accounting and Financial Management (MAFM) equips you with relevant financial expertise to add value in many ways, including your own professional self-development. Its design starts with financial and management accounting underpinnings, moves through financial management essentials and culminates in advanced financial reporting and management accounting analyses. These areas provide a solid platform for subsequent engagement with

governance, audit and assurance, global issues in finance and accounting, risk analysis, investment management, and global capital markets. There is a capstone project which involves making strategic financial decisions, drawing upon theories and concepts studied in the programme. This includes an award-winning business simulation blending theories with applications.

Given the above, this programme is relevant for anyone who wants to develop their career and simultaneously contribute to successful organisations. It is intellectually stimulating, pragmatic and sometimes (almost) fun! After graduation you will be equipped to participate in considered strategic decisions involving financial contexts.

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.

Upon finishing a programme of study, graduates automatically become part of the University of London alumni community, a diverse global network of more than one million graduates. Among former students are six Nobel Prize winners, including Nelson Mandela and Charles Kao, a pioneer in the development of fibre-optics.

London made global

Founded in 1836, the University of London is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the UK and is internationally regarded as a centre of academic excellence. In 1858, we made our degrees available to study anywhere in the world.

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

Delivered by experts in the field

This University of London degree has been developed by and is delivered with academic direction from UCL. UCL is one of the most prestigious universities in the world, ranked ninth in the world in the 2024 QS rankings.

The programme draws on the expertise of the School of Management team at UCL who have designed and delivered a range of accounting, finance, and management-related courses, both on campus and online.

More than a finance qualification

This online programme provides you with an opportunity to acquire, develop and apply master's level knowledge, understanding and skills within accounting, financial management and strategic contexts for business and management.

Rather than being a hard-edged quantitative finance programme, it blends quantitative analyses with managerial applications.

This MSc enables students to engage with and contribute meaningfully to financial decision making within their current or future organisations, and understand from a financial management perspective wider corporate governance issues and the obligations of company directors.



By studying this programme, you will:

- develop an understanding of financial ideas, models and techniques appropriate for solutions to management challenges
- understand and apply financial ideas and frameworks within the sphere of financial reporting, the arena of management accounting, and the field of financial management
- understand the strategic dimension when applying specific financial models and techniques to support both decision making and routine operations
- understand the complex internal and external relationships for organisations when management make decisions
- develop an analytical, critical and reflective mindset relating to matters financial.

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



The degree takes a deep, strategic approach to accounting and finance and associated operational perspectives.

You will develop an understanding of the areas that managers would encounter on a daily basis, complemented by engagements with selected specialist issues.

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 strategic challenges including pricing, infrastructure investment and human resource matters.

There is no assumption that you have taken a finance/accounting degree at bachelor's level. Each module involving quantitative elements 'starts from scratch'.

Programme structure

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Ten compulsory modules (150 credits total)

One compulsory capstone project (30 credits)

For further information on intermediate qualifications and available modules, please visit: london.ac.uk/accounting-financial

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 give you access to the Student Portal. You can then access your University of London email account and other key resources:

- 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 access to over 100 million academic electronic items comprising ebooks, ejournals, conference proceedings etc. In addition, students can request items which are not held in the library via the Online Library's Inter-Library Loan service with the British Library. All registered students have free access to the University of London's Online Library via: onlinelibrary.london.ac.uk

- Senate House Library provides free reference access 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/recognised-centres

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 suggests the programme completion time of a year and half (subject to module availability) to a maximum of five years.

You can study at your own pace, either part-time or full-time, adjusting the intensity of learning to suit your needs.



Further information

Entrance requirements

To qualify to register for the MSc you will need a bachelor's degree which is considered at least comparable to a UK upper second class honours degree from an institution acceptable to the University.

English language requirements

You must satisfy the English language requirements for the programme. For more information on the requirements please visit: bit.ly/english-reqs

If you do not meet the English language proficiency requirements 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 and it is vital that you can access this regularly.

For this programme, you will need regular access to a computer with an internet connection. You will also need a media player (such as VLC) to play video files.

For more information about specific software requirements, please visit: london.ac.uk/accounting-financial

How to apply

Please refer to the MSc Accounting and Financial Management webpages for details on how to apply: london.ac.uk/accounting-financial

Fees

The total fee payable to the University of London for 2024–2025 will be published on our website once confirmed. 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

Please note: student fees shown on our website 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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