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BSc (Hons)

Accounting and Finance

UCAS code N400

Entry requirements

A level: AAB

Study mode

Full-time

Duration

3 years

Apply by: **30 June 2026**

Starts on: **28 September 2026**

About this course

In studying this programme, you will understand modern practice and how to apply classroom theory confidently to the business world. This highly accredited course can give you an advantage in a range of careers including accountancy, investment banking, asset management and insurance.

Introduction

Learn in a supportive and friendly academic environment. This programme is taught by qualified accountants, who will help you to connect academic theory to industry through their professional networks, guest speakers, field trips and using real world case studies in teaching.

You will explore core study themes and specialist areas through optional modules, including auditing, taxation and strategy to a level equivalent to the ICAEW professional stage. Cover the major developments in sustainability, which is a huge area of growth in employment for future finance professionals.

This programme has been designed to ensure that our graduates can apply for the maximum number of exemptions from professional accounting qualifications upon completing their degree studies. This means that many of our modules, including all those taken in year one are compulsory.

What you'll learn

- Financial accounting
- Economic principles for accounting and finance
- Business law
- Accounting theory and its relevance to accounting practice
- Financial management and reporting
- UK tax compliance
- Corporate reporting and analysis
- Developing and implementing business strategy
- Managing an assurance engagement and audit engagements

Accreditation

The University of Liverpool Management School holds accreditation from [AACSB](#), [AMBA](#) and [EQUIS](#). This makes it one of an elite group of institutions worldwide to hold the gold standard triple accreditation.

With close industry links, excellent teaching, and quality content this course is accredited by professional accountancy bodies including the [Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales \(ICAEW\)](#), [Association of Chartered Certified Accountants \(ACCA\)](#), [Chartered Institute of Management Accountants \(CIMA\)](#), [Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountants \(CIPFA\)](#), and [Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland \(ICAS\)](#).

Accreditation in detail

ACCA

In aligning our Accounting and Finance programme with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), our students are eligible for exemptions from specific ACCA exams up to the Strategic Professional Level papers. This will fast-track their journey to membership once they graduate – so they can start their careers in finance and accountancy more quickly.

CIMA

This programme is accredited by Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) which will give you further skills and understanding on how businesses operate, are managed, how to create strategies and how people work together.

CIPFA

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting (CIPFA) exemptions are available for our Accounting and Finance graduates.

ICAEW

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) works with the University of Liverpool to grant credit for prior learning (also known as exemptions) for relevant content covered in undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.

Once you have finished your degree you will only have to complete any outstanding [modules](#), the [compulsory practical work experience](#) element of the ACA and demonstrate your ethical and professional development, to qualify as an ICAEW Chartered Accountant.

ICAS

[ICAS](#) is a global professional body for Chartered Accountants, also known as the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland. Our 23,000 Members and 3,700 Chartered accounting students form a leading business community that spans industries and time zones and is packed with local heroes and corporate leaders.

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Year one

Your first year of study will provide you with a foundation for deeper study of accounting issues in the following stages of the programme in addition to being able to demonstrate an understanding of fundamental accounting and finance concepts and principles, while being able to analyse introductory quantitative and qualitative techniques. You will also begin to develop key employability skills required for roles where personal responsibility is necessary.

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Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
INTRODUCTION TO FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING (ACFI101)	15
INTRODUCTION TO MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING (ACFI102)	15
INTRODUCTION TO FINANCE (ACFI103)	15
SUSTAINABILITY AND ETHICS FOR ACCOUNTANTS (ACFI110)	15
QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE (ACFI111)	15
ECONOMICS PRINCIPLES FOR ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE (ACFI127)	15
SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION FOR ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE	15

Compulsory modules

Credits

(ACFI170)

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Year two

In your second year of study, you will start to build upon the foundations you created in your first year and will be able to demonstrate an understanding, knowledge and application of accounting and finance concepts and principles across a range of business contexts. With an increased expertise in broader areas of accounting and finance, you will also understand key accounting methodology as well as the consequences and ethical impact of decision-making.

Students will take one of the optional modules listed in semester one of year two.

Modules

Compulsory modules

Credits

ACCOUNTING THEORY (ACFI202)

15

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING (ACFI203)

15

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (ACFI204)

15

BUSINESS LAW (ACFI211)

15

Compulsory modules	Credits
TAX COMPLIANCE (ACFI212)	15
ASSURANCE, RISK AND REPORTING (ACFI221)	30

Optional modules	Credits
FUNDAMENTAL CASE STUDY (ACFI215)	15
ECONOMETRICS FOR FINANCE 1 (ACFI225)	15
THEORY OF THE FIRM (ECON254)	15
BUSINESS ETHICS (PHIL271)	15
ENTREPRENEURSHIP (ULMS252)	15

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Year three

In year three you will be able to demonstrate an understanding of a wide range of the contexts in which accounting and finance operate and develop your technical knowledge of the main current techniques and practices to an advanced level in areas such as financial reporting, management accounting, finance, auditing and taxation.

You will also undertake projects analysing real businesses, enabling you to develop and demonstrate key skills desired by graduate employers.

Your year three optional modules will allow you to explore advanced areas of accounting and finance, depending on your interests. This combination of advanced technical knowledge, analysis of current practice and in-depth study of specialised areas leaves you well prepared to enter the workplace or to undertake further study.

Students will take one of the following optional modules in semester one of year three: ACFI305, ACFI310, ACFI315.

Students will take one of the remaining listed optional modules in semester two of year three.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
CORPORATE REPORTING AND ANALYSIS (ACFI302)	15
STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING (ACFI303)	15
BUSINESS FINANCE (ACFI304)	15
BUSINESS STRATEGY (ACFI312)	15

Optional modules	Credits
ADVANCED TAXATION (ACFI305)	15
DERIVATIVE SECURITIES (ACFI310)	15
BEHAVIOURAL FINANCE (ACFI311)	15
PRINCIPLES OF FINANCE WITH EXCEL (ACFI315)	15
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (ACFI320)	15

Optional modules	Credits
CAPITAL MARKETS (ACFI321)	15
THE PRICE OF FOOTBALL (ACFI322)	15
FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (ACFI342)	15
ADVANCED ENTREPRENEURSHIP (ULMS360)	15

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Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

Modules are taught using the latest active learning techniques, including real-world case studies, data visualisation and statistical software packages, interactive participation software, lecture capture and real-time financial and business data using our Bloomberg Trading Floor. The main forms of teaching are lectures and seminars, with lectures normally being supported by materials, such as hand-outs and presentations. Seminars allow detailed discussion of a topic under the direction of a tutor. You are normally expected to prepare work in advance for seminars and may be expected to present work or give presentations from time to time. On some modules, seminars may take the form of practical sessions using our PC suites. All our degrees depend on you spending a good part of the week in private or group study in preparation for lectures and seminars. This involves making use of the excellent library and IT facilities, just one minute's walk away from the Management School.

How you're assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of coursework and examinations. The exact weighting will vary from one module to another. As well as individual assignments and exams, you may also be assessed on group reports and presentations.

Liverpool Learning Framework

At Liverpool, we take a distinctive approach to education through the Liverpool Learning Framework. This means teaching that is engaging, inclusive and designed to help you succeed during your studies and beyond.

You'll develop specialist subject knowledge alongside the skills employers value most, including:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three Liverpool Hallmarks:

- Research-connected teaching - learning informed by the latest ideas and discoveries
- Active learning - taking part, applying knowledge and learning by doing
- Authentic assessment - assessments designed around real-world tasks and challenges

We also embed key priorities across our curriculum, including AI literacy, employability, and sustainability, helping you prepare for the future and make a positive impact in the world.

We're committed to creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive.

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Careers and employability

This degree will provide you with the skills applicable to many financial professions and a range of different sectors. Graduates from the University of Liverpool Management School often go on to undertake postgraduate programmes within our school.

Typical roles our graduates have gone on to include:

- trainee accountants
- marketing analyst
- financial and business development consultant
- accounting technicians
- chartered accountants
- internal/external auditors

You will be encouraged to undertake a Year in Industry as part of the four-year sandwich degree programme.

You can also explore taught postgraduate opportunities in our management school including:

- MSc Economics;
- MSc Accounting and Finance;
- MSc Project Management.

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fee covers almost everything, but you may have additional study costs to consider, such as books, specialist equipment or field trips.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year - £9,790

Year in industry fee - £1,955

Year abroad fee - £1,465 (applies to year in China)

International fees

Full-time place, per year - £27,000

Year in industry fee - £1,955

Year abroad fee - £13,500 (applies to year in China)

The fees shown are for the academic year 2026/27. Please be advised that tuition fees may increase each year for both UK and international students. For UK students, this will be subject to the government's regulated fee limits.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support.

[Learn more about paying for your studies.](#)

Additional costs

All students have the opportunity to spend a semester studying overseas during their second year, subject to your year one performance. If you elect to study abroad you will need to cover associated travel and living costs. University travel bursaries and subsistence grants are available.

You can find information on the general and subject-specific costs you could expect to incur [on our study costs webpage](#).

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

A levels

AAB

Applicants with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) are eligible for a reduction in grade requirements. For this course, the offer is **ABB** from A levels, with **A** in the EPQ.

You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our contextual offers scheme. Based on your personal circumstances, you may automatically qualify for up to a two-grade reduction in the entry requirements needed for this course. When you apply, we consider a range of factors – such as where you live – to assess if you're eligible for a grade reduction. You don't have to make an application for a grade reduction – we'll do all the work.

Find out more about [how we make reduced grade offers](#).

T levels

Accounting considered.

Applicants should contact us by [completing the enquiry form on our website](#) to discuss specific requirements in the core components and the occupational specialism.

GCSE

GCSE Mathematics at grade 5/C and GCSE English at grade 4/C required.

Applicants with equivalent qualifications and applicants who do not meet the GCSE English requirements will be considered on an individual basis according to their circumstances.

Subject requirements

Some Level 3 qualifications are only acceptable alongside 2 A levels, please contact us for details.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

BTEC Diploma at D*D* plus one A level at a minimum grade of B.

Or BTEC Extended Diploma at D*D*D

BTEC qualifications must be in a Business related subject:

- Applied Law
 - Applied Psychology
 - Business
 - Business, Accounting and Finance
 - Computing
 - Creative Digital Media Production
 - Engineering
 - Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
 - Health and Social Care
 - Hospitality
 - Information Communications Technology
 - Information Technology
 - Media
 - Public Services
 - Strategic Management and Leadership
 - Travel and Tourism
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International Baccalaureate

34 points overall with no score less than 4 or Pass the IB diploma plus 6,6,5 in 3 HL subjects.

Irish Leaving Certificate

H1, H1, H2, H2, H2, H3

Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher

Scottish Advanced Highers accepted at AAB

Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced

B in the Welsh Baccalaureate, plus AA at A level.

Access

Pass relevant Access to HE Diploma with 45 Level 3 credits with 36 at Distinction and 9 at Merit.

International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our direct entry requirements. Although there is no direct Foundation Certificate route to this course, completing a Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the University of Liverpool International College, can guarantee you a place on a number of similar courses which may interest you.

Alternative entry requirements

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, contact us for advice
 - If you are returning to learning, have had a disrupted education or are switching career pathways, the one-year Go Higher diploma qualifies you to apply for University of Liverpool arts, humanities and social sciences programmes
 - Applications from mature students are welcome.
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English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a majority English speaking country.

We accept a variety of international language tests and country-specific qualifications.

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our [Pre-Sessional English courses](#) to achieve the required level.

IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5

TOEFL iBT

If you took a TOEFL test on or before 20 January 2026, you'll need 88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 17, writing 17, reading 17 and speaking 19. If you took a TOEFL test from 21 January 2026 onwards, when a new scoring system was introduced, you'll need 4.5 overall, with 4 or above in all components. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

Duolingo English Test

125 overall, with speaking, reading and writing not less than 105, and listening not below 100

Pearson PTE Academic

61 overall, with no component below 59

LanguageCert Academic

70 overall, with no skill below 60

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0500

Grade C overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking and listening. Speaking and listening must be separately endorsed on the certificate.

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0990

Grade 4 overall, with Merit in speaking and listening

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0510/0511

0510: Grade B overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be

separately endorsed on the certificate. 0511: Grade B overall.

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0993/0991

0993: Grade 6 overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0991: Grade 6 overall.

Cambridge ESOL Level 2/3 Advanced

176 overall, with no paper below 162

International Baccalaureate English A: Literature or Language & Literature

Grade 5 at Standard Level or grade 5 at Higher Level

International Baccalaureate English B

Grade 7 at Standard Level or grade 6 at Higher Level

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	6 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no more than one component at 5.0	10 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no component below 5.0	12 weeks	Online
5.0 overall, with no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus
4.5 overall, with no more than one component at 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-sessional English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5, for further details.

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