



MSc

## Accounting and Finance

**Study mode**

Full-time

**Duration**

12 months

Apply by: **28 August 2026**

Starts on: **21 September 2026**

### About this course

The Accounting and Finance MSc aims to provide you with knowledge and understanding of current issues in accounting and finance through the application of research-led learning and teaching techniques.

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### Introduction

The programme structure combines a theoretical and conceptual understanding of current issues and links this to practice in the current financial market environment.

The MSc Accounting and Finance combines issues in theory, practice and research, and provides opportunities to develop both analytical and technical skills. These skills are sought after by top academic institutions in the PhD programmes and also required by top employers worldwide.

Through this programme, you will be able to:

- Think creatively and develop an understanding of risk and uncertainties in organisations
- Explore the role of accounting and finance in organisational success
- Produce research-based reports in contemporary organisations
- Develop skills that are sought after by top academic institutions in their PhD programmes as well as employers worldwide.

The Management School has a range of additional funding opportunities for outstanding master's students, including the [Management School Excellence Scholarship](#) which offers tuition fee discounts of 50%. Eligibility and more information can be found on the School's [scholarship pages](#).

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## Who is this course for?

Ideal for graduates from any discipline and professionals aiming to advance in accounting and finance roles across various sectors, including public accounting, corporate finance, and financial services. The programme is designed to enhance your analytical, strategic, and professional skills in financial management.

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## What you'll learn

- Financial and Management Accounting
  - Corporate Finance
  - Financial Reporting and Analysis
  - Audit and Assurance
  - Financial Markets and Institutions
  - Financial Modelling and Valuation
  - Corporate Governance and Ethics
  - Research Methods
  - Dissertation.
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## Accreditation

The University of Liverpool Management School is one of an elite group of institutions worldwide to hold the gold standard 'triple-crown' accreditation from AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS.

MSc programmes in [\*\*Accounting and Finance\*\*](#), [\*\*Fintech\*\*](#), [\*\*Finance\*\*](#) and [\*\*Finance and Investment Management\*\*](#) have been officially recognised as academic partners of the [\*\*CQF Institute\*\*](#), the rapidly growing global organisation for professionals in quantitative finance and the awarding body for the Certificate in Quantitative Finance (CQF).

The Accounting and Finance programme has affiliate status with the [\*\*CQF Institute\*\*](#), allowing our students to register for free membership and gain access to resources such as events, research, careers tools, workshops and thought leadership materials.

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## Accreditation in detail

### AACSB

AACSB Accreditation Standards require a high quality teaching environment, a commitment to continuous improvement, and curricula responsive to the needs of businesses. This achievement means that the Management School meets specific standards of excellence. It also means it's committed to on-going improvement in delivering high quality education.

### AMBA

[AMBA](#) is the highest standard of achievement in postgraduate business education. MBA students and graduates, business schools and employers all recognise it as a gold standard. AMBA's rigorous criteria and assessment process ensure that only programmes that demonstrate the highest standards in teaching, learning and curriculum design; career development and employability; and student, alumni and employer interaction achieve accreditation.

### CQF Institute

The CQF Institute's Academic Partners represent the best in financial education around the world. The Academic Partnership Program is dedicated to supporting the professional development of students studying in the field of finance and quantitative finance.

Students can register as free members and will benefit from a wealth of resources at the Institute, including leading industry insights via technical conferences and talks, networking with key decision makers and career opportunities from top financial companies.

## EQUIS

The School is also accredited by [EQUIS](#), which is the leading international system of quality assessment, improvement and accreditation of higher education institutions in management and business administration. Institutions that are accredited by EQUIS must demonstrate not only high general quality in all dimensions of their activities, but also a high degree of internationalisation and corporate connections.

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# Course content

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

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## Semester one

This 12-month programme consists of five taught compulsory and two taught optional modules, each focusing on a major area of Accounting and Finance. These are followed by a 60 credit project carried out over the summer period.

## Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<a href="#"><u>ADVANCED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING &amp; REPORTING (ACFI821)</u></a>	15
<a href="#"><u>CORPORATE FINANCE AND VALUATION (ACFI906)</u></a>	15
<a href="#"><u>QUANTITATIVE TECHNIQUES FOR ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE (ACFI815)</u></a>	15

Optional modules	Credits
<a href="#"><u>FINANCIAL MARKETS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND ETHICS (ACFI824)</u></a>	15
<a href="#"><u>ADVANCED MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING (ACFI816)</u></a>	15

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

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## Semester two

This 12-month programme consists of five taught compulsory and two taught optional modules, each focusing on a major area of Accounting and Finance.

These are followed by a 60 credit project carried out over the summer period.

## Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<a href="#"><u>SECURITY ANALYSIS AND INVESTMENT (ACFI825)</u></a>	15
<a href="#"><u>FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANALYSIS AND VALUATION (ACFI810)</u></a>	15
Optional modules	Credits
<a href="#"><u>CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE RESEARCH (ACFI823)</u></a>	15
<a href="#"><u>AUDIT AND ASSURANCE (ACFI817)</u></a>	15
<a href="#"><u>INTERNATIONAL FINANCE (ACFI814)</u></a>	15
<a href="#"><u>CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY (ACFI818)</u></a>	15

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

## Final project

This 12-month programme consists of five taught compulsory and two taught optional modules, each focusing on a major area of Accounting and Finance. These are followed by a 60 credit project carried out over the summer period.

## Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>DISSERTATION (ACFI912)</u>	60

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

## Teaching and assessment

### How you'll learn

The MSc Accounting and Finance programme develops students' understanding of issues in theory, practice and research and provides them with the necessary knowledge and skills sought after by top employers.

The programme's core modules provide a deep theoretical and conceptual understanding of contemporary issues in accounting and finance and link it to practice in the present-day market environment.

Delivery of the programme is via lectures, seminars, discussions on research papers, case studies, group work, podcasts, Bloomberg, Adobe Connect and tutorials.

As a traditional teaching method, interactive lectures provide students the opportunity to learn the subject with an in-depth input from the lecturers whereas seminars and group work provide further avenues for interactive learning from other group members. An effort has been made to include a significant amount of research papers and case study materials for demonstrating the application of principles and theories delivered within the main lecture programme. In addition, the practical element of the programme takes the form of both team-based and self-directed learning through the application of recent developments in accounting and finance.

### How you're assessed

In semester one and two, you will take modules totalling 120 credits. The dissertation completed during the summer period is worth 60 credits and students will be supported by their academic supervisor.

Students are required to complete 180 credits to achieve a full MSc.

Subject to meeting specific criteria outlined by the University, students will graduate with a Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Assessment tasks are varied and some may be designed specifically to meet the learning outcomes of a particular programme of study, but students can expect to be assessed via coursework, essay, group work, presentations, case studies, negotiation exercises, reports and examinations. The weighting of individual components will vary from one module to another. All assessment information is included within the module specification.

## Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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# Careers and employability

The Management School's master's programmes are designed to prepare you for success in a competitive global job market. With strong links to local, national, and international organisations, our curriculum is continually updated to reflect the evolving needs of top graduate employers.

You'll have access to a dedicated in-house postgraduate careers team, offering one-to-one guidance, employability workshops, and tailored career development initiatives.

Within twelve months of graduation, 83% of surveyed Accounting and Finance MSc graduates were employed in high skilled rolls. Employment locations include Liverpool, London, other regions of the UK, and India.

Top job titles include:

- Account manager
- Accountant
- Assurance associate
- Chief of operations
- Treasury analyst.

Recent employers include Grant Thornton, EY, KPMG, RSM, and PwC. Graduates typically progress into roles such as accountant, auditor, management accountant, business adviser, public sector accountant, management consultant, purchasing manager, forensic accountant, data analyst, actuarial analyst, retail/commercial banker, fund manager, and stockbroker. Many also pursue academic or research careers in leading higher education institutions across Europe and internationally.

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## Career support from day one to graduation and beyond

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### Career planning

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### From education to employment

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## Networking events

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# Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

## Tuition fees

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

Full-time place, per year – £14,750

### International fees

Full-time place, per year – £33,500

Fees stated are for the 2025/26 academic year. Tuition fees for the academic year 2026/27 will be announced soon.

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

- You can [pay your tuition fees in instalments](#).
- All or part of your tuition fees can be [funded by external sponsorship](#).
- International applicants who accept an offer of a place will need to [pay a tuition fee deposit](#).

If you're a UK national, or have settled status in the UK, you may be eligible to apply for a Postgraduate Loan worth up to £12,167 to help with course fees and living costs. [Learn more about paying for your studies](#).

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## Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

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# Entry requirements

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

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## Postgraduate entry requirements

We accept a 2:2 honours degree from a UK university, or an equivalent academic qualification from a similar non-UK institution. This degree should include at least eight modules in Accounting and/or Finance at 2:1 level. Candidates with professional qualifications such as ACA, CPA, ACCA, CIMA will also be considered.

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## 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 entry requirements. Completing your Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the [University of Liverpool International College](#), means you're guaranteed a place on your chosen course.

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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.

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## IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0

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## **TOEFL iBT**

88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 19, writing 19, reading 19 and speaking 20. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

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## **Duolingo English Test**

125 overall, with writing not less than 125, speaking and reading not less than 115, and listening not below 110. For academic year 2025/26 only, we will also accept the production, literacy, comprehension and conversation score set: 120 overall, with no component below 105.

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## **Pearson PTE Academic**

61 overall, with no component below 59

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## **LanguageCert Academic**

70 overall, with no skill below 65

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## **PSI Skills for English**

B2 Pass with Merit in all bands

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## **INDIA Standard XII**

National Curriculum (CBSE/ISC) – 75% and above in English. Accepted State Boards – 80% and above in English.

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## **WAEC**

C6 or above

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## **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.

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## 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 6.0	6 weeks	On campus
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	10 weeks	On campus and online options available
6.0 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0	12 weeks	On campus and online options available
5.5 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no more than one component below 5.0, and no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus
4.5 overall, with no more than one component below 4.5, and no component below 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

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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-session English course length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-session English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0, for further details.

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