

MSc

Accounting and Finance

Study mode

Full-time

Part-time

Duration

12 months

24 months

Apply by: **11 September 2026**Starts on: **28 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.

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](#).

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.

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.

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. In the final semester, students undertake one 20 credit module alongside one 40 credit module, both of which are compulsory.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
QUANTITATIVE TECHNIQUES FOR ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE (ACFI815)	15
ADVANCED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING & REPORTING (ACFI821)	15
CORPORATE FINANCE AND VALUATION (ACFI906)	15

Optional modules	Credits
ADVANCED MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING (ACFI816)	15
FINANCIAL MARKETS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND ETHICS (ACFI824)	15

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

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. In the final semester, students undertake one 20 credit module alongside one 40 credit module, both of which are compulsory.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANALYSIS AND VALUATION (ACFI810)	15
SECURITY ANALYSIS AND INVESTMENT (ACFI825)	20

Optional modules	Credits
AUDIT AND ASSURANCE (ACFI817)	15
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY (ACFI818)	15
MEASURING AND DISCLOSING SUSTAINABILITY (ULMS625)	20

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.

In the final semester, students undertake one 20 credit module alongside one 40 credit module, both of which are compulsory:

Code	Module	Credit
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ACFI708	Research Skills	20
ACFI709	Research Project – Independent Learning	40

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. In the final semester, students undertake one 20 credit module alongside one 40 credit module, both of which are compulsory.

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 have been designed from the ground up to prepare you for success in your chosen career. We have close ties with local, national and international organisations and constantly review the content of our programmes to meet the demands of top graduate employers.

You will have access to a specialist, in-house [postgraduate careers team](#) and have access to one-to-one careers guidance, workshops, seminars, and employability initiatives.

When you graduate, you could undertake teaching and research positions in Accounting and Finance in the top Higher Educational Institutions in Europe and abroad. In addition, you are expected to be able to join large professional services and financial services firms, including audit and consultancy firms, commercial and investment banks, financial institutions, and other large companies in service, retail, information technology, and manufacturing sectors.

Typical roles include:

- Accountant
- Auditor
- Management accountant
- Public sector accountant
- Business adviser
- Management consultant
- Purchasing manager
- Forensic accountant
- Data analyst
- Actuarial analyst
- Retail/commercial banker
- Fund manager
- Stockbroker.

Career support from day one to graduation and beyond

Career planning

From education to employment

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 – £15,000

Part-time place, per year – £7,500

International fees

Full-time place, per year – £34,000

Part-time place, per year – £17,000

Tuition fees are for the academic year 2026/27.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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 6.0

TOEFL iBT

If you took a TOEFL test on or before 20 January 2026, you'll need 88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 19, writing 19, reading 19 and speaking 20. 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 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.

Pearson PTE Academic

61 overall, with no component below 59

LanguageCert Academic

70 overall, with no skill below 65

PSI Skills for English

B2 Pass with Merit in all bands

INDIA Standard XII

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

WAEC

C6 or above

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 writing at 6.0 and no component below 5.5	6 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with writing at 5.5 and no component below 5.0	10 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no more than one component at 5.0	12 weeks	Online
5.5 overall, with no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no more than one component at 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 6.0, for further details.

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