

Why study professional accounting at the University of South Wales?

The University of South Wales has a rich history of providing first class tuition for ACA and ACCA professional accountancy qualifications and we typically teach 250-300 professional accountancy students each year. We have over **47 years' experience** teaching ACCA and we launched our ACA course in 2012, working closely with ICAEW. September 2018 also saw the launch of our innovative MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition). **We are very proud to have been placed 21st in the UK for our Accounting & Finance Courses in the 2021 Guardian University League Tables, and to be shortlisted in two categories in the 2021 PQ Magazine Awards.**

Experienced and focused tuition team

Our professional course tuition team consists of nine qualified accountants and one qualified lawyer who have significant accounting practice and industry experience. Members of the team work / have worked for private sector tuition providers, have a vast amount of experience teaching students how to pass professional exams, deliver CPD sessions for the local professional bodies and engage in bespoke CPD training for large organisations. Our team regularly attend professional body Lecturers' Conferences.

Quality accreditation

We are an ICAEW Partner in Learning and an ACCA Platinum Approved Learning Partner, in recognition of our excellent pass rates and pastoral support for students.

Award winning

We have been named as PQ Magazine 'Public Sector Accountancy College of the Year' in 2010, 2012 and 2016 and we were shortlisted in 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. We also have award winning students. In 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, a USW ACA student won the South Wales Society of Chartered Accountants annual award for the highest score across the November 2016 & July 2017 Advanced Level exams; our ACCA students have won national prizes in 2013, 2014 and 2017 and a USW ACA student was shortlisted for PQ Magazine 'Student of the Year' in 2015.

Tuition in a key South Wales location

Opened in 2011, City Campus is a state of the art campus on the banks of the river Usk in Newport city centre. It has excellent teaching rooms, library and student catering facilities. Newport is an up-an-coming City in south-east Wales, close to the capital City of Cardiff. Our tuition fees are cost effective and the cost of living in the south-east Wales area is less than other locations in the UK.

Study and employer resources

Study texts and other resources including progress tests and mock examinations* are supplied to our students as part of the tuition fee. Student performance reports for sponsoring employers are available on request. Our tuition includes knowledge, question practice and revision segments, and we charge one overall fee per NPEVMF for all these elements with no hidden costs or extra purchases required.

Professional body relationships

We work very closely with the professional bodies, locally and nationally. For example, we have hosted the ICAEW BASE BusinessGame, we are represented on the ACCA South Wales committee, we have been the headline sponsor of the ACCA Wales National Conference since 2013, we host ACCA and AAT CPD lectures and the professional bodies regularly sponsor student prizes.

Innovative courses

Students studying the ACCA Applied Skills Level NPEVMF can choose between sitting external ACCA exams or internal university assignments and exams under an innovative internally-assessed scheme. The internal scheme, which leads to ACCA exemptions, allows students to develop transferable skills valued by employers.

Our MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition) allows students to combine MSc and ACCA Strategic Professional studies in an innovative and efficient manner.

* Mock examinations do not apply to ACCA internally assessed papers





Tom Burns, ACCA graduate

"Studying the ACCA course has given me the confidence to grow and develop as a professional. I am now working for a company that has enjoyed rapid expansion, allowing me to utilise the knowledge gained from ACCA and apply it to real-life scenarios."

Amendments to professional accountancy delivery in 2021 due to COVID-19

Our current delivery comprises a mixture of on-campus and online sessions given the continuing COVID-19 restrictions. We will communicate with you regularly, keeping the balance of this delivery under continual review and responding to any changes to Government restrictions or guidance as appropriate. Our online delivery has been running successfully since March 2020. Our outstanding team of professional accountancy tutors have supported our students through multiple internal and external exam diets since the start of the pandemic, allowing students to progress their studies. These are just a few things that current students have said about our online delivery:

"I've found the online sessions that you have recorded really good! It's great being able to just pause, properly digest the information and follow along at my own pace."

"I was initially worried that by no longer having face to face revision sessions there would be no one to ask questions to. This concern however, was quickly forgotten about when I realised how speedy and conscientious the tutor's responses to queries were"

"It's greatly appreciated all the effort that has been put in place to continue my learning in these uncertain times. The feeling of support when needed is always there."

For each module, our online delivery utilises a mixture of bespoke pre-recorded lectures & tutorials (supported by multiple resources created by tutors), weekly timetabled live virtual classrooms, discussion boards and 121 pastoral and subject technical support delivered via email, telephone or video call. Students are provided with a clear study plan at the start of their studies - and the learning to be undertaken each week, along with the associated study resources, are clearly signposted on our virtual learning environment (Blackboard). Students are also provided with a study text and question practice kit at the start of their studies. Marked progress tests and mock examinations are provided for students studying towards external exams. The live online classroom sessions are a vital interactive method for us to check that students are on the right track and progressing with learning. They allow students to feel part of a learning community, engaging in group discussions and asking questions of tutors. They will always be scheduled on set days and times, following our published brochure timings. The live virtual classrooms are also recorded for students to watch later if they are unable to attend at the allotted times. Overall, our online delivery gives students flexibility in accessing resources at a time that's right for them, in line with their needs, learning styles and preferences.

ACCA full-time course (with the option of studying the MSc Professional Accounting)

Location: Newport City Campus



	ACCA Module	Timing of tuition delivery	Dates of tuition blocks	Academic contact
Internally assessed scheme (DipHE Professional Accounting) available. See Note 1 below	Applied Skills:		Sept-Nov: W/c 13 Sept 2021 to w/c 22 Nov 2021. ACCA exams w/c 6 Dec 2021 (TBC). Jan-Feb: W/c 10 Jan 2022 to w/c 21 Feb 2022. ACCA exam w/c 7 March 2022 (TBC). Jan-May: W/c 24 Jan 2022 to w/c 16 May 2022. ACCA exams w/c 6 June 2022 (TBC). March-May: W/c 14 March 2022 to w/c 16 May 2022. ACCA exam w/c 6 June 2022 (TBC).	rhian.gosling@southwales.ac.uk
	Autumn tuition block:			
	Financial Reporting (FR)	Sept-Nov		
	Audit and Assurance (AA)	Sept-Nov		
	Winter/Spring tuition block:			
	Corporate and Business Law (LW)	March-May #		
	Taxation (TX)	Jan-May		
	Financial Management (FM)	Jan-May		
	Performance Management (PM)	Jan-Feb #		
Combined studies with MSc Professional Accounting available. See Note 2 below	Strategic Professional:		Sept-March: W/c 13 Sept 2021 to w/c 28 Feb 2022. ACCA exam w/c 7 March 2022 (TBC). Sept-Nov: W/c 13 Sept 2021 to w/c 29 Nov 2021. ACCA exam w/c 6 Dec 2021 (TBC). Jan-May: W/c 10 Jan 2022 to w/c 30 May 2022. ACCA exams w/c 6 June 2022 (TBC).	rhian.gosling@southwales.ac.uk
	Core papers:			
	Strategic Business Leader (SBL)	Sept-March		
	Strategic Business Reporting (SBR)	Sept-Nov		
	Advanced Options (students must study 2 out of 4):			
	Advanced Financial Management (AFM)	Jan-May		
	Advanced Performance Management (APM)	Jan-May		
	Advanced Taxation (ATX)	Jan-May		
Advanced Audit and Assurance (AAA)	Jan-May			

Note 1 - Diploma of Higher Education (Professional Accounting)

Students studying the Applied Skills Level can choose between sitting external ACCA exams or internal university assignments and exams. Those who obtain sufficient internal credits are awarded a university Diploma of Higher Education (Professional Accounting) as part of their ACCA studies. The internal scheme awards ACCA exemptions.

Note 2 – MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition)

Students can choose to study our MSc Professional Accounting alongside the ACCA Strategic Professional Level modules. This is an innovative route that allows students to obtain both an MSc and their Strategic Professional exams at the same time. The syllabus of the MSc is mapped to the ACCA modules. MSc and ACCA students sit in the same classes. Internal MSc assignments and exams are sat prior to the sitting of each external ACCA Strategic Professional exam. MSc students undertake additional tutorials to build Masters skills that are highly valued by employers such as critical thinking and advanced research, analysis and evaluation skills. In addition to the Strategic Professional modules listed above, **MSc students also undertake a Business Research Project between June and September to complete their Masters programme.**

The University of South Wales is an ACCA Platinum Approved Learning Partner, the highest level of accreditation. This means that our ACCA pass rates are consistently above global averages.

ACCA Progression Notes

Exams must be taken in the ACCA Level order (see below), however modules within each Level can be taken in any order. **Applied Skills Level (LW, PM, TX, FR, AA, FM)**
Strategic Professional Level (SBL, SBR and two from AFM, APM, ATX and AAA)

Outstanding exams in a current Level must be entered if a student wants to enter exams in the next Level. Students should complete the online Ethics and Professional Skills module before they start the Strategic Professional Level.

Students should consult the ACCA exam timetable before embarking on study of individual modules. In particular, Advanced Audit and Assurance should be studied after Strategic Business Reporting and the following module combination should be avoided: Strategic Business Leader with Tax / Advanced Tax.

2021/22 tuition fees – ACCA

Applied Skills Level (LW, PM, TX, FR, AA, FM): **£960 per module**

Strategic Professional Level: **£1,650** for Strategic Business Leader, and **£1,250 per module** for all other modules (SBR, AFM, APM, ATX and AAA)

Our ACCA tuition includes all the key elements that you need, for one price per module - there are no hidden costs or extra tuition purchases required. We impart the required knowledge (syllabus content), engage you in question practice AND undertake revision sessions close to exam time. Progress tests are included for all modules; mock examinations are included for externally examined modules. Our tuition fees also include the cost of a study text and question practice kit, but exclude any fees payable directly to ACCA.

2021/22 tuition fees – MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition)

£9,800 (Home/EU fee full time); £14,500 (International fee full time)

For the latest information on student fees payable to ACCA (including student membership, exemption and exam entry fees), visit: www.accaglobal.com.

Style of Tuition Delivery

When COVID restrictions are lifted, we anticipate returning to a blended tuition model for the ACCA course (subject to final University approval). Our blended delivery model will include a mix of classroom-based tuition (majority of sessions) plus interactive online elements, with students only required to attend face to face classes in periodic weeks. Our online tuition will include bespoke pre-recorded lectures & tutorials, weekly timetabled live virtual classrooms, discussion boards and 121 pastoral and subject tutor technical support delivered via email, telephone or video call where required, in addition to face to face meetings. All face to face classes will also be broadcast live and recorded. Our blended delivery model will give students flexibility in accessing resources at a time that's right for them, in line with their needs, learning styles and preferences.

To apply for our professional and postgraduate accounting courses, visit www.southwales.ac.uk/apply