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## Professional Accounting and Finance courses

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Nicola Lloyd, ACCA worldwide prizewinner, June 2019

# Why study a professional accountancy qualification 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 part-time 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 for **Accounting & Finance** categories in the **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 have been shortlisted for the PQ Magazine Awards in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

We also have award winning students. **USW ACCA students have come top in the world in Strategic Professional Level papers in BOTH June 2019 and September 2020**; 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 at a key South Wales location

Our Professional Tuition Hub is located at our state of the art campus on the banks of the river Usk in Newport city centre. Opened in 2011, Newport City Campus has excellent teaching rooms, library and student catering facilities. The campus is easily accessible from across South Wales and border counties (being near Newport train station and M4 Junctions 27 and 28) and has ample safe, secure parking on the doorstep. Our ACCA, ICAEW and MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition) courses are taught at this Campus.

## 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 module 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 Business Game, we are represented on the 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 ACCA Applied Knowledge and Skills Level modules at Newport City Campus 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 on a module-by-module basis as the University modules are passed, allows students to develop transferable skills valued by employers. **ACCA and ICAEW revision courses are also available.**

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.



Location: Newport Campus

Course Delivery: Day Release/Afternoon/Evening (classroom and online blend®)



The tuition times below may be subject to further change due to the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

	ACCA Module	Morning 9.30am–1pm	Afternoon 1.30–5pm	Evening 5.30–9pm	Day of tuition and dates of tuition blocks	Academic contact
Internally assessed scheme (DipHE Professional Accounting) available. See Note 1 on next page	<b>Applied Knowledge:</b>				<b>Tuesday:</b> 14 Sept - 16 Nov 2021 25 Jan - 17 May 2022	claudia.scicluna@southwales.ac.uk
	Business & Technology (BT)			Sept		
	Management Accounting (MA)		Sept			
	Financial Accounting (FA)		Jan			
	<b>Applied Skills:</b>					nicola.gilbert@southwales.ac.uk
	Corporate and Business Law (LW)		Sept	Jan**		
	Performance Management (PM)		Jan**	Sept		
	Taxation (TX)	Jan*	Jan	Sept		
	Financial Reporting (FR)	Sept*	Sept	Jan		
	Audit and Assurance (AA)		Sept* and Jan	Sept		
Financial Management (FM)		Sept and Jan*	Jan			
Combined studies with MSc Professional Accounting available. See Note 2 (next page)	<b>Strategic Professional:</b>				<b>Thursday:</b> 16 Sept - 2 Dec 2021; 27 Jan – 26 May 2022  <b>Wednesday:</b> 15 Sept – w/c 29 Nov 2021 12 Jan - w/c 30 May 2022	nicola.gilbert@southwales.ac.uk
	Strategic Business Leader (SBL)		Sept <sup>f</sup>			
		Jan <sup>f</sup>				
	Strategic Business Reporting (SBR)		Jan	Sept		
	<b>Advanced Options:</b>					
	Advanced Financial Management (AFM)		Jan			
	Advanced Performance Management (APM)			Jan		
	Advanced Taxation (ATX)	Sept*	Jan			
Advanced Audit and Assurance (AAA)	Jan	Sept*				

September start deliveries (marked ‘Sept’ above) run between Sept-Nov 2021 and prepare students for Dec 2021 exams.

January start deliveries (marked 'Jan' above) run between Jan-May 2022 and prepare students for June 2022 exams. There is a three week Easter vacation for the 3 weeks commencing 11 April 2022.

September Applied Skills and Applied Knowledge modules also include 2 additional study days per module outside of the usual timetable above, which will run 9.30am-4.30pm.

September Strategic Professional/Advanced Options modules also include 3 additional study days per module outside of the usual timetable (excluding SBL, which has one additional day).

*\*Our core ACCA offering is predominantly delivered on an ‘afternoon-evening’ basis. The core offering will deliver modules once or twice, with a second delivery subject to sufficient demand. The additional deliveries marked with an asterisk may also be offered, in addition to the core offering, but this will be subject to sufficient student demand. These deliveries incorporate morning options to allow ‘day release’ study.*

*\*\*Additional intensive deliveries of PM and LW will be available in Jan-Feb and March-May 2022 (whole days per week), subject to student demand. Jan-Feb = w/c 10 Jan to w/c 21 Feb (for March exam); March-May block = w/c 14 March to w/c 16 May (for June exam).*

*# Modules generally either run in 9.30am-1pm, 1.30pm-5pm or 5.30pm-9pm slots. The exception to this is Strategic Business Leader, which runs in longer slots (September: 1.30pm-9pm; January: 9.30am-5pm).*

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

To apply for our professional and postgraduate accounting courses, visit [www.southwales.ac.uk/apply](http://www.southwales.ac.uk/apply)

**ACCA Strategic Professional Level revision courses also available**

For selected modules for December 2021 and June 2022 exam sittings at £125 per module.

Please contact [nicola.gilbert@southwales.ac.uk](mailto:nicola.gilbert@southwales.ac.uk) for further details.

For December 2021 exams: SBR, SBL, ATX, AAA: Courses will take place in November 2021.

For June 2022 exams: SBR, SBL, ATX, AAA, AFM, APM: Courses will take place in May 2022.

## ACCA Progression Notes

A student requiring all ACCA modules can complete the qualification in approximately four years. We recommend a maximum of two modules per exam diet.

Exams must be taken in the ACCA Level order (see below), however modules within each Level can be taken in any order.

**Applied Knowledge Level (BT, MA, FA)**

**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 modules. In particular, Advanced Audit and Assurance should be studied after Strategic Business Reporting and the following module combinations should be avoided: Strategic Business Leader with Tax / Advanced Tax, Law with Financial Management / Advanced Financial Management.

### **Note 1 - Diploma of Higher Education (Professional Accounting)**

Students studying the Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills Levels 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 leads to ACCA exemptions on a module-by-module basis as the University modules are passed.

### **Note 2 – MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition) – part-time variant**

Students can choose to study our MSc Professional Accounting alongside the ACCA Strategic Professional Level modules on a part-time basis. 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 students sit in the ACCA classes noted on the previous page but receive extra Masters workshops to build key academic Masters skills valued by employers. Internal MSc assignments and exams are sat prior to the sitting of each external ACCA Strategic Professional exam. See page 7 for further details.

#### **A typical study route would involve:**

Year 1: SBR Sept-Dec; Option module Jan-June

Year 2: SBL Sept-Dec; Option module Jan-June; Research Methods and Business Research Project June-Sept

## 2021/2022 Tuition Fees – ACCA

Applied Knowledge Level (BT, MA, FA); £540 per module

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

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

Our 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. Please also note that the tuition fees quoted above relate to ACCA and/or Dip HE Professional Accounting tuition only. Students who are enrolled on the MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition) course will be charged one set of MSc fees covering all tuition required. See page 7 for further details. The fees quoted above are for part-time home and international students.

For the latest information on student fees payable to ACCA (including student membership, exemption and exam entry fees), visit: [www.accaglobal.com](http://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 to suit students studying at distance. 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.

# ICAEW: CFAB and ACA qualification



Location: Newport Campus

Course Delivery: Classroom & online blend<sup>®</sup>. Afternoon/Evening & Block (CFAB); Day Release Part-Time with Block Revision (ACA Professional & Advanced Levels)

The tuition times below may be subject to further change due to the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Certificate Level (Certificate in Finance, Accounting and Business, or 'CFAB'):

CFAB is the entry qualification for ACA. Students are able to obtain exemptions from all six CFAB modules by studying our innovative, internally assessed Cert HE (Professional Accounting). **Under this scheme students study modules as follows:**

**Sept-Dec:** Business & Technology (BT) and Management Accounting (MA) (Tuesdays 1.30pm-9pm; tuition starts 14 Sept 2021)

**Dec-Jan:** Principles of Taxation (PoT) (up to 3 days/week for 2 weeks; tuition starts w/c 13 Dec 2021)

**Jan-June:** Financial Accounting (FA) and Corporate & Business Law (LW) (Tuesdays 1.30pm-9pm; tuition commences 25 Jan 2022)

**June:** Assurance (AS) (up to 3 days/week for 2 weeks; tuition starts w/c 13 June 2022)

**CFAB qualification total tuition cost = £3,520**

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## ACA Qualification:

### Year One (Professional Level)\*

September-December: Financial Accounting & Reporting and Business Strategy & Technology | January-March: Tax Compliance | March-June: Business Planning Taxation

### Year Two (Professional and Advanced Levels)\*

September-December: Financial Management, and Audit & Assurance (Professional Level) | January-July: Advanced Level

\* Indicative. Final running order to be confirmed after consultation with our employer partners. Audit & Assurance will not run in 2020/21 due to being in a transition year

Level	Module	Timing	Academic contact	Tuition fees <sup>#</sup>
Professional Level	Financial Accounting & Reporting Financial Management Business Strategy & Technology	Teaching starts Monday 13 September 2021: Financial Accounting and Reporting 9.30am-1pm; Business Strategy & Technology 1.30pm-5pm; Financial Management 9.30am-1pm.  Modules taught for 11 weeks, plus 2-day revision block per module at the end of tuition. Examinations December 2021.	rebecca.wright@southwales.ac.uk	£960 per module
	Tax Compliance	Teaching starts Monday 10 January 2022, 9.30am-5pm. Tax Compliance (TC) taught for 6 weeks. Plus two-day revision block in w/c 21 Feb. TC exam in March 2022.		
	Business Planning Taxation	Teaching starts Monday 14 March 2022, 9.30am-5pm. Business Planning Taxation (BPT) taught for 7 weeks. Plus three-day revision block in w/c 23 May. BPT exam in June 2022.		
Advanced Level	Technical Integration modules and Case Study	Teaching starts Monday 10 January 2022, 9.30am-5pm. Strategic Business Management & Corporate Reporting tuition runs between Jan-June 2022; Case Study tuition takes place spring / summer 2022. Examinations July 2022.		Technical Integration modules £1,250 each Case Study £1,500

Revision courses also available for December, March and June exams (selected professional and advanced level modules), £150 per module. Please contact: [rebecca.wright@southwales.ac.uk](mailto:rebecca.wright@southwales.ac.uk)

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<sup>#</sup> **Tuition fees** include the cost of ICAEW study materials, progress tests and mock exams, but exclude any fees payable directly to the ICAEW professional body. For the latest information on student fees payable to ICAEW (including student membership, exemption and exam entry fees), visit [www.icaew.com](http://www.icaew.com). 2021/22 fees quoted above are for part-time home and international students.



# MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition)

Location: Newport Campus (full-time and part-time)

The tuition times below may be subject to further change due to the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our innovative MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition) course combines advanced academic study with a professional Accounting qualification.

This course is aimed at students who have completed the Applied Knowledge and Skills modules of the ACCA Professional Qualification (BT - FM), or those who are exempted from these ACCA modules by virtue of studying an Accounting degree, recognised and accredited by ACCA.

Taught by award-winning tutors from our Platinum accredited ACCA programme, modules on this Accounting Masters course are aligned with the final Strategic Professional Level of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Qualification. Students are prepared to sit the four ACCA Strategic Professional external exams# shortly after the completion of internal Masters assessments. The course therefore offers a study regime that is highly efficient in terms of both cost and time, with professional and academic Masters study occurring concurrently. On the full-time course students can obtain a Masters qualification and sit all ACCA exams in one year.

For further information on this course, please contact Rhian Gosling, Course Leader on: [rhian.gosling@southwales.ac.uk](mailto:rhian.gosling@southwales.ac.uk)

MSc module and ACCA module	Credits	Timing	Delivery pattern	Key dates 21/22
<b>Full-time 2021/22</b>				
Strategic Business Reporting (SBR)	40	September to December 2021	80 hours of tuition. Typically 5.5 hours/week plus extra whole study days.	Masters induction and first teaching Weds 15 Sept 2021; internal MSc exam w/c 22 Nov 2021; External ACCA SBR exam w/c 6 Dec 2021 (TBC)
Strategic Business Leader (SBL)	40	September 2021 to March 2022	91 hours of tuition: 7 hours per week across 13 weeks (6 weeks pre-Christmas; 7 weeks post-Christmas).	Tuition commences Thurs 16 Sept 2021; MSc internal exam w/c 14 Feb 2022; External ACCA exam w/c 7 March 2022 (TBC)
Advanced Option modules (AFM, APM, ATX, AAA)	40 per module	Jan to June 2022	80 hours of tuition per module (students study 2 modules from 4). Typically 3.5 hours/week plus extra Masters tutorial days.	Tuition commences 12 Jan 2022; MSc internal exams w/c 23 May 2022; External ACCA exams w/c 6 June 2022 (TBC)
Business Research Project	20	June to September 2022	Research methodology sessions June 2022, plus 121 project support.	Research Methodology tuition - June 2022. Business Research Project submission - end of September 2022
<b>Part-time 2021/22</b>				
Strategic Business Reporting OR Strat'c Business Leader	40 per module	September to December 2021	SBR - Wednesday afternoons & evenings. 5.5hrs/week plus extra whole study days. SBL - Thursdays (1.30pm-9pm)	Tuition commences 15 Sept 2021 (SBR) or 16 Sept (SBL); internal MSc exams w/c 22 Nov 2021; External ACCA exams w/c 6 Dec 2021 (TBC)
Advanced Option module (choose from ATX, AAA, AFM, APM)	40 per module	January to June 2022	Wednesdays: ATX: 1.30-5pm ACCA workshop; AAA: 9.30-1pm ACCA workshop; AFM: 1.30-5pm ACCA workshop; APM: 5.30-9pm ACCA workshop.  <i>Please note that additional MSc tutorials (whole or half days, 20 hours/module in total) will also be scheduled.</i>	Tuition commences Weds 12 January 2022; MSc internal exams w/c 23 May 2022; External ACCA exams w/c 6 June 2022 (TBC)

For current tuition fees and information about USW bursaries and postgraduate student loans, please visit [www.southwales.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/postgraduate-fees-and-funding/](http://www.southwales.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/postgraduate-fees-and-funding/).

Tuition fees include the cost of textbooks, but exclude any fees payable to the ACCA professional body. For the latest information on fees payable to ACCA (including student membership, exemption and exam entry fees), visit: [www.accaglobal.com](http://www.accaglobal.com)

# Please note that it is the responsibility of students to enter external ACCA exams. Visit [www.accaglobal.com](http://www.accaglobal.com) for further details.

# Courses

## Newport Campus

- Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- CFAB and ACA – Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)
- MSc Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition)

## Pontypridd Campus

- BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance
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