

Faculty of Business and Society

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Undergraduate Accounting Courses

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“Studying Accounting and Finance at the University of Glamorgan is a truly international and multicultural experience, which is an invaluable opportunity to enhance the future prospects for students.

My placement year in Atradius has enabled me to apply my theoretical knowledge learnt from the University into an industrial setting, whilst experiencing the atmosphere and pace of the workplace. This has also helped me strengthen my self-assurance. I have learnt how to work confidently under pressure and complete tasks in a systematic and accountable way. If I had not undertaken a placement in Atradius, I would never have realised how massive and fast-growing the credit insurance industry is.

Being a part of this global trade-related business environment was completely fascinating. It has really developed my interpersonal and self-management skills that I can directly apply to the final year of my course and future life. I would undoubtedly recommend the course to prospective students.”

H M Jakir Hassan
Student – BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance
Accounting Work Placement – Atradius

Welcome



Welcome to the Faculty of Business and Society

The Faculty of Business and Society brings together four academic schools: Glamorgan Business School, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the School of Law, Accounting and Finance and the School of Psychology.

The Faculty offers an extensive variety of courses which are delivered in a stimulating, challenging and engaging learning environment. All courses are led by academics who are actively engaged in applied research and scholarly activity and have strong links

with professional bodies and associations. This means that our staff are up-to-date with developments and trends in industry and commerce, and can bring their breadth and depth of knowledge to share with you in the classroom.

We understand that choosing to go to university involves investing time, effort and money. At the Faculty of Business and Society we go the extra distance to give all our students an exceptional experience and the best possible start for a successful career.

Monica Gibson-Sweet,
Dean, Faculty of Business and Society



Welcome to the School of Law, Accounting and Finance

In an environment that is changing all the time, employers increasingly need people who understand the dynamics of business and who have a broad range of skills to put that knowledge into practice. New graduate recruits are no exception.

Employability is at the heart of what we do, so as well as that all-important qualification, you will also get essential practical skills and recognition from professional bodies. You will also get the experience and valuable contacts that come from work placements and regular exposure to professionals in organisations. We like to make sure you stand out from the crowd!

In 2011, nearly half of serving CEOs in the current FTSE 100 have financial backgrounds. There is increasing demand for leaders with a strong financial skill set to guide organisations through a challenging operating environment and drive competitiveness so they emerge a stronger, more capable business.

We offer three accounting courses within our School of Law, Accounting and Finance: BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance, BA (Hons) International Accounting and BA (Hons) Forensic Accounting.

You will be taught specialist accounting modules by lecturers with many years' experience of teaching and working in this field. That is not to say you won't get a broader view too – you will develop an understanding of the business world in general, plus transferable business skills, but all from the perspective of an accountant.

We run a series of Open Days and Applicant Days throughout the year, which will give you the opportunity to come and see for yourselves what we have to offer. I am confident you will be impressed and we look forward to welcoming you to the School of Law, Accounting and Finance in the very near future.
Professor Michael Stuckey,
Head of School of Law, Accounting and Finance

Why study Accounting and Finance at Glamorgan?

Widely recognised for its excellent teaching facilities and professional accreditations, the University of Glamorgan's School of Law, Accounting and Finance offers an academically challenging environment for those wishing to excel in their career. Whether you want essential accounting skills, an understanding of finance, or a route into the accounting profession, you'll find a programme to suit you at the University of Glamorgan.

Employability

Accounting and financial skills are in great demand all over the world. The history of accounting is as old as civilisation itself, key to important phases in history, and among the most important professions in business. History shows that the accounting field is a stable, rewarding profession.

Accounting and finance provide excellent career opportunities and a strong foundation for upward, career mobility. We pride ourselves in providing a strong vocational orientation and equip graduates with the knowledge and understanding of financial reporting, management accounting, corporate finance as well as audit, taxation, forensic accounting and IT systems as applied to accountancy.

The accounting and finance subject area at the University of Glamorgan has been in existence for the past 30 years, and has a successful track record in producing high quality graduates with excellent job prospects. 100% of our graduates are in employment or further study within six months of graduation.*

The courses are delivered by professionally qualified accountants who have entered academia after working in the private and public sector. Their research activities include governance, environmental reporting, internal audit, business support, accounting education and financial services. This means that their knowledge of the industry is right up-to-date, so what they teach you will be based on the latest trends.

Our Courses

The suite of accounting degrees includes:

- BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance
- BA (Hons) Forensic Accounting
- BA (Hons) International Accounting

All programmes offer a common first and second year which provides the foundation of knowledge necessary to undertake the degree. The specialist options at the final stage of the degree enable you to graduate with the relevant named programme of your choice.

The BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance and BA (Hons) Forensic Accounting have been awarded the maximum number of exemptions from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) professional examinations (9 out of the 14 examinations are exempt).

Direct Contact

Studying in relatively small lectures, seminars and tutorials means you'll quickly get to know your fellow students. Many of the first year modules are taught in small seminar groups of around 25 students, so there are plenty of opportunities for one-to-one contact with your tutors.



International Flavour

Accounting today is a truly global affair. With an accounting degree you could work anywhere in the world. Even if you want to stay closer to home, chances are that your company will have international connections. So with this in mind, all of our courses have an international element.

The University of Glamorgan attracts students from all over the world, and the experiences and practices they bring give others an added international insight. You could also undertake a period of study abroad in Europe, the USA or Canada.

Trading Room

From September 2011, Glamorgan's accounting students have access to a brand new financial Trading Room including state-of-the-art computer hardware and software, and large plasma screens featuring the classic financial data from Bloomberg (the premier site used across the financial trading world) for updated business news and financial information. It delivers breaking news, stock market data and personal finance advice to brokers and dealers the world over.

The Trading Room will add a new experiential dimension to the accounting and finance courses, allowing simulation of share dealing and decision making incorporating theory and practice.

Through the simulations, you will experience the dynamic and exciting environment of real-time trading in the classroom. You will learn and experience first-hand the complex strategies associated with buying and selling, understand the volatility and fluctuations of the market and the uncertainty of risk.

You will be able to assess your individual performance and compete against fellow students. This will give you a range of skills and tools to take into the workplace, ready for a successful career.

What the students say...

"Above all, the University of Glamorgan is among the leading universities offering this particular degree programme. The modules offered on the Forensic Accounting course are very ACCA-oriented, meaning exemptions are available if you choose to pursue that qualification too."

Leena Devi Beema,
BA (Hons) Forensic Accounting student

*Graduate Destination Survey, 2009.

Postgraduate Opportunities

Students completing an undergraduate degree often continue with their studies to a postgraduate qualification at Glamorgan. We offer the following Masters and professional qualifications that will enhance your knowledge and skills, and help you advance your career.

MSc Accounting

This Masters degree prepares you for a successful career in accounting, giving you the skills and knowledge to become a strategic accounting practitioner. This MSc Accounting has added value – its content mirrors some of the ACCA professional level modules, which means you can study the MSc Accounting and the ACCA's externally-set examinations at the same time.

MSc Forensic Audit and Accounting

Forensic accounting and the related discipline of forensic audit are fast-developing areas in the commercial world. As a result, there is a growing need for people with specialist skills who can undertake fraud investigations, valuations and related forensic activities in various fields of business.

MSc Islamic Banking and Finance

Islamic banking and finance is one of the fastest growing sectors in the financial marketplace. With a rapid growth rate of 20-25% per year over the last decade and almost 400 Islamic banks trading in over 75 countries, this is an ideal time to study and develop your knowledge of Islamic banking and practices.

MSc Management and Development of International Financial Systems

Globalisation has many implications for the efficient operation of banks and over the past decade, international financial institutions have experienced a ferment of change. This course is designed to equip students with the concepts and tools to cope successfully in this rapidly changing business world.

ACCA – Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) is the largest accounting body in the world, with over a quarter of a million students and members. The ACCA course is designed to give you the opportunity to gain the technical skills and abilities required to pass its examinations. The University of Glamorgan has been awarded 'Gold Status' as a learning partner of the ACCA.

What the graduates say...

"The year I spent at the University of Glamorgan was both exciting and challenging. Forensic Accounting is a lucrative and growing area and having an academic qualification from a good University like Glamorgan makes an individual very marketable in a highly competitive business environment. I was able to secure a job with KPMG Forensics and it is without doubt that attending the University of Glamorgan enhanced my ability to secure the job."

Anne Adedoyin Agbedahunsi,
MSc Forensic Audit and Accounting

Top Reasons for Studying Accounting and Finance

Rewarding: Careers in accounting and finance are associated with very high salaries. Studies into relative salary grades regularly quote accounting as the most lucrative degree courses in relation to a graduates' lifetime earning expectancy. By studying accounting and finance it provides you with the opportunity to become an integral part of the business management team.

Variety: As accounting is very broad, it provides great employment opportunities in a variety of organisations, in both the private and public sector. These include opportunities over and beyond the conventional accountancy roles, covering auditing and assurance work, management consulting, corporate finance, IT consulting, tax planning, financial services, human resources and insolvency.

Prestigious and exciting: The increasing number of high profile scandals, global crisis and frauds often equates to exciting and demanding projects for the forensic accountant. Some of the most exciting opportunities are in forensic accounting – the study of fraudulent financial activity.

Management and leadership: A number of qualified accountants move into senior management positions within large organisations. More Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) have undergraduate or postgraduate degrees in accounting than any other area of study.

Today's accountant is a key member of the management team for all private, public, non-profit and governmental organisations. Big businesses require capital markets that depend on accurate and useful information provided by the accounting profession.

What the employers say...

"The students have been enthusiastic, willing to learn, flexible in their approach to undertake any tasks given to them, and have fitted into the department with ease. The student placement has become an important and valuable member of the finance and procurement team."

Geraint Thomas, Head of Finance and Procurement, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service



Employability

100% of our Accounting students are in employment or further study six months after graduation.*

The University is dedicated to helping you become as employable as possible, supporting you to achieve your goals. Most students who study an accounting course move into employment within the sector. So gaining a professional qualification is essential for career progression. Our degrees are designed to give you exemptions from the professional examinations of major accounting bodies. The BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance and BA (Hons) Forensic Accounting are designed to give you 9 exemptions out of the 14 ACCA examinations.

The specialist accounting and finance modules will prepare you for a career in the business world, whether you follow the professional accountancy route or another area of business. Over the last 30 years the UK economy has grown thanks to the input from the business services sector selling expertise, advice or information to businesses. This is an area where the accounting and finance graduate can play an important role. This expertise is just as important globally and equally relevant for international students.

During your course you will also benefit from guest speakers from some of the country's leading accountancy firms and business experts. You will work on case studies from real companies. During your first week of your first year you will visit a local business to view their operation, which will lead on to classroom activities based on the organisation's financial statements. All of this will give you a range of skills and tools to take into the workplace, making you a well-rounded business professional prepared for a successful career.

Work Placements: Experience that counts

The best way to put theory into practice is to use it in the workplace. At the end of your second year, you'll have the option to take a work placement year.

Work placements give you an opportunity to apply theory to practice while acquiring a range of employability skills first-hand. They are normally full-time, graduate-level paid posts within a company and you'll work on real-life projects.

Student placements are available in companies such as Atradius – one of the world's largest credit insurers, Alcatel-Lucent – a global communications industry leader, and numerous public sector organisations. Many placement students are even offered full-time employment within these companies once they complete their degree. The Faculty has a work placements team to help with the interview process and find a placement that suits your needs.

The benefits of undertaking a work placement year are not only in terms of gaining the additional employability skills, but experience shows that students who return to University after the year are better placed to apply their knowledge to the theory of the final year modules, which often result in higher grades.

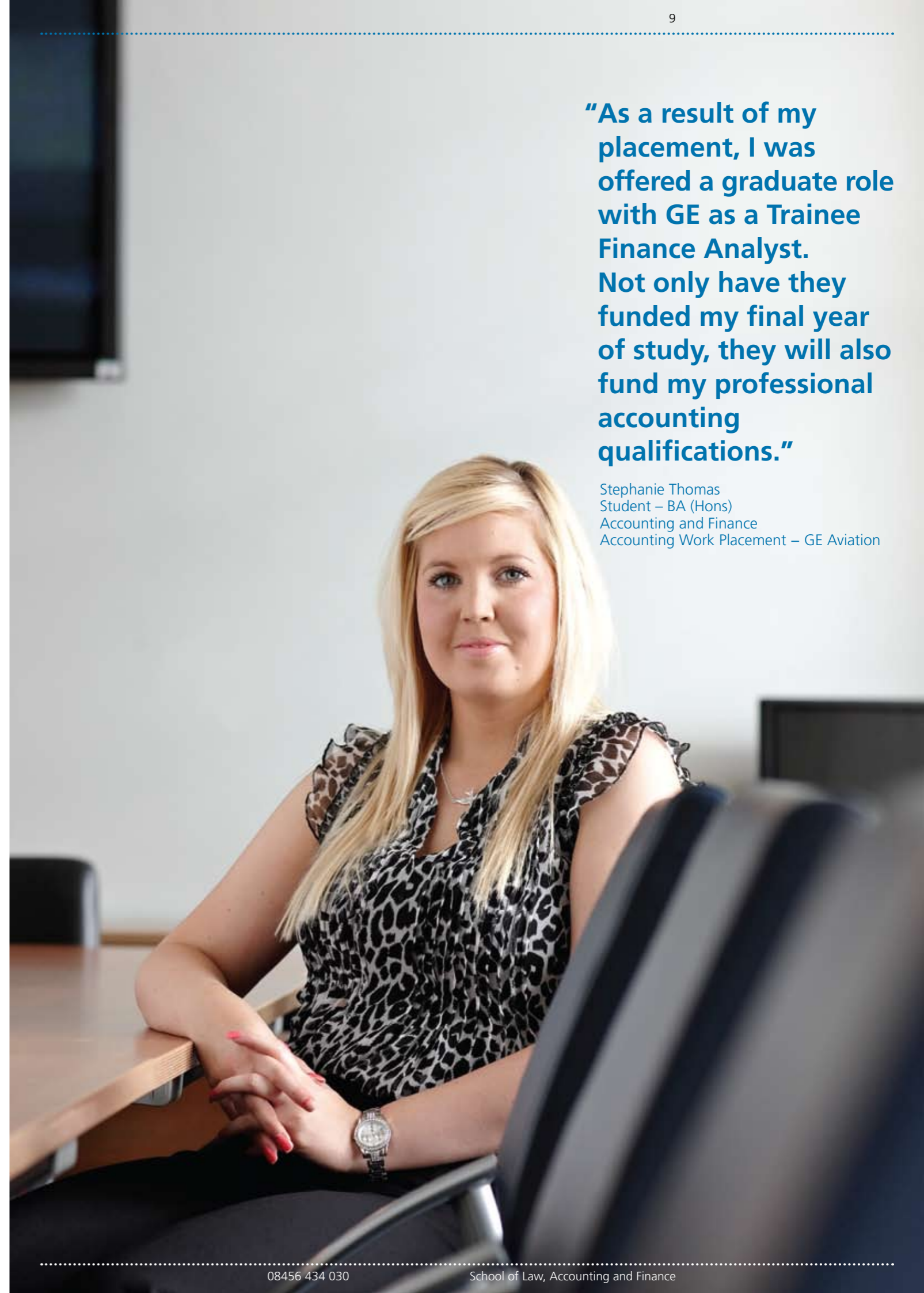
What the employers say...

"Stephanie performed very well during her placement and took on all challenges presented to her. She needed minimal guidance, using her initiative and problem-solving skills. Her talent was recognised by the Finance Director resulting in GE sponsoring her final year at university, and offering her a trainee position upon completion of her degree. We all look forward to her returning later this year."

Andrew Talbot, Engine Analyst (Financial Planning and Analysis), GE Aviation

"As a result of my placement, I was offered a graduate role with GE as a Trainee Finance Analyst. Not only have they funded my final year of study, they will also fund my professional accounting qualifications."

Stephanie Thomas
Student – BA (Hons)
Accounting and Finance
Accounting Work Placement – GE Aviation



*Graduate Destination Survey, 2009.

100%*
employment

Key Facts

UCAS Code

Full-time: N420
Sandwich: N421

Course Length

Full-time: 3 years
Sandwich: 4 years

Entry Requirements

280 UCAS tariff points, eg, BBC at A-level
GCSE: Five at grade C or above, including Mathematics and English Language

Course Content

Year 1

- Accountant in Business
- Law for Accounting Students
- Financial Accounting
- Management Accounting and Information Technology
- Personal Financial Planning
- Quantitative Skills for Accountants

Year 2

- Computerised Accounting and Auditing Systems
- Finance
- Financial Reporting
- Performance Management and Control
- Taxation
- Auditing and Assurance

Year 3

- Advanced Financial Reporting
- Financial Management
- Strategic Management Accounting and Performance Measurement
- Choice of options

*100% of our Accounting students are in employment or further study within six months of graduation (Graduate Destination Survey, 2009)

BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance

If you're not sure you want to specialise in a particular area of accounting just yet, then this degree course offers the broadest foundation of our accounting degrees.

You will develop a firm understanding of the four main themes:

- Financial reporting
- Management accounting
- Financial management
- Computerised accounting systems

You will develop a broad knowledge of business in the first year, taking an in-depth look at the many areas of accounting in years two and three.

Accounting and finance is an area which will allow you to gain a keen insight into the way business organisations are managed and function. Studying accounting allows you to provide important financial information to decision makers both internal and external to an organisation (eg, managers, investors and tax authorities) to aid them in decisions on organisational resources.

This course is fully accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) – the global body for professional accountants. If you successfully complete your degree, you will have already passed 9 of the 14 papers you need to sit for the ACCA membership. So not only will you graduate with a fantastic degree, you will also be one step closer to a professional qualification and be able to study part-time for a complete ACCA qualification with us after graduation. We have been awarded the ACCA 'gold' status for teaching.

How you will study

You will be taught through workshops, seminars and innovative e-learning techniques. As well as our links with the ACCA, you will also benefit from regular visits from the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). As part of your course, you will get practical experience of the accountancy and auditing software packages you will use after you graduate – another skill to add to your CV.

You can choose a four-year course, where you will spend a year in the workplace gaining practical experience that will put what you have learnt into practice and help you stand out from the crowd. Recent placements have included Atradius, Alcatel-Lucent, Welsh Government and the South Wales Fire Service.

Career opportunities

All kinds of financial careers will be available to graduates of this course, in all kinds of organisations. You could work in audit and public practice, management or financial accounting, tax-related work or management consultancy. Accounting and finance is an ideal foundation for senior management roles, or even starting your own business.

What the employers say...

"University of Glamorgan students are very well prepared and confident. They provide tremendous added value and are able to take the pressure off our workload."
Alcatel-Lucent

"The University of Glamorgan is a fantastic place to study. It really has everything – great staff, fantastic facilities and state-of-the-art equipment. The variety of the modules and the vast experience of the lecturers are invaluable."

Matthew Sensier
Student – BA (Hons)
Accounting and Finance
Accounting Work Placement –
Alcatel-Lucent



100%*
employment

Key Facts

UCAS Code

Full-time: N490
Sandwich: N491

Course Length

Full-time: 3 years
Sandwich: 4 years

Entry Requirements

280 UCAS tariff points, eg, BBC at A-level
GCSE: Five at grade C or above, including Mathematics and English Language

Course Content

Year 1

- Accountant in Business
- Law for Accountancy Students
- Financial Accounting
- Management Accounting and Information Technology
- Personal Financial Planning
- Quantitative Skills for Accountants

Year 2

- Computerised Accounting and Auditing Systems
- Finance
- Financial Reporting
- Performance Management and Control
- Taxation
- Auditing and Assurance

Year 3

- Cases in Auditing
- Forensic Accounting
- Computer Forensics Evidentiary Practice
- Choice of options

*100% of our Accounting students are in employment or further study within six months of graduation (Graduate Destination Survey, 2009)

BA (Hons) Forensic Accounting

Forensic accounting is financial detective work. To be a forensic accountant you need the right mix of accounting, IT and investigative skills. This is a growing area in accounting and all of the larger firms, as well as many of the medium-sized firms, now have specialist forensic accounting departments.

The course is fully accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) – the global body for professional accountants. Successfully complete this degree and you will have already passed 9 of the 14 papers you need to sit for ACCA membership. So not only will you graduate with a fantastic degree, you will also be one step further towards a professional qualification.

Alongside teaching from qualified accountants who have years of industry experience, you will also study with staff from our Faculty of Advanced Technology. With access to the latest forensic hardware and software in their specially configured labs, you will learn from staff who investigate cases for local and national police forces, business and government.

Your first and second year studies will follow the same areas as the BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance degree. You will then specialise in forensic accounting in your third year.

In the first year, you will study topics such as financial and management accounting, quantitative skills, personal financial planning and the legal and business contexts of accounting.

Year two study areas include financial reporting, performance management and control, computerised accounting, auditing systems, auditing and assurance, and finance and taxation.

In the final year, you can specialise through forensic accounting topics, computer forensics evidentiary practice and auditing cases. You can also choose three options from a range of subjects, including advanced information systems, audit techniques, global governance, risk and ethics, and many more.

How you will study

Our student-focused approach is a great way to engage with the subject, the tutors and your fellow students. You will be taught through workshops, seminars and innovative e-learning techniques. You can choose a four-year course where you will spend a year in the workplace, getting practical experience that will put what you learn in the classroom into practice and help your CV stand out from the crowd.

Career opportunities

The world needs more forensic accountants in all kinds of sectors and organisations. Thanks to a shortage of people with relevant specialist skills, you can expect to be well paid for your talents. Forensic accountants work for accounting firms, banks, insurance companies and law firms. You will also have general accounting skills, so you will have the same career opportunities as accounting and finance graduates.



“The course presented the newest concepts and theories and put it into context with the current business market. I will be in high demand, recognised as an expert witness in financial disputes.”

Maroba Toko
Student – BA (Hons) Forensic Accounting

100%*
employment

Key Facts

UCAS Code

Full-time N401
Sandwich: N402

Course Length

Full-time: 3 years
Sandwich: 4 years

Entry Requirements

280 UCAS tariff points,
eg, BBC at A-level
GCSE: Five at grade C or
above, including Mathematics
and English Language

Course Content

Year 1

- Accountant in Business
- Law for Accountancy Students
- Financial Accounting
- Management Accounting and Information Technology
- Personal Financial Planning
- Quantitative Skills for Accountants

Year 2

- Computerised Accounting and Auditing Systems
- Finance
- Financial Reporting
- Performance Management and Control
- Taxation
- Auditing and Assurance

Year 3

- Advanced Financial Reporting
- Global Governance, Risk and Ethics
- International Issues in Accounting and Audit
- Choice of options

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BA (Hons) International Accounting

This is a traditional accounting degree with an international flavour, which could see you working in all four corners of the globe.

The increasing globalisation of business means there has never been a better time to study a course like this. It will make you stand out from the crowd when it comes to getting that job after graduation – whether it's in the UK, Europe or beyond.

As well as general accountancy knowledge, you will develop an understanding of the business world from an international perspective and skills that you can use in many professions. To enhance your CV and career prospects, you will use accountancy and auditing software packages that you will come across after you graduate, wherever in the world you work.

Most students on this course choose to spend some time studying at a university in Europe. We have links with institutions in Holland, France, Denmark and Germany. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about the similarities and differences between the approach in the UK and abroad, plus it could improve your final year grades.

As well as UK students wanting to work overseas, the course attracts international students from across the globe.

How you will study

You will be taught through workshops, seminars and innovative e-learning techniques. Through our student-focused approach, you will get to engage with the subject, tutors and fellow students. After the second year, you can choose to undertake an exchange year at a business school in Europe (through the medium of English), getting real experience of accounting in an international context.

Career opportunities

Accountancy is a skill that is needed in every country in the world, so you will have flexibility and diversity in your career. You could find yourself working in audit and public practice, management or financial accounting, tax-related work, management consultancy or financial services.

What the employers say...

"We have employed University of Glamorgan work placement students for the past five years, and have found each student willing to work hard and eager to learn. Kerily was no exception. She fitted into the team straight away and managed to add real value to our operations. We wish her well at KPMG."

Michael Thomas, Senior Manager,
Atradius

"I secured a graduate job with KPMG towards the end of my work placement. Starting a career as an audit trainee with one of the Big Four companies and having my ACCA qualifications financed is like a dream come true for me!"

Kerily Joakit
Student – BA (Hons) International Accounting
Completed Accounting Work Placement – Atradius



Business Courses

The University of Glamorgan offers a range of business courses within our Glamorgan Business School. In today's global environment, the opportunities to establish a successful career in the business world are huge and we can help you develop the expertise, self-belief and know-how you need to succeed.

Our degrees are more than just business degrees – these are the business degrees for your future. On our courses, you won't just learn the theory of business practice – you'll get the whole package for a successful career.

So as well as that all-important qualification, you will also get essential practical skills, recognition from the professional bodies, the experience and valuable contacts that come from work placements, regular exposure to business professionals and organisations, and an understanding of the issues you can expect to face in your future employment. In business terms that's the real deal.

BA (Hons) Business Management

You cannot predict the future – but you can certainly prepare for it. The business environment changes all the time. Managers look for employees that have a broad range of skills and understand the dynamics of business which is why this degree covers all areas from marketing to enterprise.

BA (Hons) Marketing

What makes the golden arches of McDonald's instantly recognisable? Why did the iPod become such a global success? What helped turn Post-it notes from a failure into an office essential? The simple answer is marketing.

BA (Hons) Human Resource Management

Every business, from global companies such as Sony to your high-street hairdresser, depends on people for its success. A business only succeeds if its people are well-managed and committed, and this is where Human Resources Management comes in.

BA (Hons) Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Logistics, purchasing and supply chain is a growing specialist area that is a key part of any business. Supply chain managers handle the majority of an organisation's spending and control international logistics.

BA (Hons) Business Enterprise

From business start-ups to managers of the future, enterprise is increasingly important in today's global economy. This degree will be of interest to those who aspire to succeed in start-ups, family-run and small businesses, as business development advisers or an enterprising career in existing businesses.

BA (Hons) Event Management

This course gives you hands-on experience of an event right from day one, including supporting a weekend-long mediaeval Christmas fayre, contributing to the successful management of a Victorian evening at fairytale Castell Coch, and taking part in events organised by Glamorgan Business School.

BA (Hons) Sports Development

With a growing focus on the health of the nation and preparations for the London 2012 Olympics, there has never been a better time to get involved in sport. Sports Development is a vibrant industry, trying to encourage more people to become more active, more often.

BA (Hons) Sport Management

During this decade, the UK hosts some of the world's largest sporting events, including the Commonwealth Games and the London 2012 Olympics. Studying a business-related sports degree will provide you with a greater opportunity to launch into this dynamic and rapidly growing industry.

For more information on our business courses visit www.glam.ac.uk/fbs.

“I couldn't think of a better Business School. I've written reports, done presentations, created research documents and set up mini businesses. I've seen how to apply these skills, not just learn about them.”

Lee Williams
Student – Glamorgan Business School
Marketing Work Placement, Microsoft

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A Great Student Experience

From independent living to vibrant nightlife, adrenaline sports to chill out time – whatever you want from student life, you'll find it all at Glamorgan.

Pontypridd is just 10 miles away from Cardiff, so studying here gives you the perfect balance of a community campus atmosphere, plus the benefits that come with big city student life.

Living and studying on our Treforest campus is a great introduction to living away from home. The cost of your accommodation includes utilities and fast-speed internet access, so you don't need to worry about utility bills landing on your doormat. There are accommodation options to suit everyone, from newly refurbished en suite rooms to stylish, micro flats.

Here, everything you need is in one place. You can jump out of bed in Halls, walk to your lecture, grab some lunch at one of the coffee shops, do an afternoon's studying in the library, nip over to the Sports Centre for a circuits class, then go next door to the Students' Union to meet your mates and relax.

The area around the campus has a huge student population, with shops, restaurants and bars that are designed for students. Or if you need a burst of city life, getting into Cardiff is easy – there's a train station right on our doorstep, with 20-minute journeys to the capital at least six times an hour.

And when you get to the city centre, there's everything you could possibly need – shopping, theatres, museums, restaurants, international sports venues, nightclubs, gigs, cinemas...

Love the outdoors?

Some of the most stunning scenery in the UK is within easy reach of the University. You could spend your weekends hiking in the spectacular Brecon Beacons, or relaxing on one of the stunning beaches on the Gower Peninsula or the Glamorgan Heritage Coast. Or why not hop on a train at the foot of the campus that will take you direct to Barry Island for some good old-fashioned seaside fun (think candy floss, slot machines and dodgems).

If you like things a little more fast-paced, the natural playground has lots of opportunities for outdoor action, like surfing, rock climbing or mountain biking.

The sporty type?

Whatever sport you love, there'll be an opportunity to take part in it. The on-campus Sports Centre has everything from basketball to badminton, squash to salsa, table tennis to trampolining. You can compete in the British Universities and Colleges (BUCS) league, or train towards coaching awards to teach your favourite sport.

Our outdoor facilities at Glamorgan Sport Park have hosted training sessions for lots of famous sports teams, from Cardiff City Football Club to the touring British Lions, New Zealand and South Africa rugby union squads.

If you love watching as well as playing sport, our location is hard to beat. Just down the road in Cardiff is the world-famous Millennium Stadium, the SWALEC cricket stadium, the brand-new Cardiff City Stadium and international venues for swimming, watersports and athletics in Cardiff Bay.

Social butterfly?

On campus, the Students' Union is the hub of student social life. Glamorgan students now enjoy a brand-new, modern venue, where you can grab a coffee, watch sport on the big screen or dance the night away. Whether you're a cheerleader or a conservationist, there'll be a student club or society where you can share your passions and meet like-minded people.

Close to the campus, there's an arts centre for comedy nights, films and gigs by local bands, a multiplex cinema showing the latest blockbusters and plenty of student-friendly pubs, bars and restaurants.

If live music's your thing, you can catch small gigs by up and coming artists at venues like the Globe, check out famous names at the Cardiff Motorpoint Arena, or see a living legend in action at the Millennium Stadium.

Cardiff also has a thriving arts scene, with everything from big-budget opera or musicals at the Wales Millennium Centre, to touring stand-up comedians at comedy clubs, or foreign language films at Chapter Arts Centre.



Find out more... visit us at an Open Day

Open Days play an important part in helping to determine which university is right for you. That's why Glamorgan hosts Open Days throughout the year, giving you an opportunity to see what we have to offer.

You can meet some of our current students and talk to the academic staff who will teach you. You can also find out about lots of other things, from the degree courses on offer, to accommodation, student funding and scholarships, and even the UCAS application process.

There is something for everyone – prospective undergraduates thinking of applying to Glamorgan, parents with questions about the next stage in their child's life, international students from the EU and beyond, or students returning to study after a break. Everyone's welcome and there are lots of different information sessions for you to attend. Visit www.glam.ac.uk/opendays to book your place today or call 08456 434 030.

Fees

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