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## MSc Audit Management and Consultancy (Full-time, block release or flexible distance learning)

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### OVERVIEW

This programme is focused on the professional learning programmes of the Institute of Internal Auditors and is therefore designed primarily for those working or intending to enter careers in internal audit and management consultancy areas. It provides the ideal background for the increasing career opportunities that exist for assurance professionals in a global context following the difficult times for organisations in recent years.

Our students originate from the UK, Europe and over 70 countries, and are predominantly professionals being sponsored by national and multinational companies, financial institutions, government and voluntary organisations, professional accountancy and internal audit practices and consultancy companies. We also attract a high number of students who wish to embark on an internal audit or management consultancy career, particularly in the current job market in which such skills are highly desirable. The course aims to open the door to national and international opportunities and higher management tiers in audit, finance, consultancy and other functional areas.

### COURSE DELIVERY

The course is offered either on a full-time, block release, or a flexible distance learning basis. The full-time duration is 1 year, and the flexible/block release programmes are studied over a period of 3 years.

On the block release programme, students will attend Birmingham City Business School for between 3 to 5 individual week blocks per year, depending on the number of modules being studied. Flexible/distance learning is also available, which is designed to allow study from home, with attendance at the University for revision purposes where possible.

The block release and distance learning programmes can be studied on a modular basis within a timeframe to suit each student's professional and personal circumstances. This now allows European and other international student's further flexibility to attend on a part-time basis, taking full advantage of the opportunities that exist regarding travelling abroad.

The Postgraduate Certificate programme can also be used by European and international students to support training needs for the relevant CIA examinations on a modular basis.

The course offers entry at the MSc stage for professionals with relevant professional experience, qualifications or academic achievement, which is particularly relevant to those holding a CIA or CMIIA qualification.



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## AIMS OF THE MSC AUDIT MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTANCY

The MSc in Audit Management and Consultancy is one of few courses to have been accredited by both the Institute of Internal Auditors UK and Ireland and the Institute of Internal Auditors - Inc as a result of the high quality of the programme. In this respect, the Centre for Internal Audit, Governance and Risk Management at Birmingham City University has been accredited as part of the Internal Audit Education Programme, with students from the programme gaining global recognition in two of the past five years through winning the Esther R Sawyers award in a chosen area of professional study.

Birmingham City Business School prepares students for the Institute of Internal Auditors Diploma and Advanced Diploma examinations. The students passing the Postgraduate Certificate in Audit Management and Consultancy are exempt from certain modules from the Diploma (PIIA) examinations and the Advanced Diploma (MIIA). These are marked with an asterisk in the structure diagram in the course structure section.

Such accreditation has led to the Centre gaining the highest pass rates for first time entrants to the examination process (with students achieving an average combined pass rate through exemption and examination of over 90%).

Birmingham City Business School students wishing to obtain the Institute of Internal Auditors Diploma qualification as well as satisfying the postgraduate certificate assessments are offered exemption by the Institute of Internal Auditors from three examinations and need to sit the examinations for only two subjects: 'Corporate Governance and Risk Management' and 'Internal Audit Practice'.

Programmes are therefore aligned to deliver both academic knowledge and professional experience, and deliver added value to both students and their employers in their work environment.

*Student membership is required of the Institute of Internal Auditors UK and Ireland, which will allow entrance into examinations directly. Similarly, students satisfying the Birmingham City Business School postgraduate diploma assessment in Strategic and Financial Management can also gain exemptions. Precise details of exemptions from the Institute of Internal Auditors examinations at the Diploma and Advanced Diploma stages can be obtained from either the Institute of Internal Auditors directly ([exams@iia.org.uk](mailto:exams@iia.org.uk)) or by emailing the Centre for Internal Audit, Governance, and Risk Management: [mscaudit@bcu.ac.uk](mailto:mscaudit@bcu.ac.uk).*

## COURSE STRUCTURE

### YEAR 1

PgCert in Audit Management and Consultancy  
Corporate Governance and Risk Management  
The Internal Audit Environment\*  
Internal Audit Practice  
Information Systems Auditing\*  
Financial Risk and Controls\*

### YEAR 2

PgDip in Audit Management and Consultancy  
Risk Assurance and Audit Management  
Strategic Management\*  
Advanced Internal Audit Case Study  
Financial Management\*

### YEAR 3

MSc in Audit Management and Consultancy  
Consultancy and Applied Research  
Dissertation

Full details of modular content can be found at [www.bcu.ac.uk/audit](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/audit) or by referring directly to details of the professional syllabus at [www.iaa.org.uk](http://www.iaa.org.uk)

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, including details of fees, modular content, and application details, please contact Professor Robin Pritchard, Head of Centre, or Angela Reynolds, Centre Administrator, using the contact details below.

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