

Accounting and Finance

Undergraduate degree programme
information

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Business School

Accounting and finance at the University of Edinburgh

Welcome to the University of Edinburgh Business School

Contemporary global business, be it for profit or not for profit, is fraught with complexity, tensions and socio-political, economic and cultural challenges. Our degree programmes will prepare you intellectually and practically to embrace these complexities, negotiate tensions and address the wider socio-political and cultural challenges facing contemporary businesses, governments and not for profit organisations.

Alongside you will develop the necessary personal and professional competences required to work across a range of roles central to contemporary business including accountancy and finance, strategy, marketing, human resource management and/or data analytics.

Professor Mary Brennan, Director of Undergraduate Programmes
University of Edinburgh Business School



Edinburgh is definitely one of the best cities to live in. Every corner of the city is distinct, from high end shops to castles, beaches and hills. Being an international student, I have never got tired of the city. There's always somewhere to go, something to do.

Seetha Chandrasekaran

MA (Hons) Accounting & Finance, Year 3

Why choose accounting and finance at Edinburgh?

- **We hold triple accreditation from international ranking bodies** AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA.
- **The Accounting and Finance Group has accreditation arrangements with the six major professional accounting bodies in the UK.** All of our MA accounting-related programmes are accredited by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS), the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA), the Association of International Accountants (AIA) and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).
- **Our exchange programme offers exciting opportunities to study abroad** in Year 3 at one of our partner universities in Asia, Australia and New Zealand, Canada or the USA.
- **Our accounting-related programmes enable students to have the flexibility** of pursuing a double major degree in Accounting and Business, Accounting and Finance, Economics and Accounting, and Law and Accountancy.
- All accounting-related degree programmes were developed to prepare students to successfully achieve their **professional accounting qualifications** and to meet the expectations of the accounting industry specifically as well as the requirements of the general job market.
- **Major accounting firms** as well as other large companies present talks and conduct recruitment activities at the Business School regularly.



Our degree programmes

Honours degree programmes

4 year undergraduate degree programme

MA (Hons) Accounting & Business NN14

MA (Hons) Accounting & Finance NN43

MA (Hons) Finance & Business NN13

LLB Law & Accountancy MN14

MA (Hons) Economics & Accounting LN14



Studying accounting as part of a joint degree

Joint degrees are a great way to study two subjects at the same time, and Edinburgh offers a number of degrees with accounting. A joint degree can offer many benefits:

- A joint degree qualification shows employers that you can work across a range of disciplines.
- You get to study two subjects, have more choice with courses, and flexibility when you graduate.

Watch our video about joint degrees at **edin.ac/joint-degrees**

Introduction to your degree programme

Award

MA honours degree (see page 4 for all our single and joint degree programmes)

Location

University of Edinburgh Central Area

Awarding body

The University of Edinburgh

Duration

4 years (Full time)

Academic year

Comprises 2 semesters:

September to December
January to May

Timetables

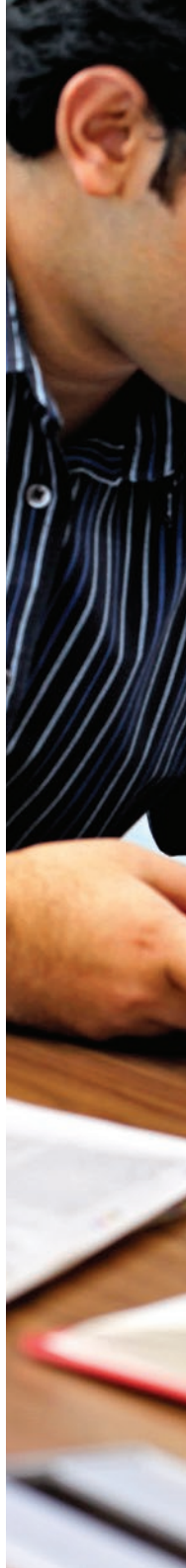
Are usually available after the consultation with your Personal Tutor in week 1, semester 1. Scheduled teaching can take place on any day of the week, but Wednesday afternoons are usually reserved for sport and cultural activity.

Reading lists

Your reading list will be available in September.

Studying abroad

Would you like to spend your third year studying abroad on exchange in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, or North America? The Business School offers a wide range of international experiences, including studying abroad. For more information, see page 14.



The benefits of a four-year degree

Edinburgh offers a flexible four-year honours degree programme which offers a range of advantages.

The added experience and intellectual depth acquired over four years is widely recognised and greatly valued by employers.

If you're studying accounting, you'll also have the option to take accreditation courses which can lead to exemptions from courses set by professional bodies.

The four-year degree offers the opportunity to study abroad in year three.

Your final 'honours' years three and four allow you to focus on your specialties in depth, and the fourth year dissertation – comprising a piece of original research – represents the culmination of your degree and the demonstration of your abilities as an independent scholar.

Detailed degree content

To give you an idea of what you will study on our different degree programmes, the following provides course information and programme structures for 2018 entry for some of our degree programmes. Please note, however, that we regularly review and update our programmes so the degree content and structures for 2019 entry may be different. For up-to-date information, visit the Degree Regulations and Programmes of Study (DRPS) **www.drps.ed.ac.uk**

MA (Hons) Accounting & Finance

Year 1

Compulsory courses

- Accountancy 1A (20 credits)
- Accountancy 1B (20 credits)
- Global Challenges for Business (20 credits)
- Introduction to Financial Markets (20 credits)
- Economic Principles (20 credits)

Option courses

You will study one other course (20 credits): The Business of Edinburgh (20 credits) or Economic Applications (20 credits).

Economics 1 (40 credits) - full year course
- may be chosen instead of Economic Principles (20 credits) and Economic Applications (20 credits).

Year 2

Compulsory courses

- Accountancy 2A (20 credits)
- Accountancy 2B (20 credits)
- Introduction to Corporate Finance (20 credits)
- Business Research Methods I: Introduction to Data Analysis (20 credits)

Option courses

You will also study two other courses (40 credits) including:

- ONE finance Year 2 option (20 credits)
[Applications of Finance (20 credits) or Business Analytics and Information Systems (20 credits) is required for accreditation purposes]
- you may choose ONE course (20 credits) in another subject area, subject to availability [Business Law (20 credits) is required for accreditation purposes]

Year 3

Compulsory courses

- Advanced Financial Accounting (20 credits)
- Auditing (20 credits)
- Management Accounting Applications (20 credits)
- Investment and Securities Markets (20 credits)
- Business Research Methods II: Applications and Analysis (20 credits)
OR Research Methods in Finance* (20 credits)
- Research in Management (0 credits)

Option courses

You will also study ONE Finance course option (20 credits)

*Compulsory for those writing their dissertation in Finance

Year 4

Compulsory courses

- Management Honours Dissertation (40 credits) in accounting OR finance
- Corporate Finance (20 credits)

Option courses

- TWO accounting courses (40 credits)
[Audit Practice is required for accreditation purposes].
- ONE finance course option (20 credits)



MA (Hons) Accounting & Business

Year 1

Compulsory courses

- Accountancy 1A (20 credits)
- Accountancy 1B (20 credits)
- Global Challenges for Business (20 credits)
- The Business of Edinburgh (20 credits)
- Economic Principles* (20 credits)
- Economic Applications* (20 credits)

*Economics 1 (40 credits) - full year course - may be chosen instead of Economics Principles and Economic Applications

Year 2

Compulsory courses

- Accountancy 2A (20 credits)
- Accountancy 2B (20 credits)
- Business Research Methods I: Introduction to Data Analysis (20 credits)

Option courses

You will also study three other courses (60 credits) including:

- TWO business Year 2 options (40 credits) [Principles of Finance (20 credits) is required for accreditation purposes]
- you should choose ONE course (20 credits) in another subject area, subject to availability [Business Law (20 credits) is required for accreditation purposes]

Year 3

Compulsory courses

- Advanced Financial Accounting (20 credits)
- Auditing (20 credits)
- Management Accounting Applications (20 credits)
- Strategic Management (20 credits)
- Business Research Methods II: Introduction to Data Analysis (20 credits)
- Research in Management (0 credits)

Option courses

You will also study ONE other course in business (20 credits)

[Investment and Securities Markets (20 credits) or Futures and Options (20 credits) are required for accreditation purposes]

Year 4

Compulsory courses

Management Honours Dissertation (40 credits) in accounting OR business

Option courses

- TWO accounting courses (40 credits) [Audit Practice (20 credits) is required for accreditation purposes]
- TWO business course options (40 credits)

MA (Hons) Finance & Business

Year 1

Compulsory courses

- Accountancy 1A (20 credits)
- Accountancy 1B (20 credits)
- Global Challenges for Business (20 credits)
- Introduction to Financial Markets (20 credits)
- The Business of Edinburgh (20 credits)

Option courses

You will study one other course (20 credits) in business or another subject area, subject to availability.

Year 2

Compulsory courses

- Introduction to Corporate Finance (20 credits)
- Business Research Methods I: Introduction to Data Analysis (20 credits)
- Applications of Finance (20 credits)

Option courses

- ONE business Year 2 course option (20 credits)
- You should choose TWO courses (40 credits) in business or other subject areas, subject to availability and pre-requisite requirements.

Year 3

Compulsory courses

- Strategic Management (20 credits)
- Business Research Methods II: Applications and Analysis (20 credits) OR Research Methods in Finance* (20 credits)
- Research in Management (0 credits)

*Compulsory for those writing the Dissertation in Finance

Option courses

- TWO finance course options (40 credits)
- TWO business course options (40 credits)

Year 4

Compulsory courses

- Management Honours Dissertation (40 credits) in finance or business
- Corporate Finance (20 credits)

Option courses

- ONE finance course option (20 credits)
- TWO business course options (40 credits)

Sample Year 1 timetable

The following timetable is an example of a student studying MA (Hons) Accounting & Finance. Please note that timetables and courses do change – the timetable below is included to give you an idea of how your time might be spent in Year 1.

Semester 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0900 - 0950					
1000 - 1050	Accountancy Helpdesk (optional)		Accounting PALs (Peer-Assisted Learning) (optional)		
1110 - 1200	Accountancy 1A	Accountancy 1A		Accountancy 1A	Accountancy 1A
1210 - 1300		Economic Principles		Global Challenges for Business	BizPALs (Peer-Assisted Learning) (optional)
1310 - 1400		Global Challenges for Business			Economic Principles
1410 - 1500		Global Challenges for Business (Two-hour workshop/seminar)			
1510 - 1600	Global Challenges for Business			Global Challenges for Business	

 Main degree courses

 Lecture

 Tutorial

Teaching

Types of teaching

In first and second year teaching is mostly conducted in large lectures and small groups called tutorials, where you will have the chance to discuss topics in greater detail.

Lectures comprise up to 330 students and tutorials normally comprise around 15-20 students. Usually you will have around 12-14 contact hours per week.

In third and fourth year the emphasis shifts to more specialised, seminar-based courses (typical average class sizes are between 30-80 students) and independent study.

Assessment

In first and second year you will be assessed by a mix of continuous assessment, essays, group work and exams. In third and fourth year you will be assessed by a mix of essays, group work and exams. In your final year you will conduct your own research and produce a 15,000 word dissertation, with one-to-one supervision from a member of academic staff.

Support

When you arrive you will be assigned a personal tutor who can offer assistance and advice

throughout your academic journey, including advice on choosing your courses, what to do when you need to take time out, or need advice when personal circumstances affect your work.

The School actively works with a number of business-focused student societies, which every year recruit new members and put on a range of events and competitions to help students develop their professional skills and networks. Our BizPALS (peer-assisted learning support) scheme goes from strength to strength in supporting new students' academic skills development and transition into university life.

Facilities

The Business School is based on Buccleuch Place, close to the University Library and Students' Association buildings. Your teaching will take place in the heart of the city in the central campus where you'll have 24 hour access to state of the art computer equipment. The Business School has its own café and social space where you can relax with friends or study over a coffee.

Study abroad

Would you like to spend your third year studying abroad on exchange in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, or North America? The Business School offers a wide range of international experiences, including studying abroad.

Living and studying abroad will give you the opportunity to try new things, learn a language, take on new challenges and enhance your academic perspective. You will visit new places and meet new people. Your self-confidence will improve and you will develop valuable skills for the future, all of which are highly valued by employers.

All Business School students have the option of studying abroad in their third year. You will need a strong academic performance in Year 1 (minimum first year average 55-60%) to be offered a place at one of our partner universities/business schools.

For more information:

**[www.business-school.ed.ac.uk/
undergraduate/study-abroad](http://www.business-school.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/study-abroad)**

www.ed.ac.uk/global/exchanges

Business School partner universities

We offer study abroad opportunities with a broad range of universities many of which have accreditation from international ranking bodies including AACSB and EQUIS. Some of our partner universities are listed below. Please note that our partnerships can change and the list of universities available may be different from year to year.

Australia and New Zealand

- University of Sydney
- University of Melbourne
- University of Queensland
- University of Otago, Dunedin

Asia

- University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China
- University of Hong Kong
- Korea University, Seoul

North America

- McGill University, Montreal
- University of British Columbia, Vancouver
- Babson College, Massachusetts
- Emory University, Atlanta
- University of Toronto
- Queen's University, Kingston
- University of Texas at Austin

Study abroad: at a glance

- Around 50 exchange partner universities worldwide
- Over 100 exchange places available to Business School students each year
- 80-90 Business School third year students study abroad each year – around one-third of the student cohort
- Business School students have the opportunity to meet students from our partner universities who are studying abroad on exchange in Edinburgh



“ My experience at UBC in Vancouver has been so rewarding. I have had so many opportunities to travel around Canada and have fantastic new experiences like hiking in nearby mountains and zip lining above Vancouver. By being completely immersed in a different culture and learning environment, my boundaries have been stretched this year and I will be coming back to Edinburgh with a new perspective, more independence and a more global mindset.

Zoe Westerduin

MA (Hons) Business Management
Year Abroad at The University of
British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
(2017-18)

The Careers Service

The University's Careers Service looks to enhance your university experience from the moment you arrive.

We're here to inspire and empower you to be the best you can be and to fully develop your potential. We support you to gain experience that will enhance your personal development and employability, alongside your academic studies.

In an increasingly competitive employment environment, we offer many opportunities to gain the skills and experience that will ensure you are as well prepared as possible to achieve a satisfying and rewarding future.

The Business School works closely with a dedicated careers consultant to develop activities as part of and outside your taught programme to enhance your personal and professional skills development.

Our services

- Targeted information resources, sessions and one-to-ones.
- Information and advice: in person via our drop-in centre in the Main Library and available 24/7 via our websites, blogs and social media.
- Careers consultations.
- CV and applications advice.

- Careers events: job fairs and themed events including volunteering, creative careers, sustainability, IT, and much more.

www.ed.ac.uk/careers

Information and advice

- Volunteering opportunities within the University and beyond it.
- Go Abroad opportunities.
- The Edinburgh Award - get recognition on your final transcript for additional work and extracurricular activities you've been part of during your time with us.
- Part-time and vacation jobs information, internships and graduate jobs, and more, via our dedicated jobs site:

<https://mycareerhub.ed.ac.uk>

Alumni profile



“ The international reputation and the diversity of its student community drew me to the University of Edinburgh. I particularly liked the balance between the academic side, where you can build up your technical skills, and the non-academic side, including career networking opportunities. There were plenty of opportunities to build up my soft skills including leadership and communication skills, and I was able to put these into practice in my role as Business School Council Convenor.

I am currently working as an associate consultant in PwC Malaysia and am also studying towards the CIMA professional qualification. My main responsibility includes assisting my clients to determine the best value from an M&A activity. My assignments on my degree, especially in financial systems analysis, prepared me to encounter all sorts of accounting issues in my job.

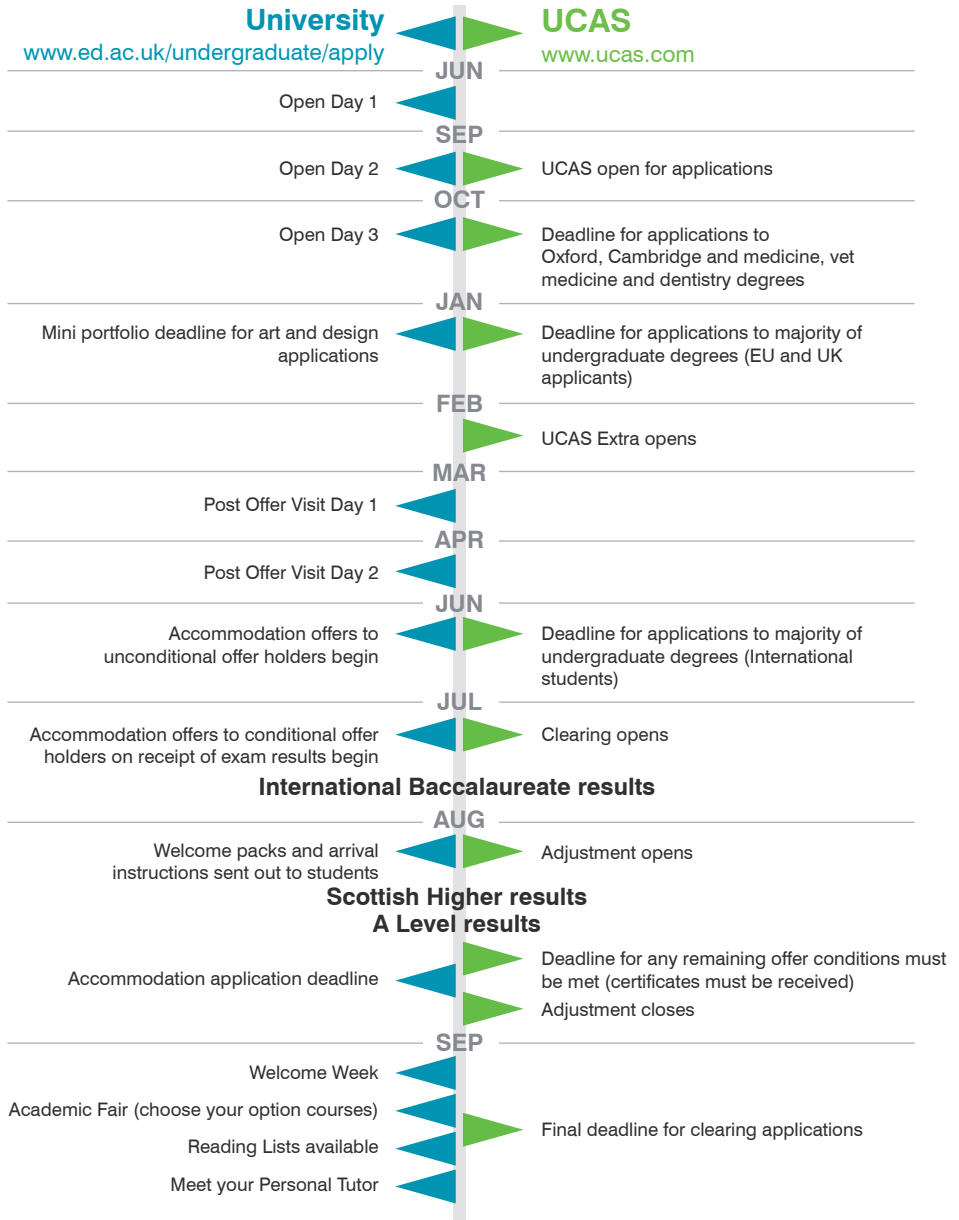
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Accounting and Finance (2017)

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Application timeline



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FAQs

Where do I find degree listings, course information and entry requirements?

www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees

Where can I find out about accommodation?

www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation

Where do I find out about applying?

www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply

Where do I find out about my offer?

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/my-offer

Where do I apply and track my application?

www.UCAS.com

What financial support can I apply for?

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding

What information can I get about facilities and support services?

www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/facilities

Where can I find out about sports facilities?

www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/sport

Where can I find out more about transport in and around the city?

www.transportforedinburgh.com

What do your students think?

www.edin.ac/student-life



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by our world-class city

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