



## MSc Accounting and Finance (TOP-UP)





## About the Programme

The MSc Accounting and Finance top-up degree is a fast-track course that will give you the opportunity to demonstrate your existing skills and knowledge of the sector at postgraduate level. The course will expose you to contemporary debates and technologies around current trends in accounting and finance, setting you up with new professional attributes suited to a wide range of industry roles. Those with fully qualified accounting status from prior study with the ACCA, CIMA, or ICAEW only need to complete the final module from our regular degree to graduate with a master's.

## Accreditation and Memberships



### BGA Membership

Arden University is a member of the Business Graduates Association (BGA), meaning students will receive complementary BGA membership.



### AACSB Membership

Arden University is a member of the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

## Key Facts

- **Location:** Blended
- **Start dates:** Every 3 months
- **Part time:** 1 year+

# Entry Requirements

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- You must be fully qualified as a member of a professional accounting body (such as the ACCA, CIMA, ICAEW, or equivalent professional body) within the past ten years.
- IELTS 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element); or TOEFL iBT 90; or equivalent; Alternatively, we can accept evidence that you have previously studied in English.

## Programme Highlights

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- Apply contemporary accounting and finance principles to real world business cases.
- Critically evaluate new developments and challenges within the sector and draw up your own strategic solutions.
- Develop skills in digital analysis and data handling relevant to today's FinTech sector.
- Explore new technologies and innovations suited for a wide selection of accounting and finance roles.

## Course Module Details

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### Level 7 core modules

#### **Financial Management Project (60 credits)**

Accounting and finance (financial management) is currently being transformed by new digitally enabled processes including digital ledgers, block chains, crypto currencies, cloud computing, and other fintech. These innovations create opportunities for organisations to transform financial management practices, garner competitive advantages, and improve operational efficiencies. The final financial management project gives you the opportunity to investigate one of these areas of new technology, practice, or accounting convention. You will be required to research your topic thoroughly using multiple sources, developing a research project that discusses the strategic contribution of the new technology or practice to the accounting and finance domain.

## Career Progression

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- Financial Analyst
- Business Planner
- Accountant
- FinTech Careers
- Blockchain Designer



## Why Study With Arden University?

At Arden University we believe everyone, everywhere has the right to gain the life and career benefits that higher education can bring. We are dedicated to making the university experience convenient and accessible to ambitious and motivated individuals worldwide.

Our mission is to connect adult learners like you with higher education study opportunities that give you the tools you need to fulfil your career and life goals. We challenge conventional perceptions of degree study by providing flexible, vocational courses with timetables and learning options that fit around your life commitments.

As an education provider that is not constrained by bricks and mortar or traditions, we are able to offer courses that are innovative, affordable, and which help students and employers reap the benefits of contemporary training and skills development. Arden is the university that comes to you, on your terms, helping you achieve the life and professional success you want.

# Industry Skills

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## The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)



Our course is closely aligned with the knowledge and skills expected by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), helping to prepare you for further study with the institute. Graduates can apply directly to CIMA after completing this degree and may be able to claim exemptions, which are assessed by CIMA. The MSc also provides a strong academic foundation to progress towards CIMA's professional pathways, supporting your career in management accounting.

Additionally, CIMA's Gateway route gives our MSc graduates the opportunity to claim some exemptions and fast track their CIMA journey.

## Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)



This course is designed in line with the Strategic Professional Level syllabus of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), giving you the advanced knowledge and skills to prepare for further study with ACCA. Graduates may also be able to claim exemptions, which are assessed directly by ACCA. By combining Arden assessments with the skills required by ACCA, you'll be equipped to progress towards professional qualifications alongside your degree.

## Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)

The Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute is a global association of investment professionals that awards the CFA designation to candidates who successfully complete Levels I, II, and III of the CFA programme.

Our course is recognised as a valid entry criterion for the CFA programme. This means that upon graduation, you'll be eligible to apply for CFA and begin working towards one of the most respected qualifications in global investment and financial management.

## Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) membership



Arden University is a member of the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). AACSB International is a global association of leaders in education and business dedicated to supporting and advancing quality business education worldwide.

This membership reflects the fact that Arden University has successfully matched the high standards required by the AACSB, and enables the sharing of ideas and the exchange best practises between global business schools. Membership also gives our faculty members access to in-depth data and research to support the development of our courses and teaching methods, ensuring that we are able to provide you with the best possible university experience.

## Business Graduates Association (BGA)



The BGA is a membership and quality assurance body. As a member, Arden University have signed up to the BGA Charter, committing their institution to responsible management practices and lifelong learning, positively impacting their students, communities, and the economy. This shows our students that we are demonstrating responsible management ourselves, as well as it being a central theme that runs through our own courses.

As Arden University is a member of the Business Graduates Association (BGA), students will receive complementary BGA student and graduate membership. Through this membership, current students will have access to the BGA Career Development Centre, packed with interactive tools, e-learning content, partner discounts and the latest job opportunities. This is a lifetime access, which means students will continue to have access to these services even after they graduate.

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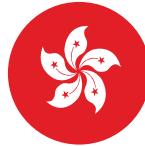
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