

# ACCOUNTING, FINANCE & ECONOMICS

Located in one of the world's main financial and business centres, Westminster Business School is internationally facing, professional and research engaged. We have been selected as one of the few postgraduate Centres of Excellence in financial markets by the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI). Our recently updated Accounting course offers up to nine exemptions from Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) papers (the highest available on a degree-level course) and is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). These give you a great platform to become a Chartered Global Management Accountant.

## Teaching and learning

These courses will provide an intensive learning of the theories and applied aspects of accounting, finance and economics, together with analysis to aid management decision making. You will be based at our modern Marylebone Campus, where facilities include our purpose-built Financial Markets Suite. This utilises the Bloomberg platform to provide a state-of-the-art teaching resource, giving you first-hand exposure to technology widely adopted in leading financial institutions. We have developed strong links with some of London's most successful and innovative businesses, giving you the chance to learn from practising professionals and establish your own contacts and networking opportunities while still a student.

## Employability

You can choose to spend your third year on an industrial placement, extending your degree to four years, gaining valuable practical experience and enhancing your employability. From Goldman Sachs and BMW to the Universal Music Group and the Walt Disney Company, our students have been able to apply the skills and techniques they have learned in some of the world's best-known businesses and corporations. Alternatively, you can opt to study abroad for a year at one of our partner institutions. The skills and knowledge you acquire will open up a range of opportunities, helping you to build your career in areas such as financial accounting, management accounting, commercial and investment banking, risk tracking, private wealth management, and financial planning.

See also: Business & Management p68



89% of our Accounting graduates are in professional work or further studies within six months of graduating



Images of the Westminster Business School study spaces and the Bloomberg Suite

Data from KIS, Key Information Set 2016



## ACCOUNTING

Accounting BSc Honours  
Accounting with Professional Experience  
BSc Honours  
Accounting with International Experience  
BSc Honours

**Length of course:** Three years full-time; four years full-time with work placement or study abroad

**UCAS code:** N4N2

**Campus:** Marylebone (See p26)

**Typical offer for September 2017:** A Levels – BBB; International Baccalaureate – 28 points; Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended National Diploma – DDM; GCSE minimum Grade C in Maths and English. See also entry requirements on p201.



This course will give you the key accounting and financial skills employers are looking for as well as broader business and management expertise. You will develop a detailed knowledge of the applied aspects of accounting, together with the team-working, problem-solving, communication skills and commercial awareness which companies need in a complex global business world. The course offers up to nine exemptions from Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) papers (the highest available on a degree-level course) and is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). There is considerable flexibility in the accounting areas in which you might choose to specialise, including subjects such as corporate governance, taxation and company law. You can also study a foreign language each year, and develop practical skills through the use of accounting software such as Sage, and the Financial Market Suite.

For module information and further details, please visit: [westminster.ac.uk/accounting-finance-and-economics](http://westminster.ac.uk/accounting-finance-and-economics)



"I was highly impressed by the integration of academic degrees with professional qualifications, which meant that I could become a part-qualified chartered accountant by the time I graduated."

**Marwa Mohamed**  
Accounting with Management BSc Honours  
(now Accounting BSc Honours), graduate

## BUSINESS ECONOMICS

Business Economics BSc Honours  
Business Economics with Professional  
Experience BSc Honours  
Business Economics with International  
Experience BSc Honours

**Length of course:** Three years full-time; four years full-time with work placement or study abroad

**UCAS code:** L114

**Campus:** Marylebone (See p26)

**Typical offer for September 2017:** A Levels – BBB; International Baccalaureate – 28 points; Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended National Diploma – DDM; GCSE minimum Grade C in Maths and English. See also entry requirements on p201.



An in-depth understanding of economics and the unique insights it offers into how individuals, firms and organisations operate is invaluable in a complex and rapidly changing world; so too is the ability to communicate that knowledge. This course combines a thorough grounding in the discipline of economics, with a range of practical skills required in professional life and for postgraduate studies.

You will develop your ability to apply economic reasoning to real-world issues, using appropriate methods of economic analysis to inform decision making, solve business problems, and contribute to the design and implementation of economic policy. You will extend your skills in accessing and exploring data, quantitative analysis and forecasting, applying these in a global context and becoming aware of the social, environmental and ethical context in which economic decisions are made. In addition, many graduates use their analytic ability in careers in finance and accounting.

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"The course has an excellent reputation among the business community, and prepares students for a broad variety of career paths."

**Rob Mitson**  
Business Economics BSc Honours, graduate

## FINANCE

Finance BSc Honours  
Finance with Professional Experience  
BSc Honours  
Finance with International Experience  
BSc Honours

**Length of course:** Three years full-time; four years full-time with work placement or study abroad

**UCAS code:** N3N2

**Campus:** Marylebone (See p26)

**Typical offer for September 2017:** A Levels – BBC; International Baccalaureate – 28 points; Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended National Diploma – DMM; GCSE minimum Grade C in Maths and English. See also entry requirements on p201.



The Finance BSc Honours will enable you to develop your understanding of modern finance theories and applications. The course enhances your analytical abilities, together with the team-working, problem-solving, communication skills and commercial awareness needed in a complex global financial environment.

You will gain a broader understanding of the socio-economic, legal and professional environment within which finance operates. A unique feature of the course is the opportunity to use Westminster Business School's Financial Markets Suite, which utilises the Bloomberg platform and shows you how the financial markets operate in real time. The skills and knowledge you develop will open up job opportunities in areas such as asset financing, banking, financial planning, hedge funds, investment analysis, risk management, stockbroking, wealth management and treasury.

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"The study programme always challenges us to apply the latest theoretical models to current financial events. Staff are also professional, experienced and supportive."

**Tharntharn Sapsaman**  
Finance with Management BSc Honours  
(now Finance BSc Honours), graduate