



University of
BRISTOL

Undergraduate study

Accounting and Finance



Key highlights



Career advantage

We are the 4th most targeted university by leading UK graduate employers (High Fliers Research 2020) and our graduate career destinations include KPMG, PwC, EY, Deloitte, Capita and many others.



Professional mentoring

Connect with a finance professional or accountant in industry through our Professional Liaison Network mentoring scheme. They also arrange 'insight talks' by accounting and finance graduates from organisations such as the Bank of England and Hargreaves Lansdown.



Cutting-edge learning

Our new BSc Finance course has an emphasis on data analysis and visualisation skills and is one of the first in the UK to cover new and disruptive forms of finance at undergraduate level.

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Why study accounting and finance at Bristol?

We have a reputation for producing high-quality graduates with strong quantitative skills and a global outlook.* Our industry relevant courses are accredited by professional accountancy bodies ICAEW, ACCA and CIMA and combine theoretical and technical education with an understanding of how to tackle the many questions and challenges faced by those working in finance today.

We are rare among research-intensive UK universities in showing our commitment to teaching by establishing a distinct teaching-focussed (rather than research-active) career path for academics. This means that student learning comes first. We also pride ourselves in having small class sizes on most courses.

What you will study

We will provide you with a rigorous education in accounting and finance, but we also ensure you gain a solid foundation in economics and mathematics. We offer a wide range of optional units, meaning you can either broaden your study beyond accounting and finance or tailor your degree to your own interests within those disciplines.

In the first year you will develop your skills across the core disciplines of accounting, economics, finance and mathematics, as well as choosing at least one optional unit. In year two you will study financial accounting, management accounting and finance in more depth, learning more advanced theory and techniques alongside optional units.

There is greater flexibility and choice available when selecting optional units in your final year. You may choose to specialise and strengthen your skills in a particular area, or keep your options open and follow a broader path.

We offer you the opportunity to combine your accounting and finance studies with economics or management. You can also choose to extend your degree to four years, spending your third year studying in English overseas, or take one of our Professional Placement degrees and spend a year working in a financial environment.

*The Departments of Accounting and Finance and Management were together ranked sixth in the UK for research impact in *THE* analysis of REF 2014.

Sample units may include:

- Economic Principles
- Globalisation and Development
- History of Economic Thought
- Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability
- Organisational Crime and Corruption
- Digital Finance
- Behavioural Finance.

Find out more

Entry requirements, course structure and units
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'I love the vibe of the city – my friends living elsewhere in the UK always want to visit me in Bristol, and the lecturers are amazing!'

Amy (BSc Accounting and Finance)



While our graduates go on to work all over the globe, Bristol is home to offices of many large financial organisations including PwC, EY, KPMG and Deloitte. The independent and entrepreneurial culture of the city also makes it a magnet for startups. The city offers exciting career opportunities, including placements, mentoring and professional skills development.



Career destinations

Business Technology Analyst
Financial Services Manager
Accounts Associate
Auditor
Assurance Graduate



Choose to study abroad for a year as part of your course, or explore options for short-term overseas opportunities to help enrich your experience.



In the Bloomberg Room, students can gain hands-on experience with software used throughout the global financial services industry.

Courses

BSc Accounting and Finance /
BSc Accounting and Finance with Professional Placement /
BSc Accounting and Finance with Study Abroad

BSc Accounting and Management /
BSc Accounting and Management with Professional Placement /
BSc Accounting and Management with Study Abroad

BSc Economics and Accounting /
BSc Economics and Accounting with Professional Placement /
BSc Economics and Accounting with Study Abroad

BSc Finance

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