

BA (Hons) Accountancy & Financial Management (Final Year Top-Up)

Benefits

The programme offers the following benefits to students:

- Besides studying only accounting and finance, students are exposed to a broader spectrum of business themes, including managing projects, contemporary issues in business like corporate governance, corporate social responsibility, small & medium enterprises
- Students will be able to appreciate the role of finance in any of these broader business themes which will help them in their workplace or further educational pursuits
- Allows progression onto further qualifications, such as the ACCA Diploma in Financial Management and/or MA in Finance

Course Description

The BA (Hons) Accountancy and Financial Management is designed to allow the key areas of accounting and financial management to be integrated within a business context. You will be encouraged to evaluate the ways that module ideas can be used to improve your understanding of the financial management of business and the role of the manager as one who is responsible for financial resources. The programme also generates integrative ways of looking at work problems.

Qualification / Awarding Body

On successful completion of this programme, you will be awarded the BA (Hons) Accountancy and Financial Management

Awarding Body: University of Sunderland

Mode

Text-based distance learning

Course Content (modules)

The top-up programme comprises six modules. No exemptions are available for this programme.

1. Financial management
You will examine and critically evaluate the key strategic decisions that a business may have to make and appreciate how accounting and finance can assist in making and evaluating those decisions. You will gain an understanding of specific analytical skills in key decision areas within strategy and finance at local and international levels. You will also gain an understanding of the limitations of the current state of financial theory in making strategic business decisions.
2. Strategic management accounting
You will critically evaluate a range of key strategic management accounting models and concepts. You will gain an understanding of specific analytical skills in key areas within management accounting at local and international levels. You will also gain an understanding of the role and limitations of management accounting theory.
3. Business modelling for decision-makers
You will examine the key models used to aid decision-making and profit maximisation in business organisations. This will include an examination of linear programming models, project planning and planning networks, inventory control, modelling for decision-making and simulations. You will examine these in the context of maximising the financial efficiency and effectiveness of the business.
4. International financial reporting
You will gain an appreciation of the current key issues in international financial reporting. You will gain an understanding of the conceptual framework as a paradigm for accounting.

You will evaluate the uses and limits of financial information. You will also analyse and interpret financial reports for strategic decision-making.

5. Managing projects

This module will enable you to understand the processes of project planning, financing and implementation using a variety of techniques covering:

Effective project definition
Activity and time planning
Cost and quality evaluations
Risk management
Management and leadership of project teams

This module will introduce a good mix of operational skills and analysis of major strategic projects from around the world. This is an integrative module drawing down from a range of business functions and skills typical of the way businesses are increasingly being managed today.

6. Contemporary developments in business and management

You will explore some of the key issues of enterprise including: innovation, effective corporate governance and social responsibility. You will then review the effective management of knowledge and intellectual capital of the organisation. This module also examines the contribution that small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) make to the economy in terms of innovation and knowledge creation.

Assessment

The BA Top-Up programme is assessed by the following methods:

- One examinations – after studying modules 2
- Three written assignments – after studying module 1, 4 and 5
- Two reports – after studying module 3 and 6

Duration of Programme

Minimum 12 months for the University of Sunderland BA Top-Up. However, this programme is flexible and can be extended to a maximum of five years.

What's included

All study materials, core textbooks and student handbooks are supplied. You will be allocated a tutor for academic support from the UK by RDI on request, whom you can contact by telephone and email. You will also have access to an online Virtual Campus administered by RDI.

In Mauritius, you will have access to a programme coordinator at PTC for administrative support. You are allowed to attend all tutorial sessions organised by PTC.

Entry Requirements

A relevant higher qualification, with as a business/finance subject or equivalent. The HND Business (Finance) allows direct entry to this programme. Equivalent qualifications may be considered subject to the student completing one of more HND bridging modules before commencing the BAAFM modules.

Enrolment Dates

Four intakes in a year – January, April, July and October.