

## Changes to previous information

During the global COVID-19 pandemic, we prioritised the health, wellbeing and safety of our students and staff.

As we start the new academic year, your health, wellbeing and safety remains our top priority. This means when we return to our campuses and buildings in September 2020 social distancing and other health and safety measures will be in place. This is to help keep you, and others around you, safe. We will respond to the requirements of vulnerable students regarding their personal safety on an individual basis.

We remain committed to delivering an outstanding education and student experience both on campus and online. Like most universities, we'll be providing a mix of on-site face-to-face and digital learning and teaching. The exact mix will vary between courses and course modules taking into account teaching requirements and other considerations such as meeting the safety of vulnerable staff.

It is important to emphasise that a face-to-face, on-site experience will be delivered within the Government and Public Health England guidance and providing there are no serious unforeseeable public health issues that result in the Government introducing further lockdown measures.

Our response to the pandemic means we may have made changes to your course. This is to take account of these important health and safety measures.

We ask you to read the information provided about course changes carefully. We detail what we include in our online prospectus and explain what has changed.

You should read our statement of changes alongside any information provided in videos, at open days or in other promotional materials. This is because the information may also have been affected by the changes we had to make. We are providing this information so you can make an informed choice about whether the course remains suitable for you.

When you register for your course, you will be asked to confirm you have read about our changes and you agree to them. It means that by choosing to continue with your application, and register with us, you accept these changes and are happy to study your course with us.

We really look forward to seeing you in the next academic year. In the meantime, if you want to find out more about University life from this September, and being part of our supportive and welcoming community, please visit our [September 2020 web pages](#).

### Current published course related information

Course title	Accounting and Finance	No change
Award level	BSc - Single honours only	No change
<b>How do you want to study?</b>		
Start Date	Sept 2020	No change
Modes of study	Full-time Full-time with a professional placement Part-time	No change
Duration	Full-time 3 years Full-time with professional placement 4 years Part-time 6 years	No change
UCAS code	N405 NN4J – with professional placement	No change
Location	Canterbury	No change
Partner institution	N/A	No change
Available with a Foundation Year	Yes	No change
<b>Overview</b>		
	<p><b>Study a course which will give you a solid grounding in the challenges of managing organisations, information technology and analytical skills alongside finance and accounting.</b></p> <p>You'll benefit from Christ Church Business School's extensive links with industry. Guest speakers are regularly invited to share their knowledge with our students, and our 'Business Futures' weeks offer the chance to connect with businesses.</p> <p>You'll have excellent opportunities to undertake work placements, supported by a dedicated placement officer.</p> <p>We recognise the importance of professional body accreditation and the course is structured to allow you to gain exemptions from major accounting bodies.</p>	<p><b>Study a course which will give you a solid grounding in the challenges of managing organisations, information technology and analytical skills alongside finance and accounting.</b></p> <p>You'll benefit from Christ Church Business School's extensive links with industry. Guest speakers are regularly invited to share their knowledge with our students, and our 'Business Futures' weeks offer the chance to connect with businesses.</p> <p>You'll have excellent opportunities to undertake work placements, supported by a dedicated placement officer, although because of Covid-19 such experience may be restricted and entail</p>

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### Why study Accounting and Finance?

	<p>Our experienced team has created an engaging course which captures the diversity of the national and global dimensions of finance and accounting, so you'll be prepared for all kinds of roles in industry, practice, the service sector or self-employment.</p> <p>You'll have the opportunity to apply for exemptions from major accounting bodies, such as ACCA, ICAEW, CIMA, CIPFA, and CPA Australia, and you'll develop specialist accounting knowledge, critical analysis and interpersonal skills during lectures, seminars, workshops and through a variety of assessments. You can test your skills in a real business environment in our Bloomberg Trading Room, which recreates the high-energy City of London trading environment. This will give you the opportunity learn the language of finance, discover the inner workings of the markets, and stand out to recruiters with "Bloomberg Certification" Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC) on your CV. This is free for our students and you can take this during your studies.</p>	<p>Our experienced team has created an engaging course which captures the diversity of the national and global dimensions of finance and accounting, so you'll be prepared for all kinds of roles in industry, practice, the service sector or self-employment.</p> <p>You'll have the opportunity to apply for exemptions from major accounting bodies, such as ACCA, ICAEW, CIMA, CIPFA, and CPA Australia, and you'll develop specialist accounting knowledge, critical analysis and interpersonal skills during lectures, seminars, workshops and through a variety of assessments. You can test your skills in a real business environment through our Christ Church Trading Floor, which recreates the high-energy City of London trading environment. This will give you the opportunity learn the language of finance, discover the inner workings of the markets, and stand out to recruiters with "Bloomberg Certification" Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC) on your CV. This is free for our students and you can take</p>
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Entry requirements	A typical offer would be 88-112 UCAS Tariff points. GCSE mathematics at grade C, or above (or equivalent) is required. This course can also be studied over four years with an additional foundation year (Year 0).	No change
<b>About the course</b>		
	<p>The first year of the degree provides a solid grounding in the challenges of managing organisations and information technology, and you will start to develop the analytical skills needed for employment. The core modules in Years 2 and 3 will prepare you for a professional career in accounting and finance and the optional modules will allow you to gain a broader understanding of the business world.</p> <p>You'll explore areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• economics</li> <li>• financial accounting</li> <li>• management accounting.</li> </ul> <p>You'll have the opportunity to spend a year on a professional work placement, supported by a dedicated placement officer within the Business School. You can also take the Work-based Learning module in Year 2 to help develop your skills in securing a work placement or internship.</p>	<p>The first year of the degree provides a solid grounding in the challenges of managing organisations and information technology, and you will start to develop the analytical skills needed for employment. The core modules in Years 2 and 3 will prepare you for a professional career in accounting and finance and the optional modules will allow you to gain a broader understanding of the business world.</p> <p>You'll explore areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• economics</li> <li>• financial accounting</li> <li>• management accounting.</li> </ul> <p>You'll have the opportunity to spend a year on a professional work placement, supported by a dedicated placement officer within the Business School, although because of Covid-19 such experience may be restricted and entail working from home, depending upon the external organisation's policies at the time. You can also take the Work-based Learning module in Year 2 to help develop your skills in securing a work placement or internship.</p>
<p><b>Module information</b></p> <p>Please note that the list of optional modules and their availability may be subject to change. We continually review and where appropriate, revise the range of modules on offer to reflect changes in the subject and ensure the best student experience. Modules will vary when studied in combination with another subject.</p>		

Core year 1		
	<p>Introduction to Financial Accounting Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module provides you with an understanding of accounting with a focus on limited liability companies. You'll be introduced to key accounting topics including double entry and you'll learn how to prepare financial statements for primate limited companies.</p>	No change
	<p>Economics Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll explore the fundamental economic issues stemming from the scarcity of resources. The relationship between business and the economic problem is analysed by means of micro and macroeconomic models to equip you with an understanding of decision-making at the levels of the market, the firm and the nation.</p>	No change
	<p>Business and Information Analysis Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module is designed to help you develop a range of statistical and computing skills.</p>	No change
	<p>Managing People in Organisations Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module focuses on the behavioural aspects of people management in organisations. By the end of the module, you'll be able to evaluate objectively and understand organisational behavioural situations and determine the best course of action from a range of perspectives.</p>	No change
	<p>Introduction to Management Accounting Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to develop an understanding of the sources and uses of accounting information within organisations. You'll develop a sound understanding of the cost accounting and decision-making techniques of management accounting and the role of accounting control systems in organisations.</p>	No change
	<p>Academic and Professional Skills for the Business Context Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module provides you with an introduction to business concepts and models, and the information sources needed to research, analyse and apply these concepts to the practice of business. It includes an overview of contemporary and emerging business themes including the changing macro-environment,</p>	No change

	emergence of new economies and inter-relatedness of the global trade, the structure and organisation of different industry sectors e.g. services, SMEs. You'll learn about sustainability, enterprise, innovation, corporate social responsibility and the impacts of globalisation on different business sectors.	
Optional year 1		
	N/A	No change
Core year 2		
	International Financial Reporting Core module - (20 Credits) You'll study advanced topics in financial accounting and will develop knowledge and skills in understanding and applying accounting standards, particularly in the preparation of financial statements of entities, including groups.	No change
	Management Accounting Core module - (20 Credits) You'll study the fundamental concepts and techniques of management accounting and how to apply these techniques in an appropriate way. You'll also learn how to critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of these techniques. You'll explore how management accounting information may be used for the purposes of planning, decision making, performance measurement and control within organisations, to further the organisation's strategic objectives.	No change
	Foundations of Finance Core module - (20 Credits) You'll examine how practical techniques and tools are used within a corporate setting. This will involve exploring the principles of financial management in maximising shareholder wealth. You'll focus on the sources of finance and appraisal techniques of investment projects. You'll also learn how decisions on capital structure and management, along with dividend policy, impact on company valuation.	No change
	Employability Skills Core module - (20 Credits) This module develops your skills in seeking and obtaining a work placement or internship of a minimum of three weeks' duration. The overall aim is for you to develop skills to help you succeed in a graduate role.	Employability Skills Core module - (20 Credits) This module develops your skills in seeking and obtaining a placement or graduate job in a range of organisations and sectors. It looks at what employers are expecting and requiring for different job

		roles and how you can demonstrate this across a range of media platforms.
Optional year 2		
	<p>Corporate and Business Law Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll learn about the general legal framework, and specific legal areas relating to business, so you're able to recognise when it is necessary seek further specialist legal advice. You'll also explore compliance with the codes of ethics for professional accountants.</p>	No change
	<p>Human Resources Management Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll analyse human resource management concepts, operational human resource activities and responsibilities, and will relate these to a range of organisational contexts.</p>	No change
	<p>Digital Business Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll explore the impact of emerging information and communication technologies on business activities. You'll study how technologies, and in particular data, can be deployed to enhance business activities.</p>	No change
	<p>Management and Leadership Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll explore: the context within which management and leadership takes place; the historical context within which the fundamental principles of management arise; the context of the external environment which impacts on organisational strategy and may cause ambiguity in relation to organisational objectives, policies, working practices, ethical considerations and management approaches. You'll also explore a range of different perspectives on management and leadership with focus on particular managerial/leadership issues that lead to ambiguities and problems.</p>	No change
	<p>Innovation and Enterprise Management Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to provide you with an understanding of creativity, innovation and problem-solving processes in organisations, and how these contribute to business sustainability and competitiveness. You'll develop an awareness of how entrepreneurial skills and capabilities impact on and</p>	No change

	relate to business start-up, development and management.	
	<p>Research Methods Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module is designed to enable you to develop your skills and expertise in quantitative and qualitative data analysis, and to independently design and conduct an effective piece of research.</p>	No change
	<p>Excel in Finance Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of this module is to bridge the gap between theory and practice in finance-related topics. You'll study the theory of a set of specific financial topics, and the quantitative implementation of these topics using Microsoft Excel. Topics covered may relate to domains of statistics, time series analysis, portfolio management, capital budgeting and financial statement analysis.</p>	No change
	<p>Employment Law Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll learn about the legal frameworks that underpin people practices and policies in organisations, and will gain an understanding of the context within which these frameworks operate.</p>	No change
Core year 3		
	<p>Financial Markets and Risk Management Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module aims to develop your understanding of the role of securities in the financial markets and how the economic environment impacts the value of financial securities. It introduces you to the special regulatory requirements and the accounting implications into being an investor in those securities. You'll be exposed to the importance of identifying the greatest source of risk and how this risk can be managed using derivative instruments and how different investment products are tailored to the needs of different clients.</p>	No change
	<p>Financial Management for Accountants Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of this module is to build up an understanding of the treasury function and corporate financial strategy, and to develop the practical skills for dealing with the corporate financial issues. The module covers corporate financial issues related to: financial management function; financial management environment; investment appraisal; business finance;</p>	No change

	business valuation; working capital management and risk management.	
	<p>Audit and Assurance Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module introduces you to key auditing techniques. You'll explore the importance of the audit function and the independent examination of financial information of any entity, whether profit oriented or not, and irrespective of its size or legal form.</p>	No change
Optional year 3		
	<p>Contemporary Accounting Issues Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll study developments in company accounting and disclosure from a critical perspective, and will explore the evolution of international accounting standards and their implications for users. You'll review controversial issues in the treatment of accounting transactions and will develop the skills required for the interpretation of accounting and other relevant information.</p>	No change
	<p>Strategic Management Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to provide you with an understanding of the impact of the business environment and the resources of the organisation, both human and material, on strategic planning and choice. This will enable you to consider strategic alternatives, evaluate their suitability and become aware of the complex issues involved in implementing strategy and managing strategic change.</p>	No change
	<p>Business Ethics Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll study the nature of ethics, exploring traditional and postmodern ethical theories, and how they are applied in modern business processes. You'll study topics such as corporate social responsibility, sustainability and the environment, professionalism and integrity, ethics and technology, financial scandals, whistle blowing and other emerging issues, by reference to case studies.</p>	No change
	<p>Individual Study Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to provide you with the opportunity to undertake an in-depth study in an area of your choice related to a business.</p>	No change
	Service Management	No change

	<p>Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll learn about the complex demands made on service management organisations and the challenges that staff within them face. You'll develop an understanding of the environments in which they operate and the different constraints placed on them. You'll also study the process of servitisation, managing the service encounter, service quality, service level, customer management and capacity management.</p>	
	<p>Portfolio Management</p> <p>Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll study the principles of modern portfolio theory and the key components in constructing a portfolio. You'll explore the application of theory to the development of equity-based portfolios and will go on to the diversification of portfolios, to include other asset classes such as currency and bonds. You'll examine the role of derivatives in portfolio management and will analyse different methods of active portfolio management. You'll undertake an analysis of portfolio performance using various industry recognised performance attribution measures.</p>	No change
	<p>New Venture Creation</p> <p>Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You'll gain a practical perspective on the development and planning processes involved in the creation of a new venture, either as a new business start-up or as a new product or service development within a public or private organisation setting. You'll develop an understanding and awareness of business models underlying successful new business ventures, and the potential of business model innovation.</p>	No change
	<p>Dissertation</p> <p>Optional module - (40 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to provide you with the opportunity for the practical application of theory to a business-oriented problem and to develop your research skills.</p>	No change
	<p>Organisational Change</p> <p>Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aims of this module are to help you understand the context for change and develop a critical understanding of theories and practice related to change. You'll develop an in depth understanding of the paradigm of complexity and how this can be applied in order to understand organisations and organisational change.</p>	No change

	<p>International Business Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The fast-changing domestic and global environments put constant pressure on organisations and their managers to find new and improved ways to maintain and increase performance. This module is designed to provide you with a critical understanding of the strategic issues in a global business environment. It offers a global perspective with a focus on understanding the global economy, the globalisation process, and its impact on international organisations. It will enable you to evaluate and contrast the opportunities and constraints facing businesses in different areas of the world. The module also aims to help you develop a deeper understanding of the issues faced by businesses in emerging and developing markets.</p>	<p>No change</p>
	<p>Taxation Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>Taxation plays an important role in society. This module provides an introduction to the most common taxes in the UK: income tax, corporation tax, VAT and capital gains tax. You'll study the basic rules of taxation and you'll explore taxation in government policy.</p>	<p>No change</p>

## How you'll learn

### Teaching

Our teaching team will share with you their expert knowledge, experience and research insights during stimulating lectures, seminars and practical workshops. You'll typically have around 12 contact hours per week, depending on your module choices, in addition to independent learning.

Seminars in smaller groups will enable you to discuss and develop your understanding of topics covered in lectures and you'll also be supported by your academic personal tutor.

In Year 2, you'll undertake a minimum of 4 weeks or 120 hours placement with an external organisation as part of the compulsory Work-based Learning module. Your final year project will be based on a live brief from a relevant industry.

All courses are informed by the University's [Learning and Teaching Strategy 2015-2022](#).

Our teaching team will share with you their expert knowledge, experience and research insights during stimulating lectures, seminars and practical workshops. You'll be taught over two semesters each year, taking three modules per semester. Typically, you'll have around 12 contact hours per week, depending on your module choices, in addition to independent learning. The Business School will be delivering your course using a 'blended' approach using range of teaching methods. This potentially offers the best of both worlds: great face-to-face teaching in small groups, including seminars, workshops and tutorials, support by a mix of online interactions to help you understand and explore your subjects. We will be using Collaborate (accessed through our virtual learning environment - Blackboard) and exploring the use of Microsoft teams as well. This blended approach will be flexible so we can meet your individual needs and adapt as the world around us changes. We will still be covering the same content as we would have done under normal circumstances and will be assessing you against the same learning outcomes. Seminars in smaller groups will enable you to discuss and develop your understanding of topics covered in lectures

		<p>and you'll also be supported by your academic personal tutor.</p> <p>Contact hours are defined as hours in which a student interacts through thoughtfully structured activity to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· On-site face-to-face teaching</li> <li>· Synchronous live digital teaching</li> <li>· Asynchronous digital activities as part of structured learning (for example, running a discussion activity regarding an aspect of the current topic through Blackboard Collaborate, Padlet or Blackboard Discussion Boards). A pre-recorded lecture presentation provided via ReCap can also be included in this definition provided it is part of a broader structured activity.</li> </ul> <p>Between Years 2 and 3 you'll have the opportunity to gain work experience on a year-long placement with an external organisation, although because of Covid-19 such experience may be restricted and entail working from home, depending upon the external organisation's policies at the time.</p> <p>All courses are informed by the University's <a href="#">Learning and Teaching Strategy 2015-2022</a>.</p>
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<p>Independent study</p>	<p>Each week you'll need to undertake 15 hours of independent learning and assessment activity. Typically, this involves reading journal articles and books, undertaking research in the library, working on projects and preparing for coursework assignments/examinations, workshops and seminars. Your module tutor will direct you towards specific readings and/or activities to complete. You'll also undertake independent research during Year 2 for an Extended Essay and in Year 3 for your Dissertation. You'll work under the supervision of a member of the course team, who you'll meet with regularly.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>How you'll be assessed</p>		
	<p>The course provides you with opportunities to test your understanding of the subject informally before you complete the formal assessments that count towards your final mark. Each module normally contains at least one piece of practice or 'formative' assessment for which you receive feedback from your tutor. Practice assessments are developmental and any grades you receive for them do not count towards your module mark.</p> <p>There is a formal or 'summative' assessment at the end of each module. Assessment methods include written examinations and a range of coursework assessments such as essays, reports, portfolios, performance, presentations and your final year major project. The grades from formal assessments count towards your module mark.</p> <p>The balance of assessment by examination and assessment by coursework depends on the optional modules you choose. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework is as follows:</p>	<p>The course provides you with opportunities to test your understanding of the subject informally before you complete the formal assessments that count towards your final mark. Each module normally contains at least one piece of practice or 'formative' assessment for which you receive feedback from your tutor. Practice assessments are developmental and any grades you receive for them do not count towards your module mark.</p> <p>There is a formal or 'summative' assessment at the end of each module. Assessment methods include written examinations (<b>these may be delivered as Take-Home exams</b>) and a range of coursework assessments such as essays, reports, portfolios, performance, presentations and your final year major project. The grades from formal assessments count towards your module mark. The balance of assessment by examination and assessment by coursework depends on the optional modules you choose. The approximate</p>

		percentage of the course assessed by coursework is as follows:
Year 1	Coursework 40% Written exams 45% Practical exams 5% Presentation 10%	No change
Year 2	Coursework 40% Written exams 50% Presentation 10%	No change
Year 3	Coursework 40% Written exams 40% Presentation 20%	No change
<b>Fees</b>		
UK/EU	Full-time £9,250	No change
	Full-time – placement year £1,850	No change
	Part-time £4,625	No change
Overseas	Full-time £13,000	No change
	Full-time – placement year N/A	No change
	Part-time N/A Tuition fees for all courses are payable on an annual basis, except where stated. Please <a href="#">read the 2020/21 Tuition Fee Statement</a> for further information regarding 2020/21 tuition fees and year on year fee increases.	No change
<b>Course specific costs</b>		
Professional Body Registration	Professional Body qualification is optional and fees range between approximately £100 and £200 depending on the Professional body, the subject and the level of the award.	No change
<b>Other important information</b>		
	<b>Your future career</b> Many graduates go on to study accounting at professional level. However, this exceptionally versatile degree can open doors to a variety of roles in business. Excellent mentoring by our experienced team will guide and prepare you for your first business or professional accountancy role.	No change
	<b>Professional accreditation</b> Our accounting course gives maximum exemptions through accredited modules. Accounting at Christ Church holds all available exemptions from Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), CPA Australia, and the majority of exemptions from Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), Institute of Chartered Accountants in England	<b>Professional accreditation</b> Our accounting and finance course gives maximum exemptions through accredited modules. Accounting and finance at Christ Church holds all

	<p>and Wales (ICAEW) and Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). If you plan to pursue a professional accounting qualification post-graduation, the exemptions expedite your chosen professional qualification, and appeal to prospective employers. We also offer modules accredited by the Association of Project Management (APM). Our Project Management module was the first from a university to gain accreditation and exemption for its teaching and assessment. The Business School has accreditation with the Chartered Management Institute (CMI). The year two modules of Management and Leadership, Project Management, Management Accounting and Human Resource Management are accredited by the CMI and on successful completion you will be eligible for CMI Level 5 qualifications in Leadership and Management.</p>	<p>available exemptions from Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), and the majority of exemptions from Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), CPA Australia and Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). If you plan to pursue a professional accounting qualification post-graduation, the exemptions expedite your chosen professional qualification and appeal to prospective employers.</p>
	<p><b>Industry links</b> A Business School Advisory Board has been established which includes representatives from across the private and public sector. This encourages employer engagement as the Board engages in discussion about technical content of the curriculum and the development of wider employability skills, the provision of work placement opportunities, guest speakers, live case studies, and workplace visits.</p>	<p>No change</p>
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