



“Our innovative MSc Accounting programme is designed to help you develop an in-depth understanding of the theory and practice of accounting, as well as the critical thinking skills so valued by employers. And with professional accreditation from the ACCA and CIMA, this is an ideal programme to choose if you’re looking to pursue a career in accountancy or business more broadly.”

**Dr. Nor Zetty
Abdul Kadir**
Programme Director



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Durham Masters
in Accounting

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Why Durham University Business School?

Founded in 1965, Durham University Business School is one of the longest established business schools in the UK.

We connect students and alumni with global companies. And we link business with incisive and innovative thinking.

We are proud to be integral to Durham University, a globally outstanding centre of teaching and research excellence, a collegiate community of extraordinary people, a unique and historic setting – Durham is a university like no other.



A World Top 100 University

as ranked in the *QS World University Rankings 2024*

A triple accredited business school

and one of an elite group worldwide



90%

of Durham University's research is classed as 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent' REF 2021

A global alumni network of 36,000+ Business School graduates

spanning 140+ countries

A global community of 128,000+ alumni across the University

Professional accreditation



100+ countries

across the Business School's staff and student body

Durham University was founded in 1832 making it over 190 years old

Masters in Accounting

Refine your skill set. Master your profession.

About the programme

Our intensive one year full-time MSc Accounting programme is designed for graduates in any subject or discipline looking to pursue a career in accountancy or business more broadly; no previous study in accounting is necessary.

Accounting undergraduate students, or students who have completed a professional accounting qualification may find some content of this programme overlaps with their prior learning.

The programme covers key accounting topics including financial statements and their preparation and analysis, the practical limitations of financial reporting, contemporary and evolving practice in financial and non-financial accounting and reporting, management information for decision-making, and the practice and concepts of auditing. Following successful completion of your programme, you will graduate in an ideal position upon which to build your career.



Term 1
Modules

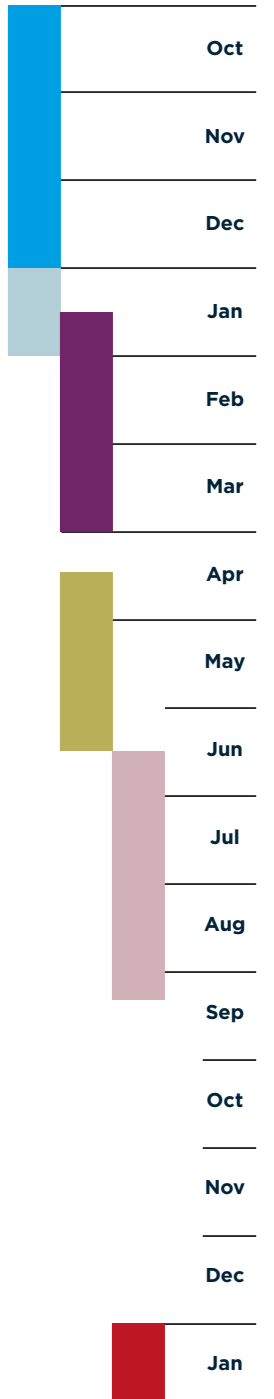
Term 1
Exams and Assignments

Term 2
Modules

Term 2
Assignments and exams

Term 3
Dissertation

Graduation



Tailor your degree

Focus your studies

Term 1 and 2 –

Core and elective modules

To achieve your qualification you will need to successfully complete six core modules, two elective (optional) modules and a dissertation or research project.

Core modules:

- Auditing and Accountability
- Corporate Governance
- Financial Accounting and Reporting
- Financial Planning and Control
- Modern Accounting Research
- Research Methods in Accounting

Term 3 – Dissertation

In the third term, you will carry out an original research project. This may be an independent piece of work or, alternatively, you may decide to develop a more applied project with an appropriate organisation.

Supervised by an appropriate faculty member, you'll investigate in greater detail a subject that you've already studied as part of your programme. This is an opportunity for you to develop your business insight and present your analysis and ideas in a scholarly and professional manner.

Elective modules:

You will then choose two electives from a range. Elective modules are drawn from Accounting, Management and Marketing disciplines, subject to availability.

You can also choose a credit-bearing language module offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Studies.

For detailed information about MSc Accounting, visit durham.ac.uk/business/masters-accounting

Please note: Current modules are indicative and may change, for example, due to developments in the relevant academic field, or in light of student feedback and demand.



Professional accreditation

This programme carries exemptions from both the ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) and CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants).

ACCA Exemptions

- F1 Accountant in Business
- F2 Management Accounting
- F3 Financial Accounting
- F4 Corporate and Business Law

CIMA Exemptions

- BA1 Fundamentals of Business Economics
- BA2 Fundamentals of Management Accounting
- BA3 Fundamentals of Financial Accounting
- BA4 Fundamentals of Ethics, Corporate Governance and Business Law
- P1 Management Accounting
- F1 Financial Reporting and Taxation
- E1 Managing Finance in a Digital World
- OCS Operational Case Study
- E2 Managing Performance
- P2 Advanced Management Accounting
- F2 Advanced Financial Reporting





Meet our academics

When you join Durham University Business School you will have access to world-leading academics. Their global experience, outstanding research insight and real business connections keep us at the leading edge.

Find out more about us by visiting durham.ac.uk/business/our-people



Adding to your experience

Enriching your study

International opportunities

We're proud of our strong international connections. Helping you get an inside perspective is a key part of the programme.

That's why we offer a range of opportunities to help immerse you in a country's business and academic environment, make new contacts and stand out in a competitive job market. These include:

Summer School

During the summer you will have the opportunity to participate in a Summer School at one of our global network of university and business partners. These partially self-funded competitive activities, normally take place after exams in either June, July or August, for up to three weeks. They cover a wide range of topics and aim to complement the knowledge you gain during your time in Durham, whilst contextualising it in an international business setting.

Please note, in order to be considered for a place on one of our Summer Schools, all students must apply as places are limited.

Dissertation Abroad

All students on MSc programmes at Durham University Business School are offered the opportunity to apply to write their dissertation (research project) at one of our prestigious European partner institutions during the summer (June to September). This exciting programme provides an opportunity to gain experience living abroad and to build your network, as well as understanding how campus life works in another destination. Participating in the programme not only develops your personal skills, but improves employability by demonstrating adaptability, resilience, communication skills and a global mindset. This partially self-funded programme is very popular with students across all programmes and the international team in the Business School will support your journey from application to departure.

Practitioner insights - Guest Speaker Programme

An integral part of the programme is the engagement with the world of practice. Our Guest Speaker Programme provides the opportunity to enjoy presentations by leading international academics and practitioners within your chosen area of interest. Past speakers have included representatives of major multinationals, global professional bodies and leading scholars, combining critical and progressive thinking with practical insights.



"A vibrant number of students and teachers from every corner of the world make every lesson more interesting and resourceful, which helps me learn about different cultures and business activities."

Saeeda Yasmin

MSc Accounting 2022/2023

Your career

Enhance your prospects...

...begin your career with us

Our graduates enjoy an excellent employment record.

Whether you want to work for an organisation, for yourself, or go on to further study, our career development support and guidance offers you the opportunity to build your employability skills.



91%

of MSc Accounting students seeking employment accepted a job offer within 3 months of completing the programme

Graduate Destination Survey (3 year average 2021-2023)

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Our Masters programmes connect you with leading companies from across the globe



“There have been a number of things I have enjoyed this past year including, learning about the variety of research within the accounting field, being taught engaging and up-to-date content, and being supported to develop my skills ready for my future career. I have really enjoyed my time studying in Durham and it has definitely helped prepare me for my next step starting as an assistant auditor in London.”

Hannah Warnock

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A flavour of what to expect...

Individual career opportunities

Appointments with our Career Consultants give you the opportunity to develop your CV, improve your job search strategy and prepare for interviews. The team also offer practice interviews and assessment exercises to help you with your preparation.

Connecting with business

There are many opportunities throughout the year. From engaging with organisations and alumni to further enhance your knowledge and skills, to meeting with a range of recruiters via workshops, presentations and fairs. Working in partnership with the University's Careers and Enterprise Centre, you can engage with some of the UK's leading employers as well as international employers using video conferencing technology in the Business School.

International, Engagement & Careers

Our International, Engagement & Careers Team offer a wide range of opportunities to help you develop the skills necessary to build a successful future career.

With its own dedicated postgraduate careers team we offer a full range of careers services, which are internationally-focused and reflective of the global locations in which our students want to work. Created to complement the events, workshops and fairs organised by the University's Careers and Enterprise Centre, our International, Engagement & Careers team will support you through your programme and beyond.

You will be given information about the International, Engagement & Careers programme during your first few weeks at Durham, including access to the Business School's online Career Development Portal. Our service is designed to give you the opportunity to:

- Develop the essential skills demanded by international recruiters through interactive workshops.
- Network with businesses and engage with international recruiters in a range of activities, presentations and events.
- Access a huge range of resources, international jobs board, video library and career webinar series.

Supporting your studies

Resourcing your time at Durham

From accommodation for today, to global networks for tomorrow

At Durham you will benefit from all the resources you'd expect from a leading business school.

From the latest IT and library services to a virtual learning environment, you'll have everything to hand to make the most of your learning.



Our colleges

All full-time postgraduate students become a member of one of our colleges. As well as offering a wide range of societies, social and cultural activities, your college will provide support and a sense of belonging during your time in Durham, adding to your overall experience and helping you graduate with much more than just a degree.

For more information, visit durham.ac.uk/colleges

Accommodation

We offer good quality, reasonably priced accommodation at Durham University. If this is not for you, we can help you find local private accommodation to suit your needs. We will provide you with more specific details upon application.

In the meantime, visit durham.ac.uk/colleges

Sports facilities

Sport is an important part of Durham life and our facilities are second to none. From our British Rowing Performance Centre to the British Fencing Centre, and boasting teams which compete in the England Hockey National leagues and the FA Women's Super League, we can offer something for everyone.

For more information, visit durham.ac.uk/teamdurham

Global alumni network

When you join us, you become a member of the Business School's alumni network. With over 36,000 members in over 140 countries, it facilitates friendships and business connections, and sits at the heart of the Durham experience.

Our alumni community enjoy online career resources and global career and network-building events.

You can find out more at dunelm.org.uk/dubs/home



Durham City

A great place to live

In Durham City you're among some of the world's finest architecture where the famous Castle and Cathedral - together designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site - dominate the skyline.

Durham has a compact, friendly feel, while providing the facilities you would expect of a thriving city including: excellent boutiques, cafés, bars and restaurants. You will enjoy a fantastic student lifestyle, in lively surroundings with a superb choice of events and entertainment.

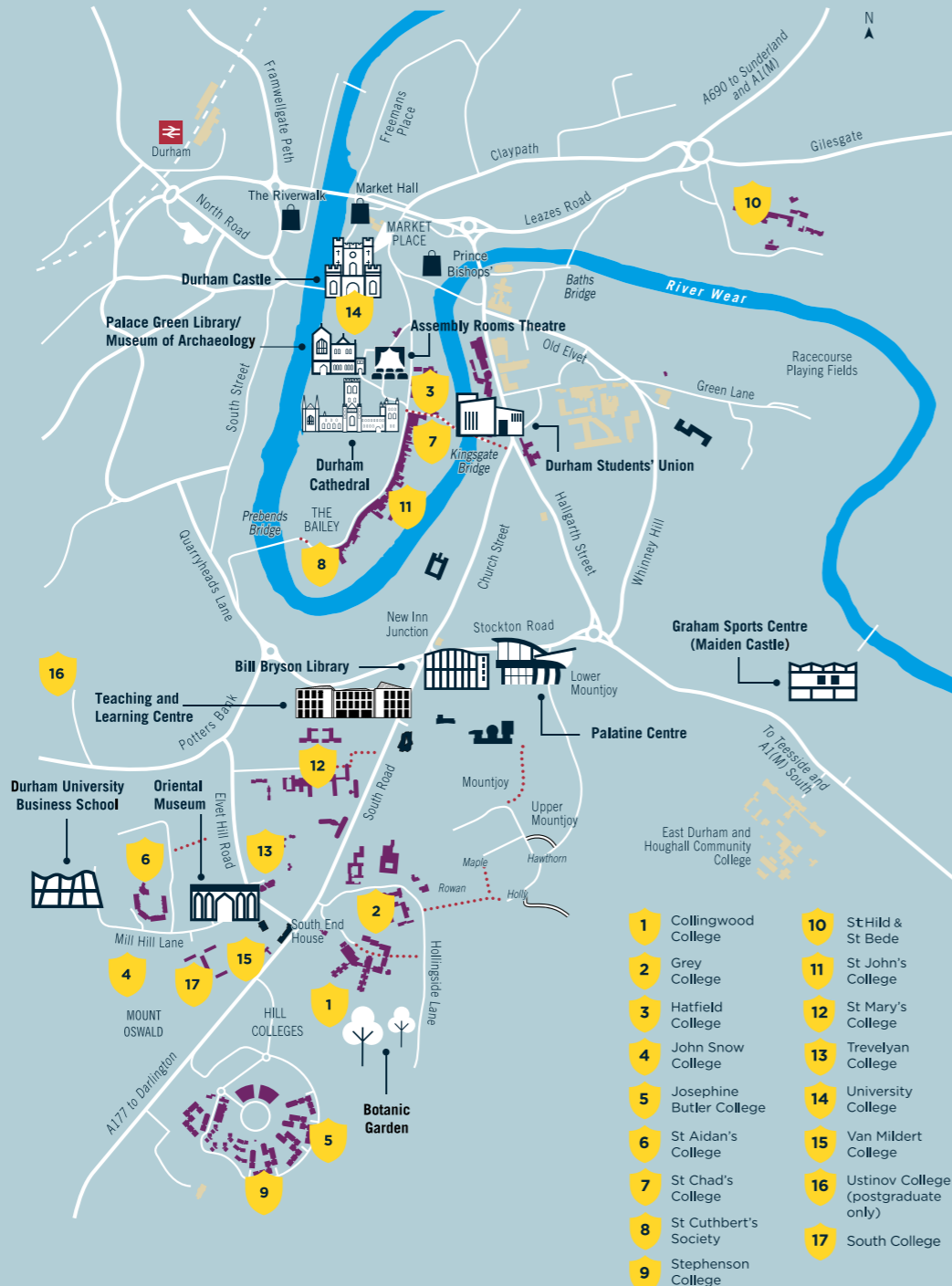
Further afield you can explore the breath-taking scenery of our countryside and coastline, or visit a wide range of local attractions, festivals and events which cater for every taste.

Explore

We appreciate not everyone can visit us physically prior to applying or joining, so we encourage you to view our virtual tours:

- Business School durham.ac.uk/business/about

- Durham University durham.ac.uk/visit-us/open-days/self-guided-tours



Your next steps

Learn more, or make an application

Meet us

There are several opportunities to meet us. You can chat with us at one of the international recruitment fairs we attend throughout the year, or sign up to an online information session, both are great ways to find out more about studying in Durham.

For more information on upcoming events, visit

durham.ac.uk/business/meet-us

Entry requirements

The MSc Accounting programme is designed for new or recent graduates in any subject or discipline, no previous study in accounting is necessary. Accounting undergraduate students, or students who have completed a professional accounting qualification may find some content of this programme overlaps with their prior learning. You will need a UK first or upper second class honours degree or international equivalent.

Fees

For current fees, please visit

durham.ac.uk/business/masters-accounting

Scholarships

Scholarship funding may be available.

For more information, visit

durham.ac.uk/business/masters/scholarships

Language requirements

If your first language is not English, you will need evidence of competence in written and spoken English (IELTS overall score of 6.5 with no element under 6.0 or TOEFL IBT 92 with no element under 23; Pearson PTE Academic Test, total score 62 with no less than 59 in each communicative skill).

For all English language test requirements, visit

durham.ac.uk/study/international/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements

If your scores fall slightly short, or if you would like to advance your English skills, you may be able to attend a pre-sessional English language course.

To learn more, visit

durham.ac.uk/dcad/study/preessional

How to apply

We strongly advise you to apply as soon as possible, particularly if you need university accommodation.

Learn more about our application process and apply online at:

durham.ac.uk/business/masters-accounting





Learn more

durham.ac.uk/business/masters-accounting

Enquiries

durham.ac.uk/study/ask-us

