



MSc in Accounting and Finance Top-Up

Delivered in partnership with the University of Northampton

COURSE PROSPECTUS







About the Programme

Accountants and finance specialists have a central role in all types of organisations; public and private sector, within industry and commerce. The accountant has become a key player in the provision of management information to enable successful decision-making, planning and control. Accounting is more than just a computational skill and we intend to develop your ability to analyse and to evaluate real life situations and effectively communicate their views and opinions. In this MSc in Accounting and Finance programme, you will consider practical techniques involved in accounting and finance, and develop skills to critically analyse the theory behind these techniques.

STUDY RESOURCES

Blended learning is ideal for students who are unable to get access to a physical classroom but are still seeking structure, support and quality learning materials. To help you gain the most from your studies, we have created a range of valuable resources.

We offer:

- → Dedicated one-to-one online tutor support
- ⇒ Live webinars per module from subject experts
- → Access to the state-of-the-art Learning Platform (LP)
- → Northampton Integrated Learning Environment (NILE) access
- → A comprehensive e-library with access to Mintel



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Applicants should have successfully completed professional qualifications such as ACA, ACCA, AIA, CIMA, CPA Australia; OR
- 2. The EduQual Diploma in Business Management (Accounting and Finance SCQF, Level 11)
- 3. A good command of English (equivalent to IELTS Level 6.0 for non-native English speakers)

About London School of Marketing

London School of Marketing offers academic and professional courses in the business and marketing field, validated and approved by industry leading professional bodies including EduQual, CIM (The Chartered Institute of Marketing) and DMI (Digital Marketing Institute).

We are trusted by the world's leading brands to educate their employees. Over 3,500 corporate companies have chosen us to provide the necessary skills their employees need to succeed including Barclays, Adidas, BBC and Apple, to name just a few. London School of Marketing courses are typically studied online over one to three years of full-time study.

OUR MISSION

Product mission - To develop, design, publish and offer both academic and professional courses in partnership with well established institutions using technology as the forefront of delivery.

Social mission - to operate the company in a way that recognises the central role that business plays in society by initiating innovative ways to improve the quality of life locally, nationally and internationally.

Economic mission - To operate the company on a sustainable financial basis of profitable growth, increasing value of our shareholders and expanding opportunities for development and career growth of our employees and associates.

Those studying for a qualification using LSM's award winning learning platform, are offered a structured process to learn. Students come away from our courses with an understanding of both the practical and theoretical aspects of their qualification.



Student Reviews

At LSM, we guarantee a satisfying study experience. Over the years, we have helped over 10,000 students to achieve their dreams. Our competent staff and our experienced faculty will make sure that you leave LSM with a smile. Find out what our past students say about us:

The London School of Marketing's Learning Platform provided me a unique experience of studying on a purely virtual mode, while allowing me to have carry on with my job. Yet, I had the worry to get the right text books to study and for reference purposes, but I was once more pleased with the plethora of virtual offers in the e-Library, that offered a multitude of reading materials to understand the modules better and to help in the preparation of the assignments.

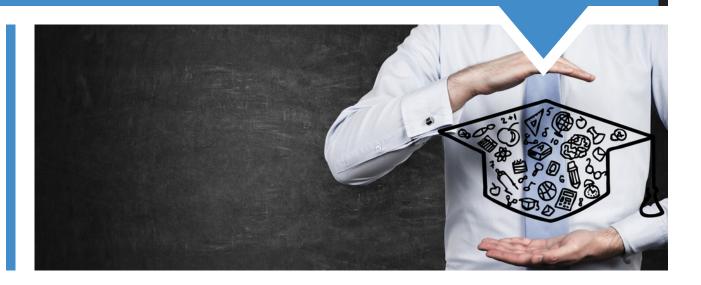
DEBESH BEEDASY

LSM is very supportive and all the staff are extremely helpful. The support of the mock exams and assignments are excellent as not every school provides these.

EILEEN DONAGHEY

I really enjoyed my study experience with LSM so far. The tutors were exceptionally helpful and were always there for a reply or clarification whenever i needed it. They were quite knowledgeable and pleasant to work with. The resources, especially the EPK and workshop manuals were really great in helping understand assessment requirements. Not to mention the course material were comprehensive and easy to understand. I look forward to a new term with London School of Marketing.

SANDUNI BHAGYA WICKREMASINGHE



Course Information

This is a one-year programme, designed to provide further professional development for AIA, ACCA, CIMA, CPA Australia or ACA graduates. It will enable you to top up your existing qualification to an MSc award. The course develops your ability to think strategically about management and organisational change. It also provides a way to meet your continuing professional requirements.

With a sound knowledge of the theories and techniques of accounting and finance management and increased confidence in dealing with other industry professionals, your management competences will be significantly improved on completion leading to enhanced career progression opportunities.

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- 1. Critical Issues in Accounting and Finance
- 2. Accounting & Finance Research Project

Our online learning programmes are flexible and designed to help you balance your work and home commitments. The programme structure and learning materials allow you to study at your own convenience and develop your own study schedule while offering opportunities for you to engage with your peers.

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MODULE DETAILS



01. Critical Issues In Accounting And Finance

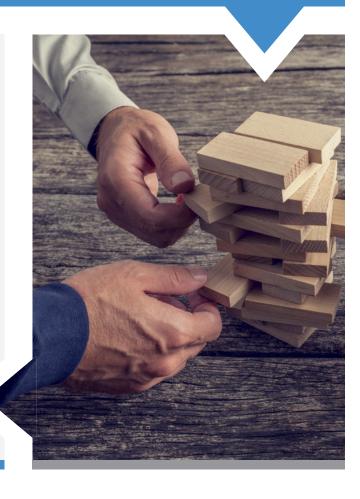
UNIT DESCRIPTION

This module is designed to provide participants with an introduction to study on the MSc programme by making explicit the pervasive issues in accounting and finance to which they will return throughout their MSc and will examine in detail in the Independent Research Project. The module takes a critical perspective throughout, and sets the standards expected and required for students as they progress.

The aims of the module is to develop a critical understanding of thematic nature of the study of organisations and the accounting and finance environment; and to enable participants to critically evaluate the tasks and responsibilities of accounting and finance professionals from an integration perspective through the introduction of contemporary and pervasive issues.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Undertake a analysis of an organisation, and how it manages the potential affect of any current issues within the accounting and finance profession
- 2. To demonstrate an understanding of, and to be able to evaluate the importance of, wider issues within a business, from an accounting and finance perspective
- 3. Demonstrate an ability to manage a high level learning programme.
- 4. Communicate complex issues in an appropriate manner and to work effectively both as an individual and as part of a group.
- Understand and critically evaluate current issues within the accounting and finance professions, and how they impact upon organisations



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02. Accounting and Finance Research Project

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In the current international economic environment accounting and finance professionals are frequently required to undertake project work in addition to their core responsibilities. Frequently these projects are focused upon evaluating new opportunities or potential organisational developments in order to protect and extend position within a turbulent economic and regulatory environment.

This module aims to equip accounting and finance professional with the necessary skills to undertake independent project work within a business context. It will achieve this via asking participants to conduct an independent piece of research based upon an actual business situation which may be industry or specific corporate focused. Specifically, participants are invited to pursue one of two possible approaches:

- 1. An inductive study whereby participants are required to carry out a research project.
- 2. A deductive approach whereby participants are to examine the validity of an existing theory.



LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 1. Identify and deploy various research methodologies, both quantitative and qualitative, in order to conduct research into a range of management problems
- 2. Critically examine the importance of the varying philosophical positions that accounting and finance research
- 3. Demonstrate the ability to work independently and manage the research process from question formulation through to analysis and interpretation of results
- 4. Develop a report writing style that balances the demands of brevity, comprehension and criticality
- 5. Use appropriate software such as SPSS to analyse quantitative and qualitative data



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