

Accountancy & Finance

If you choose accounting and finance it opens doors to a strategic understanding of the financial architecture that underpins every business. You'll gain proficiency in financial reporting, budgeting, and analysis, honing the skills needed to navigate the world of corporate finance.

It can lead to many different career paths, from becoming a certified public accountant (CPA) or financial analyst, to going into roles such as financial management, investment banking, or corporate strategy. You could be at the heart of financial decision-making, contributing to the financial health of organisations and influencing business growth.

Whether ensuring regulatory compliance, conducting financial audits, or crafting investment strategies, accounting and finance offers a great opportunity for those looking for a rewarding career in the financial sector.

The impact you could make

- Promote economic stability by advocating responsible financial practices.
- Uphold ethical financial practices for more integrity in business.
- Support small businesses by offering financial guidance and support.

What you could study

- Financial markets
- Taxation
- Banking and investment
- Corporate finance
- Accounting
- Business policies
- Management accounting
- Business ethics

Subjects it's useful to have studied first

Some accounting and finance courses or apprenticeships will have requirements for previous qualifications in certain subjects. Entry requirements vary, so always check with the provider.

Maths

Business

Economics

Statistics

Hard skills you'll develop

- ✓ Ability to prepare accurate and compliant financial reports
- ✓ Develop expertise in identifying and managing financial risks
- ✓ Solid understanding of tax laws and regulations
- ✓ Hands-on experience with accounting software used in the industry

Soft skills you'll develop

- ✓ Analytical thinking
- ✓ Attention to detail
- ✓ Time management
- ✓ Integrity and ethical decision-making



Average salary

£44,112

Up to £77,643



Available jobs

212,687
vacancies in
the past year

6.48% growth over
next 8 years

Career options

Accounting and finance

Chartered and certified
accountants

Finance and investment analysts
and advisers

Financial account managers

Taxation experts

Business management

Business and financial project
management professionals

Management consultants and
business analysts

Purchasing managers and
directors

Getting in: Entry requirements

Find out more about what you'll need to study accounting and finance at university or as an apprenticeship.

Average requirements for undergraduate degrees

Entry requirements differ between university and course, but this should give you a guide to what is usually expected from accounting and finance applicants.



A levels

CCC



**Scottish
Highers**

BBBC

Skills, experiences, and interests to mention

- ✓ Do you have hands-on experience with any accounting software like QuickBooks or Excel? Share how you use them academically and personally.
- ✓ Have you ever entered a maths or finance-related competition, or maybe you were part of a maths club? They're both great achievements to highlight.
- ✓ Did you take (or are you taking) further maths at GCSE level? That's a strong demonstration of your aptitude for numbers and learning.
- ✓ Show your commitment to academic excellence by talking about achievements in related subjects like economics or statistics.
- ✓ Are you able to communicate financial concepts and proactively engage with the subject through a blog or other platform?