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1 Make the most of your professional qualifications
ACCA members and affiliates can use their professional qualification as credit towards completing this degree.

2 Study without relocating
You can study wherever you live and gain a prestigious qualification. In many countries, you can take classes at local teaching institutions.

3 Quality of learning
The programme has been designed by academics at UCL's School of Management. UCL ranked 8th in the world's top universities in the 2020 QS World University Rankings.

4 Employability
Our degrees are internationally recognised and open doors to lucrative careers in finance, accounting, law, business, politics, education and other industries.

5 Join the World Class
On graduation, you'll join a global community of influential alumni, from leaders of business and industry to Nobel Prize winners.



“In a fast changing environment of worldwide access to higher education, a University of London degree continues to offer a guarantee of quality, value and intellectual rigour.”

Professor Wendy Thomson
Vice-Chancellor,
University of London

Your prestigious University of London qualification



About your qualification

When you graduate with a degree, diploma or certificate from the University of London you will receive two important documents – your Final Diploma (the parchment you receive on graduation) and a Diploma Supplement.

About your qualification

- Indicates that you were registered with the University of London and awarded a University of London degree.
- Gives the name of UCL as the member institution that developed the syllabus and provided assessment.
- Features the University of London crest and the Vice-Chancellor's signature.

The Diploma Supplement

- Describes the nature, level and content of the programme you successfully completed.
- Includes the transcript of courses taken, marks achieved and overall classification.
- States the role of UCL and the method of study.

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Key dates

Application deadlines:

15 June 2020

7 December 2020

Registration deadlines:

22 June 2020

14 December 2020

Please note: compulsory induction courses are provided after you are fully registered and must be completed before the programme starts.

Programme starts:

13 July 2020

11 January 2021

Final assessments take place week commencing:

7 December 2020

7 June 2021

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Why study for a University of London degree?



Lynsie Chew
Programme Director
UCL programme team

Lynsie has a track record of delivering accounting and finance in an innovative way and has won four awards for the quality of her teaching.

She is co-editor/co-author of six Pearson custom textbooks and engages in scholarship research on an international basis. She is one of the School's e-learning champions and is undertaking a Doctorate focusing on learning technologies. Lynsie is also the module leader for the 'Strategic financial project' module on the MSc Professional Accountancy.



Dr Alan Parkinson (FCCA)
Deputy Director (Education)
Professorial Teaching Fellow
in Accounting in the UCL School
of Management
UCL programme team

“This MSc offers teaching informed by research and insights into real-world issues. It will offer practical solutions to the challenges of making organisations work as they should, not least in the financial context.”

Alan is responsible for the curricula for all the degree programmes in the School of Management, and is also Teaching Lead for the School's Finance, Accounting and Economics Group. He has extensive international training and consultancy expertise, and is Visiting Professor in Managerial Accounting at Ecole des Ponts, Paris.

A trusted name in global education

Founded in 1836, the University of London is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the UK. The University of London has been delivering accessible higher education around the world since 1858. Many of our past students have shaped the world we live in, including seven Nobel Prize winners and leaders of business, industry and science.

Programme direction

Academics within UCL's School of Management provide the programme direction for the MSc, designing the modules, developing the learning content, and setting and marking the assessments. Therefore, you benefit from UCL's academic expertise and cutting-edge research.

In the 2020 QS World University Rankings, UCL is ranked 8th in the world's top universities. Its prestigious School of Management has an excellent reputation for high-quality research and teaching. The School underpins that research and teaching with a focus on operations, data analytics, innovation and enterprise.



Two qualifications in one

Stand out from the crowd

By taking the University of London master's route to ACCA membership (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants), you will be rewarded with two world-renowned qualifications. The University of London and ACCA, the global body for professional accountants, are enabling you to complete an MSc in Professional Accountancy and your ACCA professional accountancy qualification at the same time.

This route will be of value to accountants aspiring to senior roles and will enable you to stand out from the crowd in terms of your qualifications.

This qualification compares very favourably to the standalone cost of studying for a master's degree separately.

Boost your career with this master's programme by developing key research skills and exploring current issues within the profession. This complements the ACCA professional qualification, preparing you for a wealth of opportunities. Graduates are negotiating new contracts within their current organisations and exploring new career avenues overseas.

Dual recognition

ACCA members and affiliates can complement their professional qualification with this MSc by completing one University of London module and a project only. The University of London recognises the learning that has taken place as part of the ACCA journey and applies this as credit towards the MSc.

You have flexibility in how you structure your studies and there are different pathways to the award depending on the stage you are at in your ACCA professional qualification

journey. ACCA students who have passed the Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills papers can continue towards their ACCA Qualification by using the MSc as an equivalent to the two ACCA Strategic Professional Options (AFM and APM).

With the creation of this MSc, ACCA will uniquely, and for the first time, recognise two MSc modules as counting towards the strategic professional level of the ACCA Qualification. The University of London will recognise ACCA exams as counting towards the MSc.





“The most rewarding part has been the learning resources that were available. Having access to an abundance of resources really provided a lot of knowledge.

Also, the opportunity to connect with other students around the world is really good. It was cultural exchange but also an exchange of knowledge relating to our studies.”

Pichmolyka Nhek
Cambodia

Online-supported distance learning



Fit studying around your schedule

You can set your own pace and complete the MSc in under a year, or take longer if that is more convenient. It may also depend on where you are in your ACCA journey. You can study up to three modules at the same time.

Each module takes 22 weeks to complete and you will need to allow about 12–15 study hours per week, which includes time spent on coursework and revision. There are fixed deadlines for submitting

coursework. To help you meet these, you are provided with a clear structure for your learning and online tools to plan and manage your time. Modules run twice a year.

Comprehensive and interactive study resources

You study using materials developed for online learning, provided in a choice of formats for use with different types of computers, including mobile devices. Study materials include

videos, readings, computer software, case studies and more. Interactive exercises and quizzes with automated feedback are embedded throughout.

There are links within the modules to the University of London Online Library and study resources. You do not need to purchase any additional textbooks.

Network with professionals worldwide

The University's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) enables you to network with other professionals in your tutor group worldwide. You will be able to share perspectives, compare approaches and gain a truly global viewpoint.

Web-supported learning

You can choose the web-supported study option, which provides you with an Online Tutor and Student Relationship Manager to support you in your studies. They will introduce the key content at the start of each module, guide you on the assessment, participate in online forums and respond to your queries.

Getting started

As soon as you register, you can start on the orientation module. This will help you get up to speed with the programme concepts and help you hone your study skills.

Local teaching support

As an alternative to the web-supported learning option – depending on where you live – you may be able to take face-to-face classes at a local teaching centre for an additional fee. We are establishing a network of centres in the locations where students are planning to study. These centres have been recognised by the University of London for the quality and standards of their teaching. The list of centres is on our website: bit.ly/recognised-centres Classes may be held on a part-time or block basis.

Assessment

The degree is assessed through a combination of methods, including coursework, projects and written paper examinations. The grade you achieve for each module is based on all the elements of assessment. If your module includes an exam, you can take it in any of our exam centres worldwide. You can submit coursework and projects online through the University's VLE.

Build up your qualifications

You may be able to start your studies with a Postgraduate Certificate if you have not passed the ACCA Strategic Professional Essentials (SBL and SBR). When you have successfully completed the Certificate and ACCA SBL and SBR papers, you can transfer to the MSc programme.

Celebrate your graduation

Mark your achievement with your friends and family at the annual graduation ceremony in London, which is usually presided over by the University of London's Vice-Chancellor or the Chancellor, HRH The Princess Royal.

Join a global alumni network

On graduation, you become a member of the University of London Alumni Association. You may participate in our global events and meet other graduates in your academic or professional field.



Jesse Sylvester

British Virgin Islands

'Being out of the classroom setting, you become persistent, determined and persevere. You just have to stick to the study and stick to a timetable, but you also need to have a little fun while you're studying.'

Jesse decided to study the MSc in Professional Accountancy after gaining an ACCA qualification.

“Developing ideas into fruition is the most important benefit I gained from my study experience. I would say the skills of how to keep my knowledge current helped me tremendously.

The programme taught me how to be relevant and up to date in my current fast paced environment.”

Rashika Fernando
Canada



Student Relationship Managers

Student Relationship Managers (SRMs) are a key point of contact and support for you throughout your journey with the University of London, from registration through to graduation. Working collaboratively with colleagues from across the University, SRMs provide you with information on a wide variety of topics relating to the management of your student journey.

Some of these key areas include registration for modules, accessing and using the VLE, progressing through studies and understanding the regulations.

SRMs are on hand to assist you with the day-to-day management of your studies, preparing you for the practical steps needed to undertake tasks such as submitting coursework and entering for exams.

SRMs are there to ensure the best possible student experience for you. You will be able to contact and interact with your SRM through a variety of methods. These include VLE forums, our enquiry management system and by telephone. SRMs also participate in regular online question and answer sessions.

Structure

Like the ACCA Qualification, the MSc in Professional Accountancy has been designed to support you in developing the high-level knowledge and intellectual skills needed for leadership of the finance function in a global

context. This programme will help you develop the commercial, strategic and creative skills to address the challenges presented by today's fast-paced, volatile and interconnected world.

Key to ACCA Papers:

- SBL** Strategic Business Leader
- SBR** Strategic Business Reporting
- AFM** Advanced Financial Management
- APM** Advanced Performance Management
- ATX** Advanced Taxation
- AAA** Advanced Audit and Assurance

	ACCA students		ACCA members and affiliates
	Pathway 1		Pathway 2
Level of award	Postgraduate Certificate	MSc	MSc
You have passed	ACCA Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills papers	ACCA Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills papers and ACCA Strategic Professional Essentials (SBL and SBR)	ACCA Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills papers and ACCA Strategic Professional Essentials (SBL and SBR) and Two ACCA Strategic Professional Options from AFM, APM, ATX and AAA
Additional requirements	–	–	Preparation course must be taken if your last exam was completed more than five years ago
Structure	Complete TWO 30-credit modules	Complete THREE 30-credit modules on the MSc programme	Complete TWO 30-credit modules on the MSc programme

Entrance requirements and how to apply

Entrance requirements

Only those registered with ACCA are eligible to study towards the MSc in Professional Accountancy.

Qualifications required under MSc Pathway 1

Passed all the ACCA Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills papers, and passed the ACCA Strategic Professional Essentials (SBL and SBR).*

Qualifications required for the Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Accountancy

Passed all the ACCA Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills papers or their equivalent.*

Qualifications required under MSc Pathway 2

In addition to MSc Pathway 1 ACCA papers, you must also have passed two of the ACCA Strategic Professional Options from AFM, APM, ATX and AAA.* If you passed the last of the ACCA Strategic Professional papers more than five years ago, you must be able to demonstrate that your continuing professional development (CPD) record is compliant with the ACCA policy on CPD since you became a member. This includes an up-to-date CPD declaration for the current year.

One hour of learning on your MSc will be equivalent to one unit.

You will also be required to pass the assessment for our online preparation test. This takes the form of a MOOC, 'Keeping up with change: issues for the finance professional', which is available on a regular basis.

*Or earlier forms (e.g. 'F' and 'P' papers).

Please refer to our website for the English language requirements for the programme:
london.ac.uk/msc-accountancy

How to apply

You can apply online at:
london.ac.uk/msc-accountancy

After you have completed the application process, you will receive feedback on your eligibility. If you are successful, you will be able to register and pay for the first modules you wish to take.

How much will it cost?

The full list of annual fees for the programmes will be published on the Student Fees web page once confirmed. Please visit: london.ac.uk/fees

Fees are subject to annual revision and typically may be increased by up to five per cent per year.

You will pay for each module as you take it. The module fee includes access to study materials and entry into the assessments associated with the module (written examination, coursework and project as applicable) but excludes the fee charged by the local exam centre, which you must pay directly.

You will also need to pay your ACCA subscription fees as normal to continue to be eligible to study towards and be awarded the MSc.

Please note: all student fees are net of any local VAT, Goods and Services Tax (GST) or any other sales tax payable by the student in their country of residence. Where the University is required to add VAT, GST or any other sales tax at the local statutory rate, this will be added to the fees shown during the payment process. For students resident in the UK, our fees are exempt from VAT.



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