

Programme Specification Pro-forma (PSP)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

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| 1. Programme Title: | Master of Science in Accounting, Finance and Regulation (Fast-track) |
| 2. Final Award: | Master of Science in Accounting, Finance and Regulation |
| 3. Exit Awards: | PgD Accounting, Finance and Regulation |
| 4. Awarding Body: | Glasgow Caledonian University |
| 5. Period of Approval: | September 2023 to September 2028 |
| 6. School: | Glasgow School for Business & Society |
| 7. Host Department: | Finance, Accounting and Risk |
| 8. UCAS Code: | |
| 9. PSB Involvement: | |
| 10. Place of Delivery: | Any GCU Campus Online/Distance Learning subject to availability |
| 11. Subject Benchmark Statement: | QAA Subject Benchmark Statement: Master's Degrees in Business and Management |
| 12. Dates of PSP Preparation/Revision: | November 2022 |

2. EDUCATIONAL AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

The MSc Accounting, Finance and Regulation (fast-track) programme aims to build on students' prior professional studies to develop a deeper and more critical academic knowledge and understanding of the key contemporary challenges facing the accountancy profession and the wider financial sector. In the light of governance issues faced by the accountancy profession in recent years, the programme also focuses on relevant regulatory aspects.

The programme is designed for students who have completed a professional accountancy qualification and who aim to further develop their career in the accounting or financial sector, or who wish to advance their academic career. The programme builds on students' existing employability skills and produces competent and confident graduates who are ready to enter the workplace and make a real impact across a range of sectors and geographical settings in a professional environment which is increasingly global, volatile, complex and uncertain. The programme also provides a good foundation for those students wishing to further their academic studies, for example to doctoral level.

The syllabus reflects the current issues facing the accountancy profession and includes the study of the role of financial management in strategic decision making and challenges and developments in audit and regulation. Further, the theoretical approaches to understanding regulation and the role of the regulator and the regulated are studied. Students will also develop academic research skills and undertake a masters' research project in their chosen area of interest.

The programme therefore provides students with an intellectually challenging and vocationally relevant education which complements their professional qualification to provide a competitive edge in the workplace. This masters' degree will enhance student employability through participation in a wide range of teaching and learning experiences including case studies, individual projects, collaborative group work and discussion of contemporary real life issues, from both a UK and international perspective and across sectors. Through their studies, students will develop a range of personal and transferable skills vital to the modern workplace.

4. PROGRAMME STRUCTURES AND REQUIREMENTS, LEVELS, MODULES, CREDITS AND AWARDS

SCQF Level 11

| Module Code | Module Title | Credit |
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| | Accredited Recognised Prior Learning – Fully Qualified Member of a Professional Accountancy Institute which is a member of IFAC | 90 |
| MMN230181 | Postgraduate Research Methods | 15 |
| MMN430189 | Current Issues in Audit and Regulation | 15 |
| MMN330190 | Financial Management for Strategic Decision Making | 15 |
| MMN230182 | Masters Research Project | 45 |
| Exit Award – Master of Science in Accounting, Finance and Regulation (Fast-track) | | 180 |

Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting, Finance and Regulation (Fast-track):

30 credits obtained from the taught modules, plus 90 credits from ARPL

Master of Science in Accounting, Finance and Regulation:

ARPL plus 90 credits

Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body requirements:

N/A

Entry Point

The entry point to the fast track programme is January (Tri B start)

Modes of Delivery available:

Full time on campus

Online/Distance Learning (*subject to availability*)

8. ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

Students should expect to complete their programme of study under the [Regulations](#) that were in place at the commencement of their studies on that programme, unless proposed changes to University Regulations are advantageous to students.

Exception Case 224:

- 1. Non-standard module credit size (Reduction in credit size to 45 credits from 60 credits)
- Masters Research Project Modules (Dissertation)*
- 2. There will be no progression points in taught postgraduate programmes of study*
- 3. Students are required to pass the PG Research Methods Module prior to progressing to the Dissertation.*