

Programme Specification Pro-forma (PSP)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

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| 1. Programme Title: | Master of Science in Accounting, Finance and Regulation |
| 2. Final Award: | Master of Science in Accounting, Finance and Regulation |
| 3. Exit Awards: | Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting, Finance and Regulation Post Graduate Certificate in 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 aims to build on students' previous studies to develop a deeper academic and professional 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 aim to pursue a career in the accounting or financial sector or who wish to advance their academic career. The programme delivers the key employability skills employers require 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 international accounting standard setting and developments in international financial reporting and auditing; contemporary issues in management accounting; international financial management; the role of financial management in strategic decision making and financial risk modelling. Further, the theoretical

approaches to understanding regulation; the role of the regulator and the regulated; the importance of ethics, sustainability and governance and responsible leadership are also studied. Through the use of case studies, annual reports, professional reports and guest lectures, students are given the opportunity to apply the academic theory to practical and professional situations. 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 a comprehensive, intellectually challenging and vocationally relevant education, giving them 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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| MMN430180 | Ethics, Sustainability & Governance | 15 |
| MMN230181 | Postgraduate Research Methods | 15 |
| MMN630209 | Developing Leadership for the Common Good | 15 |
| MMN430192 | International Financial Reporting and Regulation* | 15 |
| MMN430193 | Management Accounting Control* | 15 |
| MMN430191 | International Financial Management* | 15 |
| MMN330190 | Financial Management for Strategic Decision Making* | 15 |
| MMN430189 | Current Issues in Audit and Regulation* | 15 |
| MMN324976 | Financial Risk Modelling* | 15 |
| MMN230182 | Masters Research Project | 45 |
| Exit Award – Master of Science in Accounting, Finance and Regulation | | 180 |

Post Graduate Certificate in Accounting, Finance and Regulation:

*Achievement of 60 credits to include at least 30 credits in core accounting or finance modules (marked with * in table above)*

Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting, Finance and Regulation:

*Achievement of 120 credits to include at least 60 credits in core accounting or finance modules (marked with * in table above)*

Master of Science in Accounting, Finance and Regulation:

Achievement of 180 credits including the Masters Research Project

Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body requirements:

N/A

Entry Point

The entry points are:

- September (Tri A start)
- January (Tri B start)

Modes of Delivery available:

Full time

Part time

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.

Exceptions 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.*