

# Management Accounting MSc

This one year course is designed for graduates from a wide range of backgrounds who are either keen to seek an academic qualification in this area or who wish to focus on management accounting and subsequently to progress towards a professional qualification with the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). Business management requires an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the financial implications of decision-making. With recent growth in business the demand for management accountants is on the increase. Business success relies upon key individuals with a detailed knowledge of the environment in which the business operates and the ability to forward plan and

effectively manage risk.

Our MSc/PGDip Management Accounting, delivered by respected researchers, offers the blend of theory, knowledge, analytical and practical skills required for understanding the implications of decision making within organisations. This course will enable you to understand the key issues which relate to strategic decision making within business and provide essential knowledge for the success of global organisations.

Those exiting the course after successful completion of the taught component (i.e. without the MSc dissertation) would be eligible for the award of Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) Management Accounting.

## What you study

Your core course will include essential foundation areas of management accounting, financial accounting and finance. The second semester further develops the international elements and deepens your knowledge of strategic management accounting. Throughout the course we place emphasis on contemporary and emerging financial topics which you will often explore through case studies. You will also develop your research and interpersonal skills via our integrative seminar course which will expose you to the latest thinking and events in this area.

## How you learn

In addition to attending lectures, you will be required to contribute actively to group and seminar discussions. You will develop a deep understanding of subjects through highly relevant and contemporary modules, and your dissertation will enable you to develop further your particular interests in management accounting. You will work in teams, prepare case analysis or develop scenarios, and deliver presentations using professional tools.

## How you are assessed

Assessment is diverse to reflect the broad range of knowledge and skills you will develop throughout the course, and also to recognise the diverse learning style preferences our students bring to our course. You will be assessed through conventional examinations and coursework, and through presentations, team work and skills-based tasks.

## Career opportunities

Your advanced understanding of business and the impact of decision making on an organisations financial position will be valuable to any organisation, domestic or international, that operates in the global arena. The course prepares you for management accounting or finance roles with significant responsibility in any industry or sector.



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| Course Length    | 1 year (full-time) |
| Places Available | Approx 50          |
| SCQF Level       | 11                 |

## Key information

### Entrance Requirements

Honours degree in any field (minimum 2.ii) or equivalent

Entry with advanced standing, and with qualifications other than those stated, will be in line with the University's policy and regulations.

Applicants whose prior study profile indicates a minor shortfall in a particular prerequisite subject area may be required to undertake a bridging course (details available on request)

### Want to know more?

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## Key features

- Strong international emphasis
- Specialisation through bespoke modules in risk management and strategic management accounting
- Emphasis on widening your career opportunities within the field of management accounting
- Case study approach and practical focus
- Company insight and guest speakers
- Management skills and career development course
- Specialised dissertation of your choice

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