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MSc Accounting (L1T509)

1. This programme is available at Durham City in a full-time (12 months) mode of study.

Level 4 (Degree)

2. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit Value
Auditing and Accountability	ACCT40115	15
Modern Accounting Research	ACCT40215	15
Financial Accounting and Reporting	ACCT40315	15
Financial Planning and Control	ACCT40415	15
Research Methods in Accounting	ACCT40515	15

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in one module to the value of 15 credits from List A:

List A		Credit Value
Corporate Governance	ACCT40915	15
Accounting Theory	ACCT40815	15
Financial Statement Analysis	ACCT41015	15
Accounting: An Information Content Perspective	ACCT42115	15

4. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in one module to the value of 60 credits from List B:

List B		Credit Value
Dissertation (MSc Accounting) ~	ACCT40660	60
Dissertation (International) (MSc Accounting) ~	ACCT40760	60

5. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in further modules from List A above to the value of 30 credits and/or modules to the value of 30 credits from List C below (only a selection of these modules will be available each year):

List C		Credit Value
Islamic Banking and Finance	FINN45115	15
Islamic Law and Financial Transactions	FINN45315	15
Introduction to Data Analytics and Visualisation	ACCT42415	15
Introduction to Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence *	ACCT42515	15
Sustainability and Ethics	ACCT43015	15
Sustainability and Integrated Reporting *	ACCT43115	15
A credit-bearing language module up to the value of 20 credits offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Studies		20

Assessment, progression and award

6. Modules marked with a ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30 – 39% cannot be compensated.
7. Modules marked with a * are not available in 2025/26.
8. No more than 75 credits may normally be undertaken in each of Term 1 and Term 2.

9. There will be an assessment period in January/February for modules that are delivered in Term 1.
10. Candidates who have failed modules which are assessed in the January/February and/or May/June assessment period shall normally be required to resit all failed modules in the following August assessment period. Candidates whose failed modules are worth 30 or more credits may however elect to defer the submission of their dissertation until January of the following year.
11. Candidates must submit a dissertation of not more than 12,000 words. Candidates who fail the dissertation on first submission in September may elect to resubmit in the following January/February as an alternative to the next normal occasion.
12. Modules up to the value of 15 credits may be compensated in order to achieve the award of MSc Accounting, Postgraduate Diploma Accounting or Postgraduate Certificate Accounting provided a mark of not less than 40% has been achieved in the module to be compensated, and the overall average mark for all the modules taken, including the module to be compensated, is at least 50%.
13. Candidates who select a CFLS credit-bearing module must select 185 credits in total.