

BA (HONOURS) IN ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Duration: **CAO Points Guide:***

Three Years
Full-Time
(Four Years with
work placement)

300

NFQ Level: **CAO Code:**

Level 8

NC022



*For each course we have given a guideline based on our points over the past three years. This is a guide only, points vary each year.

About the Course

NCI's BA (Honours) in Accounting and Finance features a blend of specialised accounting and finance subjects together with general business subjects, giving you an excellent foundation in leadership and management as well as a critical and methodical approach to problem-solving and decision-making in a financial context.

You may also be able to take advantage of an opportunity to engage in a year-long, accredited work placement between years two and three. This placement is credit-bearing and comprises an extra year in the degree. Access to such placements is limited and highly competitive.

Graduates of this course understand the theory and practice of accounting and finance, have skills and knowledge in all areas of business, and can pursue a career in general management, accountancy or related fields. Graduates are also eligible for professional accountancy body exemptions.

Who is the course for?

This course is ideal for students who have an interest in the business world and who are looking to move into the international world of accounting and finance. The course is for school leavers, mature students and graduates of QQI level 5/6 programmes who wish to embark on a course of full-time study.

Career Prospects

Recent graduates are employed as trainee accountants and tax advisors within the Big 4 and Top 10 accountancy firms together with industry and financial services. Many are undertaking the professional accountancy exams. Specific employers include EY, Deloitte, BDO, Grant Thornton, JPA Brenson Lawlor, JP Morgan, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Citi, BNY Mellon, Moore Stephens, Cornmarket, PwC and Daiwa.

Course Structure and Award

This undergraduate course is a three-year honours degree (four years with the option of a placement*). The course is run over six semesters with continuous assessment held throughout the course and examinations at the end of each semester. In each year of the degree any student with an overall average of 70+ will win a Dean's Award. On completion you will receive a QQI BA (Honours) Degree in Accounting and Finance at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

*Students who complete the Career Management Skills module and meet set grade criteria are eligible (subject to availability) to complete a work placement on year three of the programme and graduate after four years with 240 ECTS credits.

Further Study Options

Upon successful completion of the BA (Honours) in Accounting and Finance, graduates can progress to postgraduate courses at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications such as the MSc in Finance and MSc in Accounting at NCI or pursue a professional accountancy qualification such as ACA, CPA, ACCA or CIMA.

Professional Recognition

Graduates who meet the criteria decided by the professional accounting bodies may apply for generous exemptions from the examinations of professional accountancy bodies on completion of the course. These include Chartered Accountants Ireland (CAI), Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), Chartered Institute of Management Accounts (CIMA) and Certified Public Accountants (CPA) Ireland.

Course Fees

This course qualifies under the Free Fees Initiative and Student Grant Scheme.

Admission Requirements and Policies

Minimum entry requirements are a grade H5 and above in two higher level subjects together with a minimum of O6/H7 in four other subjects. A minimum of grade O6/H7 must be obtained in English. A grade O5/H6 must be obtained in Mathematics. Applicants from a PLC/further education course must have a full level 5/6 award, three distinctions and meet the CAO points requirement. Mature applicants, applicants with a disability or those applying through the DARE or HEAR access schemes should refer to our Admissions section on p65, which also includes our admission policies, including laptop requirements.



COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

- Financial Accounting 1
- Economics in the 21st Century
- Academic Management Skills
- Mathematics for Business and Finance
- Business Law for Accounting and Finance
- Fundamentals of Management
- Information and Communications Technology in Accounting and Finance
- Quantitative Methods
- Introduction to Financial Markets
- Marketing for Accounting and Finance

Year 2

- Financial Accounting 2
- Management Accounting 1
- Corporate Finance
- Taxation 1
- Quantitative Methods in Finance
- Company Law for Accounting and Finance
- Business Economics
- Collective Investments
- Corporate Governance and Ethics

Students intending to undertake the Work Placement Year study a Career Development Skills module in Year 2

Year 3

- Management Accounting 2
- Financial Reporting
- Law and Regulation
- Portfolio Analysis
- Derivatives and Risk Management
- Contemporary Issues in Finance and Accounting
- Financial Statement Analysis

Electives: Students select a 5-credit elective module in Semester 1 and 10-credit elective module in Semester 2.

- Taxation 2
- Taxation 3
- International Financial Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Research Project
- Audit and Assurance

