

# A FAST-TRACK TO MSc SUCCESS AT NEWPORT

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## 'Fast-Track' MSc in Accounting and Finance OR Financial Management

Newport Business School (NBS) offers an MSc programme with distinct 'Accounting & Finance' or 'Financial Management' pathways, which complements the School's professional Accountancy programme (including the 'Platinum' accredited ACCA and 'Learning Quality Partner' accredited CIMA programmes).

The 'fast-track' route is aimed at professional accountants who hold a Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies (CCAB) recognised accountancy qualification (such as ACCA, CIMA, ICAEW or CIPFA), as these qualifications lead to accreditation for prior achievement.

It therefore allows you to quickly gain a Masters degree qualification in one or two years on a part-time basis.



### Benefits

The Newport MSc will significantly enhance your employability and develop your career wherever that may be - accounting practice, the public sector, financial services or industry and commerce. Further more, given its links with the ACCA and CIMA professional qualifications and the experience of the tutors in delivering programmes focused on transferable work-based skills, you can be sure that while the programme is academically rigorous it is also very practically focused.

#### The MSc will allow you to:

- critically evaluate a range of 'contemporary issues' at a strategic level
- develop and enhance your research and analytical skills
- expand your independent and life-long learning skills
- conduct an in-depth research study in a specialist, yet practical area, culminating in a dissertation
- obtain qualifying structured learning hours to help meet the continuing professional development (CPD) requirements of your professional body

### Course Structure and Content

The course will comprise of two 'contemporary issues' modules, research methodology workshops and a dissertation.

In the 'contemporary issues' modules you will critically evaluate key developments in topic areas of your choice, such as Corporate Reporting, Corporate Governance, Ethics, Risk Management, Sustainability Accounting, Financial Management, Performance Management, Taxation and Audit.

The research methodology workshops act as a bridge between the professional exams you will have taken and the research required at Masters level. They give you the tools required to complete the dissertation.

The dissertation has a very student-centred learning approach, and allows you to select a topic for in-depth research that ideally has a practical focus.

The topics chosen at the 'contemporary issues' and dissertation stages will determine your exit award.



## Teaching & Learning at Newport

The teaching and learning environment is dynamic and innovative. The 'contemporary issues' modules are readings-based, with the aim of developing students' ability to understand and critically evaluate contemporary and future issues in a holistic manner. Workshop sessions are used to discuss a number of broad themes, with the aim of engaging students in critical discussion via seminar groups and student-led presentations. You will meet fortnightly for class workshops; in the intervening weeks, the University's Virtual Learning Environment is utilised to continue group discussions and support, and for the posting of additional readings, questions, prompts and guidance.

Student interaction and networking is common-place, and the diverse experiences and backgrounds of the students (many of whom hold senior positions in their employing organisations) add to the richness of our learning environment.

You will be taught by tutors who, in addition to being qualified accountants and having many years of personal business experience, are vastly experienced at working with finance professionals and business managers. All tutors teach on the School's acclaimed ACCA and CIMA professional programmes.

## Assessment

The 'contemporary issues' modules will be assessed through assignments and group presentations. This approach will develop a wide range of business skills, ranging from formal report writing to effective time management, planning and networking.

For the dissertation module you will be allocated a personal tutor who is there to support your development of a research topic and ensure the timely progression of your dissertation.

## Entry Requirements

Full completion of a CCAB recognised accountancy qualification i.e. ACCA, CIMA, ICAEW or CIPFA. The first student entry to the course will be January 2010.

## Tuition Fee

The 2010 tuition fee will be £2,625.

## Further Information and Application Forms

To obtain further information and an application form please contact the University Information Centre on **01633 432432** or by e-mail on [uic@newport.ac.uk](mailto:uic@newport.ac.uk)

Alternatively please contact Ian Evans (MSc Programme Leader, Accounting & HR Division) on **01633 432490** or by e-mailing [ian.evans@newport.ac.uk](mailto:ian.evans@newport.ac.uk)

Regular information evenings are run at the Allt-yr-yn campus (just off Junction 27 of the M4). No appointment is necessary and accountancy tutors will be available to discuss the course. Please check the website for the next information evening [www.newport.ac.uk](http://www.newport.ac.uk)