

MAcc Advanced Accounting with Placement Briefing document for Schools, Parents and Prospective Students

The MAcc Advanced Accounting with Placement is a new integrated undergraduate programme (combining undergraduate and Masters-level study in one four-year course), replacing BSc Accounting. It is unique in the UK and Ireland in offering:

- a final Masters-level qualification (Master of Accounting), with students paying undergraduate fees in each of the four years;
- exemption from Chartered Accountants Ireland CAP1 and CAP2* exams and maximum permitted exemptions from other professional bodies;
- a paid work-based placement during Semester Two of Year Four, together with a work-related research project;
- an alternative exit point after three years, with students awarded BSc Accounting.

** CAP1 approval obtained and CAP2 being processed*

From 2024/25 all new Year One students will register for the four-year MAcc programme, with BSc Accounting degree no longer offered (UCAS offering from Sept 23).

Students who enrol on the MAcc programme can choose to exit after Year Three with a BSc Accounting degree (and CAP1 exemptions) or will be required to exit if they do not have an average mark in a 2:2 classification or higher, subject to the usual degree classification rules (briefly, 50%).

Current BSc Accounting students will be able to transfer to the new Year Four from 2024/25, meaning our current (2023/24) final year students will have this option. The first MAcc graduates will exit in June 2025.

Course content and structure

Entrance requirements for the MAcc programme are the same as required for the previous BSc Accounting (A-level AAB).

The modules in Years One to Three are similar in nature to those on the previous BSc Accounting degree. Students will obtain CAP1 exemptions by completing Years One to Three assuming satisfactory performance in the relevant modules.

In Year Four Semester One, students will take four new modules in Financial Reporting and Auditing, Advanced Taxation, Financial Management and Research Methods and Placement Preparation. The first three are structured to secure **CAP2 exemptions**. The final module prepares students for Semester Two, which will include placement (see below) and a work-related research project, allowing students to complete independent research on a contemporary accounting topic of their choice.



Placement

Placement will typically be of around 12 weeks' duration between January and April of Year Four. We will work with employers to develop placement opportunities to which students can apply, and provide a range of support to students, but the responsibility is on the students to secure a placement. Employers that have already made job offers to students before Year Four may wish to host these students for their Year Four placement in the first instance. Thereafter offering placement to students with which there has been no previous relationship

More information

For more information, go to our website [MAcc Advanced Accounting with Placement](#) and/or contact the Programme Director Brenda Clerkin via b.clerkin@qub.ac.uk.