

School of Management and Languages

INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING
AND FINANCE

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MSc / PG DIPLOMA

Full-Time / Part-Time

Distinctly Ambitious
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Your University an overview

Heriot-Watt University offers a superb environment for postgraduate study. We are one of the UK's leading universities, recognised internationally for excellent teaching and research in our specialist areas of science, engineering, business management, languages and textile design.

Our community of postgraduate students is made up of bright, highly imaginative and self-motivated individuals, who work closely with our forward-looking and energetic research-active academic staff. This collaborative atmosphere is fundamental to Heriot-Watt's enviable academic and research reputation.

Those of you who choose to study with us will discover high quality taught and research programmes, flexible student-centred delivery, unrivalled facilities and pioneering research.

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PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

Scotland, and Edinburgh in particular, has a long and well established reputation in international accounting. Edinburgh had the world's first professional body of accountants formed in 1854 and is also home to several global financial institutions such as Royal Bank of Scotland and Standard Life. Heriot-Watt has close links with the financial community and our first postgraduate course in the area of finance was established in 1978 when George Home left his post as Deputy Managing Director at the Royal Bank of Scotland to become a Professor at Heriot-Watt.

World economies are becoming ever more globalised and interlinked and as a result organisations need graduates who can use their knowledge, understanding and skills to identify and analyse complex problems and issues at an international level to ensure that their strategy and ongoing operations are at the leading edge in a competitive environment. Recognition of international issues in accounting, finance and management is vital for those looking to undertake careers in financial or managerial positions within the world of international business.

Our International Accounting programmes provide theoretical underpinning in the key areas of international accounting, finance and the management of organisations and also examine these key areas within the wider context of business in the globalised environment.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The aim of these programmes is to prepare you for a range of managerial and professional careers in the financial world. By combining the latest developments in knowledge, research and practice from the financial and business world to build upon and enhance all of your existing knowledge, skills and experience you will have an excellent platform for a career in the financial world.

International Accounting and Finance

Semester 1	Semester 2	Summer: May to August
Corporate Finance Financial Analysis International Accounting Standards	International Accounting Theory International Managerial Accounting Research Methods <i>and one from:</i> • Comparative Financial Reporting • Emerging Financial Markets • Research in Finance	MSc Dissertation

International Accounting and Management

Semester 1	Semester 2	Summer: May to August
Competitive Strategy Financial Analysis International Accounting Standards	Comparative Financial Reporting Project Management Research Methods <i>and one from:</i> • Human Resource Management • International Managerial Accounting • International Trade Law • Project Procurement and Contract Management	MSc Dissertation

Key knowledge, skills and understanding gained include:

- Critical awareness of current issues in both the academic discipline and professional practice in the areas of international accounting, finance and management
- Evaluation of a comprehensive range of research techniques used in international accounting, finance, and management and understanding how research techniques are put into practice to create and interpret knowledge
- Ability to critically evaluate academic and professional research and analysis and financial and business media articles on finance, business and managerial environment
- Development of subject interests through original research for the MSc dissertation; and
- Decision-making skills, people management skills, leadership skills, team working skills and presentation skills

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme commences in September each year.

Semester 1 begins in September and finishes in December. Semester 2 starts in January and finishes in May. Four courses are taken during each semester.

The MSc dissertation commences in May and is submitted by the end of August.

TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT

Conventional lectures are complemented with independent research, case studies, group work and project work. You will be encouraged to develop your own critical thinking in order to evaluate different analytical frameworks and theories and then apply them to the real world of business.

You will be assessed through a combination of examinations, course work and an independent research project in the form of a written dissertation. Emphasis is placed on high individual academic standards as well as acquiring and developing a range of transferable business skills. Assessment exercises can therefore include writing business reports, making effective presentations as well as team and group work.

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GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of this programme can go on to train as professional accountants and previous graduates have gone to successful careers as accountants in both the public and private sector. Other potential graduate careers include managerial positions with accountancy departments of international companies; financial institutions; banks; government and public sector institutions; business consultancies and other business services.

To read more about what our graduates do please visit the School of Management & Languages website at

www.sml.hw.ac.uk

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If your first language is not English, or your first degree was not taught in English, we'll need to see evidence of your English language ability. The minimum requirement for English language is IELTS 6.5 or equivalent. We offer a range of English language courses to help you meet the English language requirement prior to starting your masters programme:

- 2 semesters English (for IELTS of 4.5-5.0)
- 12 weeks English (for IELTS of 5.5)
- 6 weeks English (for IELTS 5.5*-6.0) (*minimum 5.5 reading and writing)

Further details can be found at:

www.english.hw.ac.uk

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should hold a good (first or second class) Honours degree or its non-UK equivalent in a relevant subject from a recognised British or overseas university. In addition further work or project experience in finance will be of further advantage.

If you are unsure of whether or not you would be eligible to apply, please contact us in the School for an assessment of your qualifications and suitability for entry.

FEES, FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Tuition fees for all postgraduate programmes are available online at www.hw.ac.uk/fees

There are a range of University scholarships available as well as funding from government bodies, funding trusts, research councils and employers. Details can be found online at

www.hw.ac.uk/scholarships

HOW TO APPLY

You can either complete an online application form or download a paper copy of the application form to complete and post back to us.

For further details about the application process, including the application forms and guidance notes, please visit:

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5 GOOD REASONS

- 1 Strong links with the financial sector in Edinburgh, a major centre for fund management and life assurance
- 2 We have a wide range of expertise and research interests in international accounting, finance and management all of which feed into teaching
- 3 Heriot-Watt offers several postgraduate finance programmes so there is an active student body to exchange subject views with
- 4 Programmes provide an excellent platform for a career in international accountancy, including finance divisions of multinational corporations
- 5 Accreditation opportunities for graduates of the programmes from professional accountancy bodies