Programme Specification

1. Awarding body: University of London
2. Teaching Institution: Birkbeck College
3. Programme Title(s): MSc Accounting and Financial Management
4. Programme Code(s): TMSACFMN_C
5. UCAS code (if applicable): N/A
6. Home Department: Management
7. Exit Award(s): PGCert (passing 60 credits) and PG Diploma (passing 120 credits)
8. Duration of Study (number of years): 1 year full time; 2 years part time
9. Mode of Study: FT x PT x DL
10. Level of Award (FHEQ): Level: 7

11. Other teaching depts or institution (or not applicable): N/A
12. Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body (PSRB) details (or not applicable): N/A
13. QAA Benchmark Group (or not applicable): N/A

14. Programme Rationale & Aims

This programme aims to equip students with the required knowledge and skills in accounting and financial management. In addition, students will be able to improve their skills in using the required techniques to solve problems related to accounting and finance.

15. Entry Criteria

Usually a second-class honours degree in a subject related to finance, accounting or business studies. We also welcome students from any quantitative background.

We also welcome professional or other qualifications obtained by written examinations approved by the College. Relevant experience, supporting statements and references may be taken into consideration, especially in the case of non-standard applications.

International entry requirements
If English is not your first language or you have not previously studied in English, our usual requirement is the equivalent of an International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic Test) score of 6.5, with not less than 6.0 in each of the sub-tests.

If you don't meet the minimum IELTS requirement, we offer pre-sessional English courses, foundation programmes and language support services to help you improve your English language skills and get your place at Birkbeck.
Visit the International section of our website to find out more about our English language entry requirements and relevant requirements by country.

### 16 Prospectus Entry

We welcome students from any background. This programme doesn’t require any work experience although, a good background in accounting or finance related job with a relevant Bachelor degree could boost your profile.

### 17 Learning Outcomes

Provides a thorough understanding of the key areas of accounting and financial management for non-accounting graduates.

On completion, you will be able to understand, apply and critically assess a wide range of accounting and financial theories.

You will learn and apply the relevant techniques in each subject area. Strong emphasis will be placed on analysis and interpretation using case study and live company analysis.

### 18 Learning, teaching and assessment methods

A 3-hour lecture each week aims to introduce students to the particular topic as well as to encourage them to get the required knowledge of the specific finance/investment area.

Consistent with the higher education at postgraduate level, lectures introduce and highlight the martial but are not aimed to cover all the aspects related to the topic. Students are expected to read and prepare for lectures and to discuss whatever is necessary in the class. The second part of the lecture is a seminar designated to solve questions or discuss cases or empirical studies related to the area of interest. Students are asked to prepare for these materials so they can engage with lecturer.

For assessment short tests, written examinations, coursework, group work and poster sessions. Minimum pass mark of 50%.

### 19 Programme Description

Students take eight compulsory modules:

- Applied Financial Management
- Multinational Financial Management
- Contemporary Issues in Financial Reporting for Complex Entities
- Management Accounting and Decision Making 1
- Management Accounting and Decision Making 2
- Principles of Financial Reporting
- Financial Modelling
- Principles of Investment Management

Plus a 12,000-word dissertation on any area of accounting or financial management.
### Programme Structure

#### Full Time programme

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#### Regulations

- **Admissions**
  This programme adheres to the College Admissions Policy:  

- **Credit Transfer**
  Accredited Prior Learning will be considered in line with the College Policy on Accredited Prior Learning:  

- **Programme Regulations**
  This programme adheres to the College Common Awards Scheme:  
  [http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/regulations](http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/regulations)

- **Programme Specific Regulations (or not applicable)** N/A
### Student Attendance Framework – in brief

The full version of the ‘Student Attendance Framework’ is available [here](http://www.bbk.ac.uk/mybirkbeck/services/rules/Attendance-Framework.pdf).

#### Principle

Consistent and regular student attendance in class (or equivalent) promotes and affords student success. Inconsistent and irregular attendance is less likely to result in student success and is consistent with lower marks and degree classifications being achieved and awarded.

#### Attendance expectation

Birkbeck, University of London expects you to consistently attend all timetabled sessions, including lectures, seminars, group and individual tutorials, learning support sessions, workshops, laboratories, field trips, inductions and demonstrations.

#### E-Registers

All Birkbeck students are issued with student cards. Students are expected to take them to classes and to assessment venues and to present them to a member of staff if requested. This is for the purpose of identifying Birkbeck students.

### Student Support and Guidance

All Birkbeck students have access to a range of student support services, details can be found on our website here: [here](http://www.bbk.ac.uk/mybirkbeck/services/facilities).

### Methods of Enhancing Quality and Standards

The College has rigorous procedures in place for the monitoring and enhancing its educational provision. This includes regular monitoring of programmes drawing on feedback from various sources including external examiner's reports, student feedback, student achievement and progression data. In addition, departments are reviewed every four to five years through the internal review process that includes external input.

For more information please see the Academic Standards and Quality website [here](http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/about-us/operations-and-quality).

### Programme Director

Dr Ellen Pei-yi Yu

### Start Date (term/year)

Autumn 2011/12

### Date approved by TQEC

Spring 2011

### Date approved by Academic Board

Summer 2011

### Date(s) updated/amended

February 2018