Life in Manchester

Manchester, the original modern city, birthplace of the computer and the industrial revolution, is a European business capital, and a vibrant multicultural city where students of all races and religions quickly feel at home. We’re proud to be the UK’s most popular student city.

Established in 1965 as one of the UK’s first two business schools, Alliance Manchester Business School (MBS) is proud to be part of the prestigious University of Manchester and the UK’s largest campus-based business and management school. With triple accreditation from the AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS, we provide world-class, industry-focused education to undergraduates, postgraduates and executives across the globe.

“The Flying Start Programme at Alliance MBS enables students to gain a degree from a prestigious Russell Group University, start their professional development early with a leading employer like PwC and gain maximum exemptions along the road to becoming a Chartered Accountant.”

Wendy Wild, Programme Director, Alliance Manchester Business School

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Alliance Manchester Business School at The University of Manchester
BSc (Hons) Business Accounting with Industrial/Professional Experience, N403
Start your career with PwC. Take the opportunity of a lifetime; get your career off to a Flying Start. An innovative degree for students who want to become Chartered Accountants with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

The BSc (Hons) Business Accounting with Industrial/Professional Experience Flying Start degree (N403) is a collaboration between Alliance Manchester Business School (MBS) at The University of Manchester, PwC, and ICAEW. The course combines academic study, integrated professional work placements in PwC's Audit practice and progress towards ICAEW Chartered Accountant qualification, the ACA.

Throughout your journey you’ll be supported by a team of dedicated staff from both Alliance MBS and PwC who will help you develop the business skills you need to gain a degree, progress towards a professional qualification and succeed on paid work placements - all of which will help you towards receiving a graduate offer with PwC.

We offer great financial support to help you through your Flying Start journey including:

- paid work placements with a competitive starting salary
- student scholarships available in years 2, 3 and 4
- sourced and paid for accommodation where needed for each work placement period
- many of the learning materials provided free of charge
- technical skills training during your work placement.

So if your sights are set on a career as a Chartered Accountant, it makes sense to start early. While many other degrees tackle business, accounting and finance, none can prepare you for your chosen profession as well as the Flying Start degree programme at The University of Manchester.

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Six reasons to choose Flying Start

1. Best of both worlds
   Be a student and be a professional. Enjoy student life and start your studies. Take your first examinations that will count towards your ACA qualification. Work with PwC to decide on your work placement location.

2. A world-changing university
   The University of Manchester has a heritage of producing innovative, freelinking individuals. New research indicates Manchester is a leading global city, with some of the world’s most influential companies and institutions choosing to locate in Manchester.

3. Globally recognised qualification
   ICAEW is a world leading professional membership organisation that promotes, sets and oversees the highest standards of excellence for Chartered Accountants worldwide.

4. Work with PwC
   We’re the employer of choice in Accounting and Professional Experience. We’re a member of the FTSE 100 and the first multinational to offer the ICAEW’s Professional Excellence Programme.

5. Job offer
   The Flying Start programme will not only give you great work experience while you’re still at university, but it will also ensure that you secure a job with us after you graduate.

6. Fast track your career
   Join PwC and you’ll be ahead of traditional graduates, potentially becoming a fully qualified ICAEW Chartered Accountant with the salary to match, just over a year after you graduate.

What you’ll do

Year 1 (University)
- Enjoy student life and start your studies.
- Take your first examinations that will count towards your ACA qualification.
- Work with PwC to decide on your work placement location.

Year 2 (University and work placement 1)
- Work with Audit clients and develop a network at PwC.
- Focus on modules that link to the ACA qualification, and then link your studies to your work placements.

Year 3 (University and work placement 2)
As work placement 2 plus:
- Take on more challenging roles and greater responsibility within a client audit environment.
- Study a mix of core modules accredited to the remaining Professional Level ACA exams.
- Gain a 2:1 or above in your degree, and impress us enough to gain a graduate job offer with PwC.

Year 4 (University and work placement 3)
As work placement 2 plus:
- Experience a longer work placement with greater opportunity to develop professional skills, as well as coaching junior staff.
- Study modules which will help to prepare you for the ICAEW Advanced Level exams.
- Gain a 2:1 or above in your degree, and impress us enough to gain a graduate job offer with PwC.

After graduation (Full-time work)
- If you receive a job offer, join PwC on a graduate programme.
- Complete the ICAEW ACA Advanced Level and remaining technical work experience.
- Just over a year after graduation, you could become a fully qualified ICAEW Chartered Accountant.