

The Flying Start Degree



Complete work placements as a trainee chartered accountant with the UK's Graduate Employer of Choice for Accounting for over 20 years running, as voted by students (The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers Survey, 2023)



The distinctive feature of this four-year programme is that you will complete three paid work placements at PwC in years 2-4



Gain 12 exemptions from ICAEW ACA examinations and you could become a fully qualified chartered accountant just over a year after graduating



Benefit from a traditional university experience at Alliance Manchester Business School - part of The University of Manchester



Secure a graduate job offer from PwC - students who perform well in their academic studies and during their work placements will be offered a graduate position with PwC



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Original Thinking Applied

Get your career off to a Flying Start with Alliance MBS and PwC

The BSc (Hons) Business Accounting with Industrial/Professional Experience is a collaboration between Alliance Manchester Business School, PwC, and the ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales). The unique programme structure combines academic study, three integrated, paid, professional work placements in PwC's audit department, and an acceleration towards achieving the ICAEW Chartered Accountancy qualification, the ACA.



"Our vision for this new degree is to allow you to study at a highly ranked university, undertake paid placements at PwC and gain the maximum exemptions possible from the ICAEW.

During your degree you will be taught by globally-recognised academics and then apply that knowledge by working in the number one firm of accountants in the UK.

**Claire Levison, Programme Director,
BSc (Hons) Business Accounting**

Put theory into practice with PwC

The Flying Start programme provides an excellent pathway into PwC. Blending university based learning with work placements really helps to put your knowledge into practice, and the ICAEW exemptions gained over the course of the programme provide a real benefit to the start of your full-time career with the firm. We can't wait to welcome you on the degree."

Charlotte Lever, Manager Student Recruitment, PwC

Hear from our First Year Student...

"I chose Manchester as it is renowned for being one of the most prestigious universities within the UK. The university has an excellent reputation for providing top quality teaching, as well as ensuring that students develop career and life skills for work beyond their degree. I was beyond thrilled to be accepted onto the 'Flying Start Degree Programme', as it provides an impressive foundation for my future career. The programme brings opportunities both within and beyond the university walls, as it will allow me to gain quality experience at one of the big four accounting firms, 'PwC.'"

Emily Berry

Scholarships for Business Accounting

In recognition of students passing their first year of this prestigious, but challenging programme, students will be awarded a scholarship in years 2-4. This scholarship will be £7,450 over years 2-4 (£2,483 per year). Both home and international students will be awarded the same amount of scholarship.

In addition to this scholarship, some students may be eligible for the Manchester Bursary, which is awarded to UK students who have had a full financial assessment carried out by Student Finance England.

Scholarships for Social Responsibility

We hope to award a range of Social Responsibility Scholarships to students in 2025. These awards are worth £2,000 per year across three years of study. Applicants should demonstrate a strong commitment to volunteering, charity work, fundraising or community initiatives.

Eligibility criteria: UK/EU and international applicants achieving AAA at A-level (or equivalent).

International Stellar Scholarships

We hope to award a select number of International Stellar Scholarships to talented international students in 2025. These awards are worth £2,000 per year across three years of study.

Eligibility criteria: International applicants achieving AAA at A-level (or equivalent). Additional eligibility criteria may apply – please see our website.

For more details on eligibility criteria and how to apply visit:
alliancembs.ac.uk/ug/scholarships

Recognised as an ICAEW
Partner in Learning, working
with ICAEW in the professional
development of students.



Year 1

Year 1 core course units [credits shown in brackets]

You will spend your first year at University, gaining a strong grounding in the principles of accounting.

You will complete core course units, including Financial Decision making and Financial Reporting, developing your professional skills and preparing you for the workplace. You will take your first examinations that will contribute towards your ACA qualification. You will connect with PwC to decide on your work placement location for second year onwards.

- > Auditing and Professional Accounting Practice [20]
- > Financial Decision Making [10]
- > Financial Reporting [10]
- > Introductory Management Accounting [10]
- > Law for Accountants [20]
- > Microeconomics I [10]
- > Macroeconomics I [10]
- > Principles of Taxation [10]
- > Quantitative Methods for Accounting and Finance [20]

Year 2

Year 2 core course units

Your second year will combine your first work placement at PwC, and studying modules designed to give you a more in-depth understanding of accounting and business strategy.

You will take core course units in accounting, continuing to focus on your ACA qualification. You will study from September until the end of March, developing your analytical skills and knowledge of finance, including a twenty-credit course unit in Tax Principles and Compliance. You will then undertake your first 18-week work placement with real audit clients at PwC, growing your professional network and gaining an insight into the accounting profession.

- > Business Strategy [10]
- > Financial Reporting and Accountability [20]
- > Financial Statement Analysis [10]
- > Foundations of Finance B [20]
- > Tax Compliance [20]

Work placement (March – July)

- > PwC audit placement [40]

Work placement

Year 3 core course units

Your third year will also combine work placement and studies, consolidating your expertise in Audit and Assurance and Management Accounting.

You will study until the end of March, when you leave for your second work placement to take on more challenging roles within a client audit environment at PwC. Building on your professional experience, you will apply the knowledge gained on the programme to undertake more complex projects, with greater responsibility. On placement, you will build on key technical skills, helping to fast track your accountancy career. Your studies in this year will help you complete further ICAEW accreditations.

- > Advanced Financial Accounting and Reporting [20]
- > Audit and Assurance (including Ethics) [20]
- > Business Planning (Taxation) [20]
- > Intermediate Management Accounting [20]

Work placement (March – July)

- > PwC audit placement [40]

Final year

Final year core course units

Your final year includes a research project and a lengthier work placement, designed to prepare you for a graduate career with PwC.

You will continue studying core units in Finance, and in addition you will be able to choose ten credits of optional course units. Your PwC placement will span 19 weeks, taking place from December to May, giving you the chance to put classroom theory into commercial practice. You will also have the opportunity to advance your management skills by coaching junior staff. After your placement you will return to AMBS to complete your research project, and you will qualify for accreditation for all of the Certificate and Professional stage papers in ICAEW's ACA qualification.

- > Financial Analysis of Corporate Reporting [40]

Plus:

- > 40 credits of units

Work placement (January – May)

- > PwC audit placement [40]

Take a virtual tour of AMBS

Can you see yourself studying at one of the largest business and management schools in the UK and being a part of the UK's biggest university - The University of Manchester?

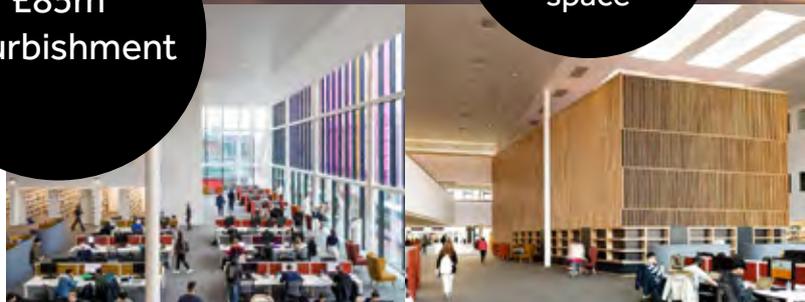
As part of the University's £1billion Campus Masterplan, the school has recently undergone an ambitious refurbishment. AMBS is home to study zones, quiet areas and breakout spaces as well as inspiring teaching, events and meeting spaces. There is the Eddie Davies Library, three catering outlets, Data Visualisation Observatory and Behavioural Laboratory.

Explore our spaces and facilities here:
alliancembs.manchester.ac.uk/about/our-campus-and-facilities/ambs-virtual-tour/

40,500
sq ft retail
space

£85m
refurbishment

200,000
sq ft teaching
and learning
space



Accommodation

We have three different accommodation campuses for you to choose from, offering both catered and self-catered halls.

Take a virtual tour of our accommodation here: universityofmanchester.shorthandstories.com/accommodation-tour/index.html

We guarantee you a place in University-managed accommodation for your first year, provided you apply before the deadline of 31st August. For more details and to apply visit: accommodation.manchester.ac.uk



UNIBUDDY

You can chat to our current students on your chosen programme and ask them any questions you may have by following this link:

alliancembs.ac.uk/study/unibuddy

sites.manchester.ac.uk/humanities-blog

Do more, be more

STELLIFY

Responsible Graduates

As key citizens and leaders of tomorrow, we want to ensure our graduates represent the widest range of social backgrounds and develop not only academic and professional skills, but also a sense of ethical, social and environmental responsibility towards the societies they will serve.

Our commitment to supporting students in becoming socially responsible is embodied through 'Stellify' – an initiative to encourage all Manchester students to do more, and become more. Stellify exemplifies the distinctiveness of our graduates as ethical leaders, and focuses on the real world impact of what students do based on five points of action:

- Embracing learning without boundaries
- Understand the issues that matter
- Make a difference
- Step up and lead
- Create your future

Find out more at stellify.manchester.ac.uk

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