Get ready for MSc Accounting and Finance

I hope that you are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you onto **MSc Accounting and Finance**.

I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us. If you haven't yet, please do also view our Preparing and arrival webpages.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Mr Moataz Gad
Programme Leader

Before you start

Teaching

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 14 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and to help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practice the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the Starting Block website with more details.

Your timetable will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the enrolment process. Please visit the 'Understanding your teaching timetable' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival

You can find everything you need to know about enrolment, Starting Block and the start of teaching on our Preparing and Arrival webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the library, study skills, academic support, health and wellbeing support and much more.

Enrolment

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the MYUWE platform where you can register. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Enrolment for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our enrolment website.

ID card - upload your photo now
We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to MYUWE. To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our student card guidance.

Engage with your programme

Read around your subject

There are no specific reading requirements before the Starting Block. However, you are encouraged to do some pre-reading, which will help you strengthen your accounting and finance background and grasp concepts fast. The following books and chapters are recommended (but not limited to):

- Alexander, D. and Nobes, C. (2020) *Financial Accounting 7th Edition: An international introduction*, Pearson.
  Chapter 2; Appendix A; Chapter 3; Chapters 5 - 8; Chapter 13; Chapters 16 -17.
- Attrill, P. (2017) *Financial Management for Decision Makers*, Pearson. All chapters.
- Watson, D. and Head, A. (2019) *Corporate Finance - Principles and Practice*, Eighth Edition, Pearson.
  All chapters – particularly Chapters 3 – 5 (working capital, and equity and debt finance); Chapters 6-7 (investment appraisal methods); Chapter 8 (CAPM); Chapter 9 (the cost of capital - WACC); Chapter 10 (dividend policy).

The recommended books are available online in the UWE Library. You can have access to the eBooks using your UWE network username and password. We will also provide the programme handbook, which is designed to give you information relevant to the programme, via Blackboard (UWE's virtual learning facility). You are recommended to read it when you have access to Blackboard.

Be prepared

Access support

Check the information on our Disability web pages so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

Get equipped

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the Student Money Service team for advice and guidance.

See the UWE webpage for detailed information on choosing your IT equipment including recommended specifications.

For this programme we recommend the **Core Specification**.

International students

The Global Student Support Team offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Next steps

Before you arrive, you will receive an online workbook to introduce you to the School and help you to prepare for university life. You can go through the workbook then, and it will be revisited during your induction activities.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact the Programme leader: Mr **Moataz Gad** via email at moataz.gad@uwe.ac.uk

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Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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