Stage 1 (University Foundation) - Accounting & Finance

Duration: 2 semesters

Intakes: January & September

Students choosing an undergraduate pathway in Accounting and Finance can take advantage of Portsmouth Business School’s top-of the-range facilities and strong affiliations with local businesses and the wider community.

The Foundation has been designed for students who wish to study one of the following University of Portsmouth degree courses:

* BA (Hons) Accountancy and Financial Management

*Learn about the key role accounting and management has within an organisation and how it affects everything from budgeting to human resource issues.*

* BA (Hons) Accounting with Finance

*The twin forces of globalisation and business complexity have meant that the demand for the financial professional has never been higher. This course is ideal if you are planning to obtain a professional qualification after graduation and become an accountant, or if you wish to pursue a career within the finance and financial services sector.*

* BA (Hons) Financial Management for Business

*A highly challenging and competitive economy with a shifting geographical focus is the volatile environment in which organisations now operate. This requires individuals who can demonstrate analytical and numerical skills alongside commercial awareness – expertise that this course aims to develop.*

**Course information**

One credit is equivalent to 10 hours of learning. This programme is comprised of 120 credit points, equivalent to 1200 notional hours comprised of 412 contact hours and 788 self-directed hours. You will study the following modules over two semesters:

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| **Module Name** | **Module Code** | **Core/ Option** | **Credit** | **Assessment Type** | **Weighting (%)** |
| ICT Skills  **Contact hours per week:** **3h** | BUS107BL | Core | 10 | (A) Practical exercise covering word and excel skills | 40 |
| (B) 2 hour closed book exam | 60 |
| Business Management  **Contact hours per week:** **4h** | BUS110 | Core | 20 | (A) In-class test - 60 mins (closed book) | 40 |
| (B) 2 hour closed book exam | 60 |
| Interactive Learning Skills and Communication  **Contact hours per week:** **5h** | ILSCBL0 | Core | 20 | (A) Research and Reference a Topic | 10 |
| (B) Oral Presentation | 20 |
| (C) Group Project | 20 |
| (D) Closed Book Examination 2.5 hours to include listening component | 40 |
| (E) PDP Portfolio | 10 |
| Mathematics for Business  **Contact hours per week:** **5h** | SCI101MB | Core | 20 | (A) 2 Hour closed book exam | 40 |
| (B) Final 2 hour closed book exam | 60 |
| Economics  **Contact hours per week:** **5h** | BUS103 | Core | 20 | (A) Essay of 1500 words | 40 |
| (B) 2 hour closed book exam | 60 |
| Business Studies  **Contact hours per week:** **3h** | BUS106 | Core | 10 | (A) 15 minute group presentation (Business Plan) | 10 |
| (B) 1500 word individual Business Plan | 40 |
| (C) Final 2 hour closed book exam | 50 |
| Accounting  **Contact hours per week:** **4h** | BUS108 | Core | 10 | (A) 40 minute in-class test | 10 |
| (B) Assignment | 30 |
| (C) Final 2 hour closed book exam | 60 |
| Business Law  **Contact hours per week:** **4h** | BUS109 | Core | 10 | (A) 60 min closed book in-class test | 20 |
| (B) 500 word research task and summary | 20 |
| (C) Final 2 hour closed book examination | 60 |

You will be required to pass all modules (120 credits) in order to successfully complete Stage 1 (University Foundation).