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## Programme title and awards

Postgraduate Degrees of the University of London may be classified. The award certificate will indicate the level of the academic performance achieved by classifying the award. The classification of the degree will be based on the ratified marks from the completed assessments.

The classification system for these awards is as follows:

Distinction; Merit; Pass.

**Academic direction**

University College London

**Language of study and assessment**

English

**Mode of study**

Web supported learning with an online tutor or centre supported learning from a University of London Recognised Teaching Centre, where this is available.

Recognised Teaching Centres which support this programme will be listed on the Recognised Teaching Centre [Directory](#).

**Programme structures**

The programme has two registration points in the year: October and April. There are four study sessions in a year, each lasting 10 weeks. Sessions begin in October, January, April and July. Each session is followed by an assessment submission point.

Students have an online induction session available through the virtual learning environment (VLE) prior to the start of their study session. This includes orientation of their learning environment and guidance on the structure



Details of accepted professional bodies can be found on the [programme page](#).

Retired or non-practicing members would meet the entrance requirements, but must be able to provide proof that they are in good standing with their professional body.

### **English language requirements**

A student will meet the English language requirement if they:

have passed the English versions of their professional accountancy body qualifications (from the agreed list) in the past five years, or

are a current member of any agreed professional accountancy body where the exams are conducted in English.

Applicants who do not meet either of the above will be considered, on an individual basis at the point of application.

All teaching is in English. Therefore, students will need to have the required level of written and spoken English to cope with their studies right from the start.

### **Computer specification and internet access**

Students will require regular access to a personal computer with an internet connection to

Students must be able to download and install software to their Windows or MacOS device to include secure examination browsers for online assessment purposes (if offered on their programme of study). Depending on the security settings for each assessment, students may be required to have full administrator rights on their computer to install and run the software needed to take part in the assessment. Full administration rights are likely to apply to a computer a student owns but not to one provided by their employer, for example.

### **Computer requirements**

The computer must have at least the following minimum specification:

Windows: 10 and 11 on 64-bit platforms

MacOS Big Sur (version 11) and higher

CPUs newer than 2011 (Intel Sandy Bridge (Core i3, i5 and i7 or newer))

OpenGL 2.0 graphics driver

Local storage for the recording of proctored examinations (75MB per hour)

Web camera & microphone (internal or external)

A broadband internet connection capable of streaming video and a

Microsoft Excel which can run macros

For *Capstone Project*, students will need **one** of the following supported platforms:

Mobile platforms of iOS, Android and Windows 10 support:

- iOS support OS version 8+
- Android support API level 19+ Version 4.4 - 4.4.4
- Windows 10 UWP version

And

- Icarus (Professional Accountancy) App (latest version).
- Other specialised software may be made available by the University if required.

We are developing further security protocols and therefore students **will** require a mobile device (such as a mobile phone or tablet/iPad) to approve for our services. Full details, including specifications, will be provided ahead of the implementation.

Please note: full mobile access is not available for all programmes. Proctored assessments will not work on any smartphone, tablet, Chromebook, Linux Operating Systems or other mobile device of any kind

### **Students with specific access requirements**

The University of London welcomes applications from disabled students and/or those who have access requirements. The University will make every effort to provide reasonable adjustments to enable those with a disability, learning difficulty or access requirements to have the same opportunity as all other students to successfully complete their studies.

The University is committed to managing the application procedure and the programme itself to ensure that services are accessible for all students and that an inclusive environment is created. Students with a disability, or others who may need access arrangements to assist in taking examinations, should complete the relevant section of the application form, or contact the [Inclusive Practice Manager](#). A separate room or other arrangements may be considered.

Requests are considered by a University panel, whose purpose is to ensure that students with disabilities and/or specific access requirements are neither advantaged nor disadvantaged by such arrangements when compared with other students. These considerations remain separate from the academic selection processes.

For further information, see [Inclusive Practice Policy](#)

### **Sources of funding and scholarships**

Information about potential sources of funding and scholarships is updated annually and where available is included in the prospectus web pages.

For further information see the [website](#).

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## **Educational aims and learning outcomes of the programmes**

### **Programme aims**

The programme provides students with an opportunity to develop and apply master s level knowledge, understanding and skills within an accountancy and finance related context. The



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programme will require students to assimilate master s level knowledge and demonstrate critical appraisal of alternative solutions to financial decision making based on systematic analysis of complex business problems. Students will also be required to demonstrate independent research capability and present complex ideas through a range of different media appropriate to a finance professional.

### **Learning outcomes (MSc)**

A student is expected to

#### **A Knowledge and understanding:**



All assessments are submitted online via a University of London platform. Students must ensure that their device is kept up to date and complies with [University Computer Requirements](#).

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## **Student support and guidance**

Key features of the support for students

member of the University of London (or a consortium with representation by more than one federation member) will be developed to the same standard as would be applied within the institution concerned. Proportionate and robust approval procedures, including external scrutiny and student engagement, are in place for all programmes. Learning materials are written and all assessments are set and marked by academic staff who are required to apply

### **Review and evaluation mechanisms**

Some of the key mechanisms in place to assure the standards of all University of London qualifications and the quality of the student experience, include:

Annual programme reports: produced for all programmes in order to review and enhance the provision and to plan ahead;

Independent external examiners: submit reports every year to confirm that a programme has been assessed properly and meets the appropriate academic standards;

Annual student performance, progression and completion statistics

Periodic programme reviews: carried out every 4-

Enquiries about further study opportunities should be directed to the University of London Student Advice Centre *ask a question* button in the [student portal](#).

### **Graduate employment routes**

This programme is targeted at career minded finance professionals who wish to complement their level understanding and skills applied to accountancy and finance subject areas.

### **The Alumni Community**

Upon finishing a course of study, graduates automatically become part of the University of London alumni community, a diverse global network of more than one million graduates in over 180 countries, providing lifelong links to the University and to each other.

Alumni are encouraged to keep in touch after they graduate and to become active members of the alumni community; in return they receive a number of benefits and services, including an extensive programme of events and engagement opportunities.

More information is available on the alumni [webpage](#).

Follow the alumni community on social media: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#)

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## **Module descriptions**

### **Global Issues in Financial and Accounting (GIFA) [AFM070]**

The module aims to provide participants with a theoretical and practical understanding of the



