

# N204: Accounting and Management with Placement Year



Undergraduate BA 2020

## Essentials

<b>UCAS code</b>	N204
<b>Degree</b>	BA
<b>Mode of study</b>	Full Time
<b>Duration</b>	4 years
<b>Location</b>	Durham City ( <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city">www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city</a> )
<b>A-Level</b>	AAB
<b>BTEC</b>	DDD
<b>International Baccalaureate</b>	36
<b>Alternative qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other UK qualifications (<a href="http://www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/UKequivalencies2017-18.pdf">www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/UKequivalencies2017-18.pdf</a>)</li> <li>• EU qualifications (<a href="http://www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/apply/EUequivalencies2017-18.pdf">www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/apply/EUequivalencies2017-18.pdf</a>)</li> <li>• International qualifications (<a href="http://www.dur.ac.uk/international/country.information/">www.dur.ac.uk/international/country.information/</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>Contextual Offers</b>	You may be eligible for an offer which is one or two grades lower than our standard entry requirements. Find out more ( <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contextualoffers/">www.durham.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contextualoffers/</a> ).
<b>More information</b>	Still have questions? ( <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/">www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/</a> )
<b>Department(s) Website</b>	<a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/business">www.durham.ac.uk/business</a>

## Course Summary

### Description

The BA Accounting and Management is designed to give you a strong foundation in accounting and finance while also offering the opportunity to develop particular expertise in management.

General areas of study may include accounting information, the legal, regulatory and social context within which accounting operates. Management specific topics may include entrepreneurship, marketing principles, and managing in a global environment.

What's more, if you choose the relevant modules, you may be exempt from some of the ACA, ACCA and CIMA examinations once you've completed your degree. Just another small step that'll help make your way up the career ladder a little easier.

Flexibility – it may be possible to change your degree path to either Accounting and Finance or Finance. (if you have a Tier 4 visa will need to check this in advance with the Tier 4 regulations which are in place at the time).

### Year 1

In the first year you will study six compulsory modules which are:

- Introduction to Financial Accounting
- Introduction to Management Accounting
- Business Environment and Functions
- Foundations of Finance
- Introduction to Economics
- Quantitative Methods

### Year 2

The second year consists of four compulsory modules:

- Auditing and Assurance
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Financial Reporting
- Management Accounting

Plus two optional modules selected from a range which have previously included:

- Managing in a Global Environment
- Principles of Business Law
- Introduction to Taxation
- Entrepreneurship
- A foreign language

## Year 3

All of our degrees offer you the option of spending your third year gaining practical experience on a business placement. Business placements are a great way to develop your employment marketability and to engage with employers early in their recruitment pipeline. We actively encourage you to explore this as an option within your degree. A placement requires a minimum of forty weeks of work experience and the placement begins in the summer following completion of the second year, and this then becomes the third year of a four-year degree programme. This allows you to really explore and understand your job and to find out if the career or company is for you.

- You will develop your practical skills, confidence and maturity.
- You can focus on a specific career path - many employers recruit graduates from their placement programme.
- You will be able to contextualise your studies better, be more mature in your attitude to work.
- You may decide to draw on your working experiences and access a more fulfilling dissertation research subject.
- You will gain invaluable job search and graduate research skills by engaging in the competitive placement recruitment process.

To ensure you are getting the most out of your experience, we support your placement in a number of ways:

**First Year Bootcamps and Workshops** help you to develop your Placement Strategy and to identify and develop those skills and competencies that will be critical to ensure you are attractive to potential placement employers. These typically involve Employers, Placement Mentors, representatives from Colleges, Societies and the Volunteering Community in Durham.

**Second Year Workshops** support you through the placement application process and allow you to develop into a supportive student group to travel along the road of gaining a placement together. They enable you to get to know those students who will return with you in the fourth year. Workshops typically involve employers, and former placement students.

**The DUBS Placement Programme** includes a series of employer-led events which take place throughout term 1 and 2 and is open to all first year and second year placement students. The skills sessions and networking events allow students to develop essential employability skills as well as providing valuable insight into the recruitment process.

**Placement Mentors:** We have a mentorship scheme whereby former placement students share their experiences of the application process and placement with first and second year students and those out on placement. . If you become a placement mentor on your return to University you can continue to develop your interpersonal skills and slide back into your University life with another key role which may well develop a new sense of belonging as well as another valuable contribution to your CV

**Placement Tutors:** Whilst you are on placement you are assigned a tutor who will visit you, liaise with your employer and ensure you gain the most from your experience.

The Business Placement year fees are set annually by the University. For the definitive amount of the Business Placement year fees payable please contact our [business.placements@durham.ac.uk](mailto:business.placements@durham.ac.uk).

The offer of a place on a 'with placement' degree does not imply that Durham University Business School

guarantees to find you a placement. The Business School, in association with the University, will assist you in finding and applying for placements, but it is your responsibility to apply for and to obtain a placement (which is subject to approval by the Business School). In the event that you are unable to obtain a placement, transfer to the equivalent 'non-placement' degree is guaranteed provided you are eligible to transfer on academic grounds. In line with Home Office rules, if you are from outside the EU you will transfer onto the 'with business placement' degree only once you have successfully secured a placement (normally at the end of your second year of study). Therefore due to visa requirements, we recommend that if you are an international student interested in the business placement year you apply for this programme when making your application to us via UCAS.

## Year 4

Moving to a more research-led teaching orientation in the fourth year, you are required to produce a double module Dissertation in area of accounting and management. Additionally, you will study three compulsory modules exploring:

- Contemporary Issues in Accounting
- Contemporary Issues in Management Research
- Financial Planning and Control

And choose one module from a selection which in previous years have included, for example:

- Corporate Governance
- Strategic Management
- Corporate Responsibility
- Islamic Economics and Finance
- A foreign language

We review course structures and core content (in light of e.g. external and student feedback) every year, and will publish finalised core requirements for 2020 entry from September 2019.

## Placement Year

You may be able to take a work placement. Find out more ([www.durham.ac.uk/placements/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/placements/)).

## Admissions Process

### Subject requirements, level and grade

A strong proficiency in Mathematics is required. If not taken as an A level, a grade 7 (or grade A) in Mathematics at GCSE is required. We welcome the Core Mathematics Qualification and accept a grade 5 minimum (or grade B) in lieu of our GCSE Mathematics requirement.

**A level offer** – AAB

**BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma** – DDD

**IB Diploma score** – 36 With 665 in higher level subjects. If Mathematics is not taken at higher level, then it is required at standard level 5.

In addition to satisfying the University's general entry requirements, please note:

- We consider each application holistically, on an individual basis and against the other applications we receive. Whilst academic achievement is important, it is not the only factor that we consider when assessing applications and applicants who have achieved, or are predicted to achieve, close to our typical offer, but who have not met it exactly, will be welcome to apply if they have a strong application in other key elements, for example if they can demonstrate merit and potential through their personal statement or their reference.
- We welcome applications from those with other qualifications equivalent to our standard entry requirements and from mature students with non-standard qualifications, please email us for more information.
- We are willing to consider applications for deferred entry from those who have well-structured plans for work or travel, for example. We may, however, need to restrict the number of deferred entry offers we make because we have to be careful not to fill too many of next year's places in advance. However, if you do apply for a deferred place and are unsuccessful, you are welcome to reapply the following year.
- You are welcome to apply if you are taking resits; we do not make higher offers to students who declare resits.
- If you do not satisfy our general entry requirements, the Foundation Centre offers multidisciplinary degrees to prepare you for a range of specified degree courses.

### Science A levels

Applicants taking Science A levels that include a practical component will be required to take and pass this as a condition of entry. This applies only to applicants sitting A levels with an English examination board.

### English Language requirements

Please check requirements for your subject and level of study ([www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/))

### How to apply

[www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply)

**Information relevant to your country**

[www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/)

## Fees and Funding

### Full Time Fees

<b>EU Student</b>	£9,250.00 per year
<b>Home Student</b>	£9,250.00 per year
<b>Island Student</b>	£9,250.00 per year
<b>International non-EU Student</b>	£21,500.00 per year

The tuition fees shown for **home and EU** students are for one complete academic year of full time study and are set according to the academic year of entry. Fees for subsequent years of your course may rise in line with an inflationary uplift as determined by the government.

The tuition fees shown for **overseas** students are for one complete academic year of full time study, are set according to the academic year of entry, and remain the same throughout the duration of the programme for that cohort (**unless otherwise stated**).

Please also check costs for colleges and accommodation ([www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/costs/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/costs/)).

### Scholarships and funding

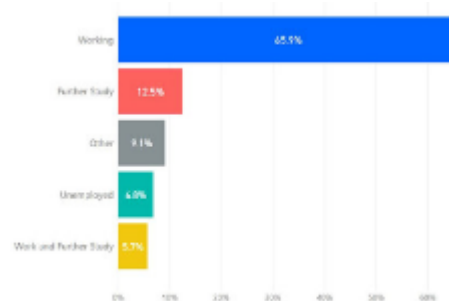
[www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance)

## Career Opportunities

### Business School (School of Economics, Finance and Business)

*"A degree from Durham University truly opens up windows of opportunity, I managed to secure a Graduate Accounts position with an international marketing company prior to graduation."*

**Claudine Andrew** BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance



#### Of those students that left in 2017:

- 84% are in employment or further study

#### Of those in employment:

- 98% are in graduate-level employment
- Median salary £29,500

(Source: Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey of 2016/17 graduates. The DLHE survey asks leavers from higher education what they are doing six months after graduation. Full definitions for the DLHE Record can be found here: [www.hesa.ac.uk/support/definitions/destinations](http://www.hesa.ac.uk/support/definitions/destinations))

### Employment development opportunities

The Careers, Employability and Enterprise Centre ([www.durham.ac.uk/careers/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/careers/)) works closely with the Undergraduate Business Department to ensure that students receive information, advice and vacancies relevant to their needs. A Careers Adviser delivers talks focused on ensuring that students receive the most relevant and up to date advice about professions that are of interest to students in the department.

A wide range of work is carried out in conjunction with the Careers, Employability and Enterprise Centre ([www.durham.ac.uk/careers/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/careers/)) to develop students' employability skills, including presentations/workshops on CVs, applications, assessment centres, interviews, commercial awareness, leadership, etc.

Many recruiters of Durham Undergraduate Business School students attend careers fairs and run presentations on campus, including: Ernst & Young, KPMG, Deloitte, PWC, Rolls Royce, Lloyds TSB, Unilever, Procter &



Gamble, IBM, Accenture, to name a few. Professional bodies like CIM (Chartered Institute of Marketing) and CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants) also attend events on campus.

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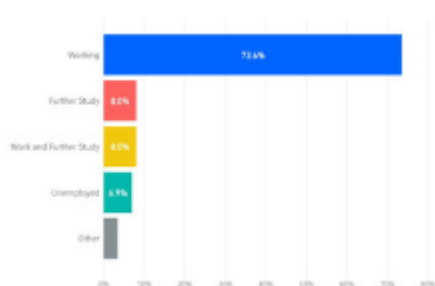
*"We have had a number of students from the Undergraduate Business School join our Summer Internship Programme who have made a real impact due to their enthusiasm and strong interpersonal skills. These candidates have then gone on to join in Graduate roles."*

**Neil McGuire**, Graduate Recruitment, Ernst & Young

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### Examples of career destination:

- Finance/Accountancy/Associate/Deloitte
- Retail/Management/Trainee Manager/Marks & Spencer
- Diplomat/ British Government
- Finance/Investment Management/Analyst/Blackrock
- Health/ Management/Graduate Management Trainee /NHS
- Finance/Accountancy/ Trainee Chartered Accountant/ TindlesLLP
- Car rental/Management Graduate Trainee Programme /Enterprise Rent-a-Car
- Finance/Banking/ Business Advisor/Royal Bank of Scotland
- Engineering & Construction/Graduate Scheme/Balfour Beatty
- British Armed Forces/Officer/Army
- HM Treasury/Policy Advisor/ British Government



### Of those students that left in 2017:

- 93% are in employment or further study

### Of those in employment:

- 100% are in graduate-level employment
- Median salary £27,000

(Source: Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey of 2016/17 graduates. The DLHE survey asks leavers from higher education what they are doing six months after graduation. Full definitions for the DLHE Record can be found here: [www.hesa.ac.uk/support/definitions/destinations](http://www.hesa.ac.uk/support/definitions/destinations))

A significant number of students progress on to higher level study following their degree; notably at Durham, but also at other prestigious institutions. Some remain within their academic field and pursue higher level research,

others take a different role and pursue professional postgraduate programmes, including teaching, law, accountancy, marketing and mathematics.

## **Open days and visits**

### **Pre-application open day**

Pre-application open days are the best way to discover all you need to know about Durham University. With representatives from all relevant academic and support service departments, and opportunities to explore college options, the open days provide our prospective undergraduates with the full experience of Durham University.

Please see the following page for further details and information on how to book a place:  
[www.durham.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.durham.ac.uk/opendays)

### **Discover Durham Tours**

Discover Durham tours offer a brief introduction to the University. The tour begins at one of our undergraduate colleges, where you will receive an introductory talk from a member of college staff, followed by a tour of the college by current students.

[www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/live/visit/discoverdurham](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/live/visit/discoverdurham)

### **Overseas Visit Schedule**

[www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus](http://www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus)

## Department Information

### Business School (School of Economics, Finance and Business)

#### Overview

The best start to a career in business begins with learning from the best in the business. As one of the UK's longest established business schools, we know you need to combine theory and practice to achieve success.

Taught at Durham City, our degrees are designed to help you understand essential and advanced concepts of business, finance, economics, accounting, marketing and management. Offered by a research-led business school and one of the longest established in the UK, our degrees provide learning that is stimulating and challenging.

Study with us and prepare to stand out from the crowd. With our rigorous curriculum and exceptional teaching, you will build world-class foundations for graduate employment or further study. You will also get a taste of real business – learning from expert faculty members and guest speakers, as well as through hands-on work placements and international study opportunities. With our flexible programmes, you are in control and can choose a route that suits your own interests and career aspirations.

The Business School is one of an elite group of institutions in the UK to be accredited by all three major bodies – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the Association of MBAs (AMBA) and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS).

#### Rankings

Ranked 2nd in the UK for graduate employability (Accounting & Finance Studies, *The Complete University Guide 2018*).

#### Staff

For a current list of staff, please see the Business School web pages. ([www.dur.ac.uk/business/about/our-people/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/business/about/our-people/))

#### Facilities

Durham City offers superb library and IT services, including a large open access computer area. The library's excellent collection of books, journals and original source materials in business and finance is complemented by access to online electronic information resources.

You will also use duo (Durham University Online), Durham's virtual learning environment, an integrated online solution to manage and improve your learning duo offers structured learning content (web pages, lecture notes, interactive applications, audio and video clips) along with communication and assessment tools.

#### Website

[www.durham.ac.uk/business](http://www.durham.ac.uk/business)

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