

Explore Your Possibilities

POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT RGU

Accounting and Finance







Plan your journey

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Aberdeen Business School

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR
ELIZABETH GAMMIE, HEAD OF ABERDEEN
BUSINESS SCHOOL

Aberdeen Business School develops professionally relevant and highly employable individuals by engaging in business-connected learning, teaching and impactful research. We are one of the leading providers of business education in the UK, and we offer a wide range of postgraduate and research degree programmes in a variety of generic business areas such as international business and more specialist areas such as accounting and finance, human resource management, and project management. We also offer programmes in the specialist environment of the oil and gas industry.

At Aberdeen Business School we are really proud of our record for employability of our graduates and we are consistently ranked as one of the top university's in the UK for graduate employment. We strive to provide all our students with an education which will equip them with the skills and capabilities for their future career development. For example in today's rapidly changing environment we recognise the importance of creativity and innovation in business education and all our student studying business related degrees are exposed to a variety of business creation, innovation and entrepreneurial related modules.

All our postgraduate courses are informed and recognised by an extensive range of professional bodies which ensures that our graduates are professionally relevant for their future careers. In addition all our Masters students are exposed to a variety of Master classes by leading business professionals on contemporary business topics and students are provided with various opportunities to interact and network with business experts in their chosen field of study. Finally, all our Masters students, irrespective of discipline, complete their post-graduate qualification by undertaking an innovative capstone module which includes a business consultancy project.

Most of our postgraduate courses are offered in a variety of modes, so whether you want to study on a full-time or part-time basis, attend classes in our beautiful facilities or study from home we will have a course that can accommodate your requirements. We are committed to providing students from a wide variety of backgrounds an opportunity to enhance their career prospects so please come and explore what we have to offer you here.

I welcome you to our Aberdeen Business School community and hope that you find a course that meets your requirements. If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact either myself or one of my staff, who will be delighted to help you.

Professor Elizabeth Gammie
Head of Aberdeen Business School





Your journey begins...

If you have recently graduated or are looking to retrain or develop your career – have you considered postgraduate study?

We offer a range of specialist postgraduate courses with flexible modes of study, including online or full-time to fit around your needs.

Whether you have recently graduated, want professional accreditation, are looking to retrain or develop your career – whatever your reasons for postgraduate study – we have an excellent reputation for producing high-calibre graduates with transferable skills that can enhance careers.

WHO IS THIS BOOKLET FOR?

This booklet is for individuals considering postgraduate study. See the full course list at www.rgu.ac.uk/explorepg

If you are a business owner or HR manager seeking information on customised training please contact business@rgu.ac.uk

If you are considering a research degree, please visit the postgrad research webpage. www.rgu.ac.uk/postgraduate-research

'A top-rated university for employability'
96.7% postgraduate employment rate
HESA 2016





Explore

Why study a postgraduate course at RGU?

PRACTICAL AND PROFESSIONAL COURSES

Vocational courses directly informed and endorsed by those working in industry

FLEXIBLE STUDY MODES TO SUIT YOUR BUSY LIFE

Study full-time, part-time or online, starting in September or January

SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE YOUR JOB PROSPECTS

Enhance your employability and get that crucial competitive edge within a crowded job market

ACCREDITED COURSES

The majority of our courses have accreditation by professional bodies. A sign of high quality



EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

Our part-time and online study modes mean you can keep working during your studies

SWITCH CAREERS

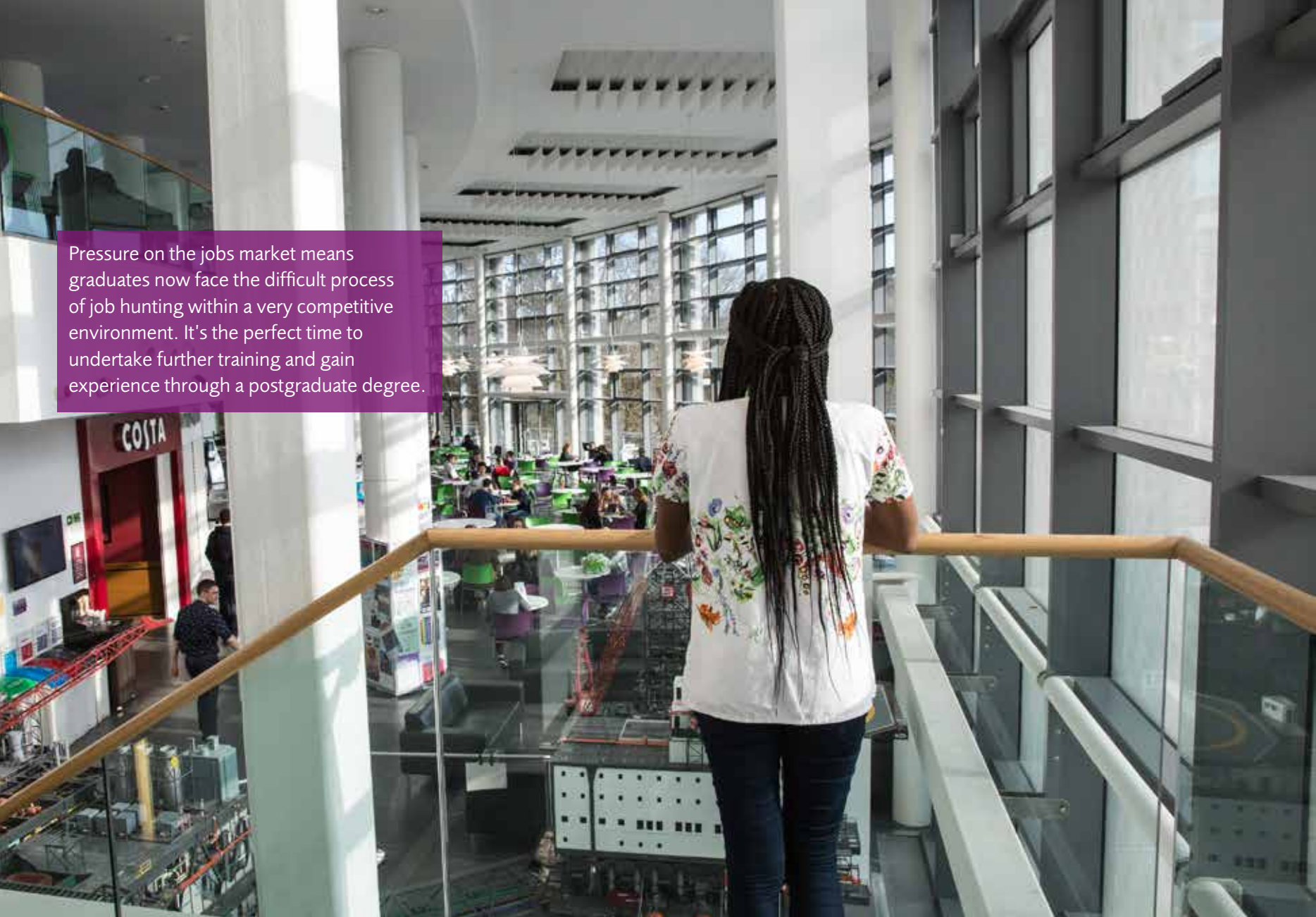
RGU's courses can open the door to a completely different sector of work, enabling you to change career direction

ADVANCE YOUR SKILLS AND CAREER

Develop your professional skills and keep abreast of current industry trends and technologies

20% ALUMNI DISCOUNT

RGU graduates get a 20% discount on postgraduate course fees. Applies to both home and overseas alumni



Pressure on the jobs market means graduates now face the difficult process of job hunting within a very competitive environment. It's the perfect time to undertake further training and gain experience through a postgraduate degree.

Your prospects

Enhance your career at the professional university

We are known as 'The Professional University' due to our strong emphasis on lifelong practical learning and career development.

We take the employability of our graduates seriously, and ensure they have the transferable skills to enhance and develop their careers.

WE CREATE THE MOST EMPLOYABLE GRADUATES IN THE UK

Our relentless focus on professional education means our graduates are not just ready to work, but are also equipped to make an enduring and valuable contribution to industry and the professions on a regional, national and global scale.

We believe it is our inspirational teaching and practical courses that make our graduates such desirable candidates.

ACADEMIC EXPERTS

We're proud of our teaching staff; proud of their quality and academic achievements as well as the practical experience they have in their area. Our professors, lecturers and tutors combine first-class qualifications with time spent in business or industry. They offer insight from both worlds – the theoretical and practical – to help inspire you.

EARN MORE

Overall, people with master's qualifications are more likely to find work than those with undergraduate degrees – and they're likely to earn a slightly higher wage.

SUCCEED IN YOUR CAREER

We produce high-calibre graduates who possess the skills that employers are looking for. The skills you will gain from a postgraduate qualification show that you're able to study in-depth and undertake critical analysis. Both are viewed as desirable skills in the eyes of recruiters and future employers.





Join the best Scottish university for graduate prospects

Guardian University Guide 2017

We are a top-rated university for postgraduate
employability, with a 96.7% Employment rate

HESA 2016

Mapping your journey

Study modes to suit you

When considering a postgraduate course, it is important to also consider the mode of study which best suits your needs. We deliver the equivalent learning experience across all our modes of study, offering a variety of different options, allowing you to gain the qualifications you need in a way that suits you.

Full-time study

This is the quickest route and requires full attendance for the duration of the programme. Full-time study allows you to gain the knowledge and skills you require within the shortest amount of time.

Part-time study

If you are looking to continue working during your studies or have other commitments, this option allows you to incorporate studying with other responsibilities. Part-time courses run alongside the full-time programmes and split the same modules across the length of the course.

Flexible online study

If you are unable to study on campus, we offer an online study mode via Campus Moodle, our virtual learning environment.

It is a valuable tool that provides an integrated package of resources and facilities to all of our students via the internet. You will be able to interact with fellow students and tutors through innovative technologies including podcasts, videos, chat and discussion forums. You will be taken through an induction by tutors at the beginning of each programme.

Find out more about Campus Moodle at:
www.rgu.ac.uk/campusmoodle

Online students have a strong sense of community through the use of discussion forums, chat and group working areas. Some courses also have optional periods of attendance where students are invited on campus to meet fellow students, staff, use facilities and participate in workshops.

Download our guide to online learning at:
www.rgu.ac.uk/better-online

QUALIFICATIONS EXPLAINED

If you don't want to commit to studying a full Masters degree, you can complete single modules and work towards the following exit awards:

Bachelor of Science (BSc)

Award granted on the completion of modules that accumulate 360 credits and typically takes 3 to 4 years to complete.

Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert)

Award granted on completion of modules that accumulate to 60 credits.

Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip)

Award granted on completion of modules that accumulate to 120 credits. If you get a diploma you will have gained 120 of the 180 credits you need for a masters degree.

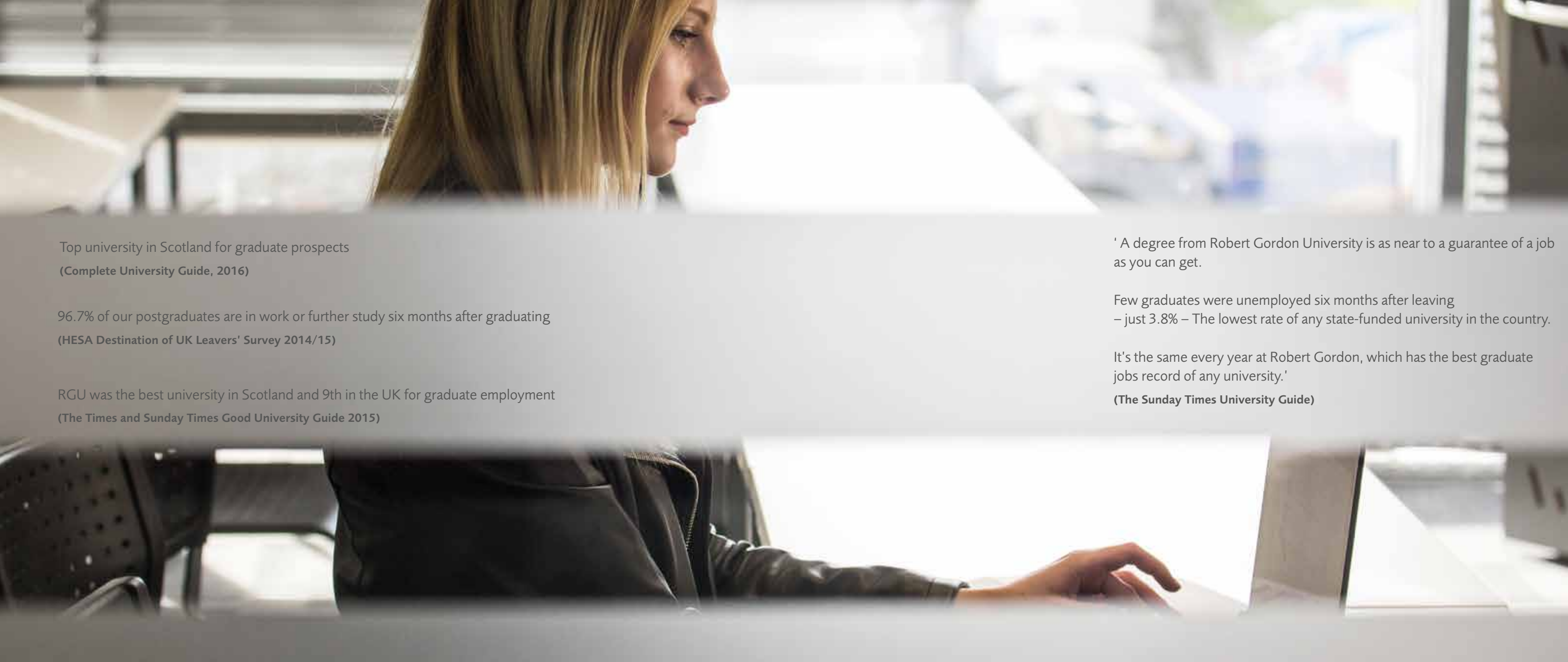
Masters (MSc/MBA)

Award granted on completion of modules that accumulate to 180 credits and typically includes a dissertation. This will enable you to consolidate and apply the skills and knowledge gained in your earlier postgraduate study.

Doctorate (PhD/PD)

Application is normally to MSc/MRes with transfer to a PhD dependent on satisfactory progress around 12 months.





Top university in Scotland for graduate prospects
(Complete University Guide, 2016)

96.7% of our postgraduates are in work or further study six months after graduating
(HESA Destination of UK Leavers' Survey 2014/15)

RGU was the best university in Scotland and 9th in the UK for graduate employment
(The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2015)

'A degree from Robert Gordon University is as near to a guarantee of a job as you can get.'

Few graduates were unemployed six months after leaving
– just 3.8% – The lowest rate of any state-funded university in the country.

It's the same every year at Robert Gordon, which has the best graduate jobs record of any university.'

(The Sunday Times University Guide)

Your investment

Outstanding reputation for success

INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION

Our Accounting and Finance courses are ranked within the top 15 UK courses by The Complete University Guide (2017). The achievements and continuing success of our graduates in their careers is a true mark of the high quality and recognition given to the postgraduate and undergraduate programmes delivered at the School.

Aberdeen Business School has established links with industry, commerce and the public sector which enables us to design practical, innovative courses which offer students an exceptional learning experience. Our reputation is built on providing employers with professional individuals who have the best technical and personal skills and fully prepares our graduates for their chosen career.



Accreditations and industry links

ACCREDITATION

At RGU we have a strong portfolio of quality courses. The accreditation of these by the professional bodies is verification of the calibre and high quality of the courses we deliver. Please see individual course pages for full information.

STRONG LINKS TO INDUSTRY

We work closely with employers at every stage, from course development and accreditation, to guest speakers and commercial collaborations with industry.

We are committed to successful working partnerships with partner agencies and employers across different sectors throughout the world. These partnerships ensure that all our courses are always timely and relevant.

For information about the close links that we have with leading organisations, institutions and professional bodies please visit the subject area that you are interested in.

For a full list of our accreditations and our links to industry please visit:
www.rgu.ac.uk/industry-links





Our fantastic riverside campus

BEST RIVERSIDE CAMPUS

Located in the heart of the historic Royal Deeside, the University's £120 million riverside campus is one of the most beautiful in Europe and ranks 3rd in the UK for its high-quality facilities (The Times Higher Education Student Satisfaction Survey 2016).

The riverside is home to deer, otters, heron and other wildlife. Our campus has stunning woodland walkways and parkland, connecting our modern, stylish buildings. In twenty minutes you can be in the vibrant city centre of Aberdeen, or surrounded by scenic hills and picturesque countryside.

To view our full list of facilities and find out more, visit
www.rgu.ac.uk/facilities

Or come and see the campus for yourself by registering to attend one of our postgraduate events.
www.rgu.ac.uk/explorepg

Can't make it in person? Take a virtual tour at
www.rgu.ac.uk/virtualtours

Garthdee campus map





An inspirational learning environment

Designed to enhance your learning experience, our modern campus houses an extensive range of cutting-edge teaching facilities and equipment including:

- DART training facility which simulates drilling on an oil platform
- Clinical Skills Centre - mock hospital wards
- Human Performance laboratory
- Digital imaging X-ray suite
- Three-dimensional motion analysis system
- Bioanalytical tissue culture and microscopy facility
- Clean Room suite
- Moot court
- TV and radio studios
- Digital Moffat Space
- Green screen
- Modern Mac and IT labs
- World-class sporting facilities at RGU Sport with three gyms, 25m pool, sports hall and climbing wall
- Landmark library tower overlooking Aberdeen and the River Dee

OIL AND GAS INSTITUTE

The RGU Oil and Gas Institute was set up to provide a front door for companies looking to take advantage of our extensive knowledge and expertise in oil and gas. We have a network of partner institutions and a team of experts who can support your business needs.

We deliver thought-leadership, exclusive facilities, education, training, consultancy and research for business.

Benefiting from a £5 million investment from the Wood Foundation, the University will ensure that the Institute becomes a global centre of excellence in oil and gas.

The Institute provides businesses with access to world-class expertise in the critical areas of drilling, operations, decommissioning and business excellence.

Led by industry experts and academics, the Institute will work closely with the sector on the research and education required to maximise recovery of the world's hydrocarbon resources and to make decommissioning commercially and environmentally effective.

Find out more at:
www.rgu.ac.uk/ogi



Expanding your possibilities

Lifelong learning and Continuing Professional Development

Whether you are an individual looking to further your career, or a manager responsible for the development and training of your staff, Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is fundamental to the development of any career.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

Lifelong learning is considered to be an integral part of personal development, and allows you to keep abreast of innovation within your field.

We provide a range of short course modules, teaching and CPD programmes, delivered in a variety of study modes. Find out what we offer at:

www.rgu.ac.uk/profdev
E: ABSPostgrad@rgu.ac.uk

BENEFITS FOR INDIVIDUALS

- By updating your skills, you will confidently adapt to changes in your industry sector
- You can increase your earning potential
- You will demonstrate a commitment to your profession and your career

BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYERS

- CPD support from an employer can increase and boost staff morale
- Improves recruitment and retention of highly skilled staff
- Individuals will have the skills to react more readily to changes in the sector





POSTGRADUATES EARN MORE
Masters graduates earn
more than undergraduates
over their careers.

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES FRAMEWORK

The Professional Studies Framework (PSF) enables students who have successfully undertaken modules and earned academic credit to use that credit to gain an academic award.

For further information, please go to:
www.rgu.ac.uk/psf

TAILORED DEVELOPMENT FOR ORGANISATIONS

Our dedicated professional development team can provide tailored CPD opportunities to meet the needs of organisations, including bespoke education and training delivered in the workplace. We offer consultations to help plan CPD activities, online and blended learning for your business.

If you are responsible for the development of your staff and would like to know more about this service, please visit:
www.rgu.ac.uk/business-services



Finding your direction

Our Careers and Employability Centre

DEDICATED SPECIALISTS

We have a dedicated centre with a team of career consultants, offering a full range of services to assist individual career planning, job searching and employability needs.

We can support you in recognising and developing your transferable skills, both within and outwith your studies to allow you to secure your perfect opportunity.

The Careers and Employability Centre provides practical career planning advice and job search support to all students and recent graduates of the University. We can assist with your advanced level study and career options you are considering.

Full in-depth career mentoring and careers guidance sessions are available to current students.

CAREER TOOLKIT

When you enrol as a student at RGU, you gain access to 'My Career Toolkit' an online resource with interactive employability topics to help you manage your career.

ON CAMPUS RECRUITMENT

Employers are keen to speak to our students directly and to facilitate this we arrange on-campus recruitment and applications skills presentations where employers can raise the profile of their company and provide more information on the opportunities that they have as well as the benefits of working for their particular company.

CAREERS FAIRS

We organise two large scale Careers Fairs per year, The RGU Careers Fair in October and the North of Scotland Graduate Careers Fair in Spring.

FOR MORE INFO

Our Careers Office is always happy to answer any queries you may have:
Call us on 01224 262110
email careers@rgu.ac.uk
or visit www.rgu.ac.uk/careers



World-class research

Robert Gordon University has a reputation for internationally excellent and world leading research that is of direct benefit to society.

Accounting and Finance at Aberdeen Business School has achieved recognition for their excellent research capability, with 70% of the research output deemed to be of international standing and their impact case study assessed as internationally excellent. This research rating further consolidates the reputation of Aberdeen Business School which is renowned for its teaching capability and demonstrates that our staff are key players in the Accounting and Finance academic community. Academic staff regularly publish papers in academic journals, publish refereed monographs

and book chapters and are active in presenting papers at national and international conferences. The majority of research undertaken has a practice relevant impact.

Research is managed by Professor Louise Crawford.

Research is central to the vision of the University and, consistent with this, a thriving research culture has been developed within Business, Management and Accounting with many papers being published in a range of journals.

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH THEMES

Accounting education and the profession

Accounting and finance for energy and extractive industries' activities

Critical Accounting

Financial accounting, audit and taxation

Market-based accounting research

Not-for-profit accountability and governance

www.rgu.ac.uk/research

Courses

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

MSc Accounting and Finance

MSc Financial Management

MSc Oil and Gas Accounting

MSc Oil and Gas Finance

BSc Accounting



CAREER OPTIONS IN ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Knowledge of finance or accounting and the relevant skills which you have developed are useful in a huge range of sectors. Opportunities are widely available within accountancy firms, investment banks, high street banks, insurance companies, building societies, management consultancies and public sector employers. The most prominent graduate recruiters are the very large multinational accountancy firms. They use large-scale recruitment campaigns to attract the most promising graduates.

- Chartered Accountant
- Operational Investment Banker
- Financial Advisor
- Management Accountant
- Stockbroker
- Corporate Treasurer
- Investment Analyst
- Pensions Consultant
- Financial Risk Analyst
- Financial Controller
- Oil and Gas Accountant



MSc Accounting and Finance

PgCert/ PgDip/ MSc

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Drawing on our experience of preparing graduates to make an immediate value-adding contribution in the workplace, the MSc Accounting and Finance course provides an enhanced focus on requisite theoretical and practical accounting and finance skills. In the contemporary business environment, multidisciplinary professionals are increasingly being required to take the lead on achieving the objectives of the organisation. Consequently, this course provides a conversion route into accounting for those with a first degree in another field who now wish to develop a career in accounting and finance. Candidates that have already made such a transition through a relevant professional accounting qualification can join at the Capstone/Dissertation stage (Stage 3) to earn a master's degree.

The main aim of the course is to produce independent thinkers who are able to deal with the complex challenges facing organisations, either domestically or internationally. For this purpose, critical thinking and independent and/ or collaborative problem-solving skills centred on accounting and finance principles are highly desirable. These skills are needed to help drive business; make bids or tenders; address disclosure, compliance and regulatory issues; and manage different market conditions (including during contraction, recovery or boom).

HOW YOU WILL LEARN

In full-time mode, you will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars and workshop sessions, all facilitated by our staff with vast professional, research and practice experience. Sessions will comprise of a mix of group study, discussion, simulations, individual and group presentations, and practitioner-led and or case study based analysis of contemporary business issues. At the programme level, you will be able to join our master classes where industry experts are invited to make presentations on relevant business topics, with opportunities for interaction and networking.

Access to our virtual learning environment, Campus Moodle, is also provided, giving you access from home to learning materials (including videos, e-books and journals).

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Being a "conversion" masters no prior knowledge of accounting or finance is assumed. It involves one year of full-time study, over three semesters with study normally commencing in the third week of September. The MSc stage is completed the following September with the submission of a Masters dissertation.

The modules provide an important core content developing a range of accounting, financial and quantitative theory and practical skills for application in the general corporate financial environment.

- Finance Theory
- Quantitative Methods for Finance
- Financial Information and Decision Making
- External Reporting
- Corporate Financial Management
- Business Strategy
- Portfolio Investment and Wealth Management
- Management Accounting
- Dissertation

BENEFITS TO YOU

Irespective of your background this course will assist you in launching yourself into a career in accounting and finance either with a role within the accounting and finance functions of an organisation or with an accounting firm or in consulting. The course is accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). Accordingly, graduates from the course are exempt from four (4) papers of the ACCA examinations and so the course will start you on your way to achieving a professional accounting qualification from ACCA or other professional accounting bodies. Those who already hold a professional accounting qualification can join the course at Stage 3 by Distance Learning to earn a master's qualification.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates will be able to make a career in the accounting sector, within banking/financial institutions, or in the fields of corporate finance, general management, and/or management consultancy. Graduates can also enter into academia, undertaking further research leading to PhDs.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A good honours degree in any discipline. Applicants having degree equivalent qualification and relevant work experience at a suitable level within an organisation for an appropriate length of time may be considered, as may qualifications from an approved professional body.

All international students, for whom English is not their first language, must provide evidence of linguistic ability, by gaining either IELTS 6.5 or its equivalent.

Further information about English language requirements can be found at:
www.rgu.ac.uk/english-requirements

STUDY OPTIONS

Full-Time, September start (Stages 1-3)
Distance Learning, September or January start
(joining at Stage 3 only)

FEES AND FURTHER INFORMATION

www.rgu.ac.uk/accountingfinance

START DATE

September and January

FOR MORE INFORMATION

accountingandfinance@rgu.ac.uk

ACCREDITATION



MSc Financial Management

PgCert/ PgDip/ MSc

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The finance function is the impetus for shaping/achieving corporate objectives through the efficient allocation and management of financial resources. The MSc Financial Management course provides an industry-recognised qualification at master's level. Specifically, the course incorporates a significant proportion of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Program Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK), including modules in Alternative Investments and Portfolio Investment & Wealth Management. Consequently, the course has been accepted into the CFA Institute's University Recognition Program (for institutions whose degree offering cover at least 70% of CBOK).

By developing analytical skills, underpinned by relevant finance theories, the MSc Financial Management course prepares strategic financial decision makers for financial institutions and the corporate sector. These employability skills are particularly relevant for roles in financial institutions, stock broking, investment and portfolio management, and within the treasury and corporate finance departments of business entities.

HOW YOU WILL LEARN

In full-time mode, you will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars and workshop sessions, all facilitated by our staff with vast professional, research and practice experience. Sessions will comprise of a mix of group study, discussion, simulations, individual and group presentations, and practitioner-led and or case study based analysis of contemporary business issues. At the programme level, you will be able to join our master classes where industry experts are invited to make presentations on relevant business topics, with opportunities for interaction and networking.

Access to our virtual learning environment, Campus Moodle, is also provided, giving you access from home to learning materials (including videos, e-books and journals).

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will learn to use various models and techniques for analysing the complex issues which arise during the business decision making process. Communication, presentation, numeracy, IT and group interaction skills will also be enhanced.

- Financial Information and Decision Making
- Finance Theory
- Financial Institutions and Markets
- Quantitative Methods for Finance
- Alternative Investments
- Portfolio Investment and Wealth Management
- Corporate Financial Management
- Business Strategy
- Dissertation

BENEFITS TO YOU

The course provides substantial coverage of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK).

Studying the MSc Financial Management will develop your analytical skills and teach you to evaluate theory and implement procedures within the corporate sector and financial institutions. It prepares you for roles in financial institutions, stock broking, investment and portfolio management, and in the business sector within the treasury and corporate finance departments of companies.

In addition to specific subject knowledge, you will acquire additional skills allowing you to integrate fully into a commercial work environment. These will include abilities in written and verbal communication, time management, team working and critical analysis.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course will open up a wide variety of career development opportunities within a number of different contexts; for example, accounting, finance, audit or economics.

For those who are new to financial management, this course will allow you to develop the practical skills, knowledge and understanding required to enter into, and develop your career within the profession. Employment opportunities exist within commercial companies, wholesale and retail, domestic and international banks, accountancy and consultancy firms and fund management and investment institutions as brokers, dealers, analysts and compliance staff.

Graduates can also pursue advanced studies leading to a PhD in Finance.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A good honours degree is required in a relevant subject. Applicants having a degree or degree equivalent qualification and relevant work experience at a suitable level within an organisation for an appropriate length of time may be considered, as may qualifications from an approved professional body.

All international students, for whom English is not their first language, must provide evidence of linguistic ability by gaining an IELTS score of 6.5, or its equivalent, prior to receiving an unconditional offer of a place on the course.

Further information about English language requirements can be found at:
www.rgu.ac.uk/english-requirements

The International College at Robert Gordon University (ICRGU) offers entry into the MSc Financial Management at Robert Gordon University for international students.
www.rgu.ac.uk/icrgu

STUDY OPTIONS	START DATE
Full-time, 1 year Part-time, 3 years	September and January
FEES AND FURTHER INFORMATION	FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.rgu.ac.uk/financialmanagement	accountingandfinance@rgu.ac.uk



"The knowledge I got in my MSc Financial Management at RGU helped me in passing the level I of the CFA examination held in June 2014. The quality of lectures, tutorials and case studies was very good and I really liked the faculty and campus during my study at Robert Gordon University."

Guido Lucarelli,
Thomson Reuters,
Gydnia, Poland

MSc Oil and Gas Accounting

PgCert/PgDip/MSc

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The MSc Oil and Gas Accounting course is designed to develop specialist skills for accounting for upstream oil and gas activities, including exploration, development and production. These activities and their accounting considerations are sufficiently distinct to require specialist rules and standards to be applied in preparing the financial reports and for managing the disclosure obligations of upstream oil and gas entities.

The course has been developed in collaboration with the industry to help inculcate a critical awareness of the performance of upstream entities and a mastery of the contemporary issues and reporting requirements that are essential for compliance with a dynamic regulatory/statutory regime and where strategic management of entities in the sector need to be supported by sound accounting information inputs into the decision-making process.

Participants will learn from academics and respected guest speakers with professional accounting qualifications, relevant industry experience and understanding of the industry's challenges substantiated by research. They will participate in an oil simulation exercise and also learn with international peers who bring industry experience and knowledge of the peculiar circumstances of oil producing entities and countries.

HOW YOU WILL LEARN

In full-time mode, you will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars and workshop sessions, all facilitated by our staff with vast professional, research and practice experience. Sessions will comprise of a mix of group study, discussion, simulations, individual and group presentations, and practitioner-led and or case study based analysis of contemporary business issues.

At the programme level, you will be able to join our master classes where industry experts are invited to make presentations on relevant business topics, with opportunities for interaction and networking.

The course also involves participation in an oil simulation exercise, delivered and certified by industry-leading experts, and conducted as a competition between multidisciplinary groups where you will seek to optimise an oil and gas exploration, production and development investment decision.

Access to our virtual learning environment, Campus Moodle, is also provided, giving you access from home to learning materials (including videos, e-books and journals).

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

The course will develop your knowledge of the theory and practice of accounting, audit and financial management for oil and gas activities from an international perspective. The course has been meticulously designed to meet the demands of the sector and to tackle a full range of topics.

- International Oil and Gas Accounting
- Oil and Gas Management
- Financial Information and Decision Making
- Oil & Gas Taxation: Fiscal Law & Policy
- Corporate Financial Management
- Oil & Gas Economics
- Oil and Gas Management Accounting
- Business Strategy
- Dissertation

BENEFITS TO YOU

The course is accredited by The Association of International Accountants (AIA) and the Energy Institute (EI).

On successful completion of the MSc a graduate may be eligible for exemption from one or more modules of the AIA professional qualification syllabus. Application for exemptions will be assessed by the AIA on a case by case basis and will take account of the detailed modules studied at MSc level together with the graduate's prior first degree studies and any appropriate career experience.

The Energy Institute accreditation is recognition of the high level of energy content, quality training and academic expertise provided. This accreditation also means that you will be entitled to free student membership of the EI.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Based in the oil and gas capital of Europe, we have the advantage of tapping into industry expertise through strong links with companies such as Shell, BP and Sonatrach in Algeria. We also work closely with the Big Four accounting firms and our close relationship with the Oil Industry Finance Association (OIFA), allows us to provide students with up-to-date specialist content.

The sophisticated analytical, financial and quantitative skills which you will gain are relevant to a diverse range of employment scenarios in the oil and gas industry, including as reporting, policy or decision analysts, company or government advisors, etc.

For those who are new to accounting, this course will allow you to develop the practical skills, knowledge and understanding required to enter into and develop your career within the accounting profession.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A good honours degree in any numerically orientated degree. Applicants having a degree or degree equivalent qualification and relevant work experience may also be considered, as may qualifications from approved professional accountancy bodies such as ACCA and CIMA.

All international students, for whom English is not their first language, must provide evidence of linguistic ability by gaining an IELTS score of 6.5, or its equivalent, prior to receiving an unconditional offer of a place on the course.

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Full-time, 1 year	September
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ACCREDITATION	



MSc Oil and Gas Finance

PgCert/ PgDip/ MSc

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The MSc Oil and Gas Finance course offers advanced studies in finance with specific application to financial decision making in the oil and gas industry. The course offers training for researching, quantifying, evaluating and managing the financial risks and rewards of oil and gas investments in relation to the industry, energy policy formulation and management, and in the commodities and financial markets. It builds on RGU's multidisciplinary expertise in oil and gas and discourses about the contemporary issues of the energy industries, including growing demand for energy and a challenging external financial environment.

Facilitated by subject experts and industry practitioners and in close association with the industry in Aberdeen (including a new Oil and Gas Institute), the course emphasises practical problem-solving, analytical financial modelling and transferable skills for making a contribution to the strategic decision-making process within the industry. Participants will take part in an oil simulation exercise and also learn with international peers who bring industry experience and knowledge of the peculiar circumstances of oil producing entities and countries.

HOW YOU WILL LEARN

In full-time mode, you will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars and workshop sessions, all facilitated by our staff with vast professional, research and practice experience. Sessions will comprise of a mix of group study, discussion, simulations, individual and group presentations, and practitioner-led and or case study based analysis of contemporary business issues.

At the programme level, you will be able to join our master classes where industry experts are invited to make presentations on relevant business topics, with opportunities for interaction and networking.

The course also involves participation in an oil simulation exercise, delivered and certified by industry-leading experts, and conducted as a competition between multidisciplinary groups where you will seek to optimise an oil and gas exploration, production and development investment decision. Access to our virtual learning environment, Campus Moodle, is also provided, giving you access from home to learning materials (including videos, e-books and journals).

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

The course has been meticulously designed to meet the demands of the sector and to tackle a full range of topics and issues. Specifically, the course offers a dynamic mix of theoretical and practical elements required for effective financial management and investment decision making within the oil and gas industry. The MSc Oil and Gas Finance builds on RGU's multidisciplinary expertise across the oil and gas value chain to explore the role of the finance and investment function within this spectrum as a means for creating value.

- Oil and Gas Management
- Finance Theory
- Quantitative Methods for Finance
- Energy Finance
- Business Strategy
- Oil and Gas Economics
- Financial Modelling and Valuation of Oil and Gas Projects
- Oil and Gas Markets and Derivatives
- Dissertation

BENEFITS TO YOU

The course is accredited by the Energy Institute (EI). The EI accreditation is recognition of the high level of energy content, quality training and academic expertise provided. This accreditation also means that you will be entitled to free student membership of the EI.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Oil and Gas Finance MSc provides graduates with extensive opportunities for a career with local, national and international companies in the fields of oil and gas finance, policy and economics.

The course structure provides a breadth of coverage to allow graduates to pursue a variety of roles and careers in the oil and gas industry. For example, energy companies, government departments or regulatory bodies and parastatals, consulting and research companies, and various roles in energy and financial markets and institutions, including oil and gas trading, financial analysis, equity research, benchmarking and intelligence.

The qualification can also be a stepping stone for advanced research degrees (e.g., PhD) in finance.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A good honours degree in any quantitative/ numerically orientated degree (including Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Economics, Accounting, Geology, etc.) is a general entry requirement. Applicants having a degree or degree equivalent qualification and relevant work experience may also be considered, as may qualifications from approved professional accountancy bodies such as ACCA and CIMA, where the previous qualification or experience provides a suitable basis for studies in quantitative finance.

All international students, for whom English is not their first language, must provide evidence of linguistic ability, by gaining either IELTS 6.5.

Further information about English language requirements can be found at:
www.rgu.ac.uk/english-requirements

The International College at Robert Gordon University (ICRGU) offers entry into the MSc Oil and Gas Finance at Robert Gordon University for International Students.
www.rgu.ac.uk/icrgu

STUDY OPTIONS	START DATE
Full-time, 1 year	September
FEES AND FURTHER INFORMATION	FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.rgu.ac.uk/oilandgasaccounting	accountingandfinance@rgu.ac.uk
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BSc Accounting

Online degree with CIMA

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

This course combines the CIMA Advanced diploma with an accounting degree, enabling students to gain two highly valued qualifications at the same time. As a flexible distance learning degree, the BSc Accounting is accessible globally and is designed to allow students to continue working throughout their studies.

The degree provides a solid grounding in both technical accounting and non technical skills giving students a competitive advantage in the workplace.

A combination of CIMA and RGU assessed modules are studied, resulting in the progression through the CIMA qualification to Advanced Diploma level in addition to the degree award.

Direct entry to stage 2 of the course is possible for students who have completed the CIMA Certificate of Business Accounting, or hold relevant exemptions.

A top-up option for the BSc Accounting is also available for students who have already completed the CIMA Advanced Diploma, but still wish to study for a degree. The top-up course can be completed in one year full-time study, or over two years part-time.

HOW YOU WILL LEARN

The BSc Accounting is an online degree course taught through Campus Moodle, the University's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

Campus Moodle offers full open access to tutors and other class members. Students have the benefit of being part of a group of learners with the invaluable opportunity to participate in active, group-related learning within a supportive online community setting. The online campus provides students with lectures and course materials as well as a range of other study skills support services.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Stage 1

- Fundamentals of Financial Accounting CIMA
- Fundamentals of Business Economics CIMA
- Professional and Academic Skills for Accountants
- Fundamentals of Management Accounting CIMA
- Fundamentals of Ethics, Corporate Governance and Business Law CIMA

Stage 2

- Organisational Management CIMA E1
- Management Accounting CIMA P1
- Financial Reporting and Taxation CIMA F1
- Auditing
- Business Operations – Enterprise
- Business Operations – Performance
- Business Operations – Financial
- Integrated Case Study – CIMA Operational Level

Stage 3

- Project and Relationship Management CIMA E2
- Advanced Management Accounting CIMA P2
- Advanced Financial Reporting CIMA F2
- Academic Literature Review
- Business Management – Enterprise
- Business Management – Performance
- Business Management – Financial
- Integrated Case Study – CIMA Management Level

Top-up Option

- Business Enterprise Concepts
- Business Performance Concepts
- Business Financial Concepts
- Practical Management Accounting
- Academic Literature Review
- Auditing

"I decided to choose this course because it was the best course that fitted my needs. I work full time and needed something that fitted in with my work so the online degree with joint diploma seemed the best approach for me. I have found the staff extremely helpful and supportive.

I would certainly recommend this method of study for anyone in employment and there is the flexibility to study either full time or part-time."

P.English, Finance Manager, Drilling Technologies at Aker Solutions



WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The BSc Accounting degree course is a complete professional development package that uniquely allows students to study for two qualifications at the same time. This allows our graduates to significantly enhance their CV and progress their career within an increasingly competitive business world. Consideration will be given to applicants who do not hold the required academic entry qualifications, but can demonstrate relevant work experience.

CAREER OPTIONS

The combination of an RGU accounting degree and the highly valued global CIMA qualification will provide students with the opportunity to consider careers at both national and international level. The CIMA qualification is a blend of management accounting, financial accounting and business-focused subjects which has been designed to develop the skills valued by employers.

In addition to a professional career, there are further academic opportunities and BSc Accounting graduates who continue to complete their CIMA qualification are eligible for our MSc Strategic Accounting Top-up course. The University supports career development and offers online and offline advice, services and resources through the Careers and Employability Centre.

STUDY OPTIONS	START DATE
Online, Full-time, 3 years Part-time, 6 years Top-up can be completed in 1 year	August and January
FEES AND FURTHER INFORMATION	FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.rgu.ac.uk/bscaccountingcima	T: +44 (0)1224 263831 BScAccCIMA@rgu.ac.uk
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Further information

Quick links

POSTGRADUATE COURSES
www.rgu.ac.uk/explorepg

ONLINE STUDY AND COURSES
www.rgu.ac.uk/better-online

POSTGRADUATE EVENTS
www.rgu.ac.uk/openevening

FEES AND FUNDING
www.rgu.ac.uk/pgfees

SCHOLARSHIPS
www.rgu.ac.uk/scholarships

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
www.rgu.ac.uk/international

APPLY ONLINE
www.rgu.ac.uk/applyonline

ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION
www.rgu.ac.uk/admissions

ACCOMMODATION
www.rgu.ac.uk/accommodation

SUPPORT DURING YOUR STUDIES
www.rgu.ac.uk/student-services



How to apply

APPLY ONLINE

The quickest and most efficient method of applying for any postgraduate course at Robert Gordon University is to apply online at **www.rgu.ac.uk/applyonline**

There is no application fee to pay to apply.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION

'Apply Online' is quick and easy to use, allowing you to complete pages in any order, and you may save your progress and come back to the form as many times as you like.

Supporting documents (certificates, academic transcripts, references and CV) are required to be uploaded at the time of application so please ensure you have these available.

Download full instructions on making an application: **www.rgu.ac.uk/applyonline**

CONTACT US ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION

Our Postgraduate Admissions Office are happy to answer any queries you may have relating to your application.

PgOffice@rgu.ac.uk
Tel: 01224 262209

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Most postgraduate courses from RGU are suitable for those who possess a UK undergraduate honours degree or an international undergraduate degree which is comparable to a UK honours degree. Other qualifications and appropriate experience may be considered with entry and is subject to the University's judgement.

Applicants whose first language is not English should refer to our website for information.

www.rgu.ac.uk/english-requirements

Certain courses may have additional conditions for entry. Please ensure you check the individual course information pages for full details of what is required.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

You can apply directly via our online application service or via one of our approved agents worldwide. Our local representatives will be able to advise you on our range of courses and assist you with your visa application.

All international students looking to travel to and study within the UK are required to have a tier 4 visa. In order to study at RGU you must hold a Tier 4 visa under our sponsor licence.

For information relating to visits, visa requirements, funding or for a full list of our country representatives, visit **www.rgu.ac.uk/international**

DOCTORAL RESEARCH

If you are interested in undertaking a research degree and would like to apply to become a research student, please visit:

www.rgu.ac.uk/postgraduate-research
researchdegrees@rgu.ac.uk
Tel: 01224 262155

Fees, funding and scholarships

FUNDING

Postgraduate students will normally make their own arrangements for payment of fees. All fees are listed on individual course pages on our website.

Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan (PTFL)

Support for postgraduate funding is provided through a Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan (PTFL), formerly PSAS, the Postgraduate Students Allowance Scheme. It is run by the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS). The maximum tuition fee loan levels for 2017/18 are £5,500 for full-time courses and £5,500 for part-time courses. You will only be able to secure the maximum fee chargeable for your course up to these values.

Eligible (Scottish domiciled and EU) full-time or part-time students who have accepted a postgraduate place on an eligible course can apply directly to the SAAS for a loan to cover up to £5,500 towards their tuition fees.

Students enter into an agreement based on the terms and conditions of the Income Contingent Repayment Loan. Repayment is directly linked to income, through the income tax system, ensuring that monthly repayments are affordable.

EU students are also eligible to apply to SAAS for a tuition fee loan. They will need to get a UK National Insurance number to become eligible. Further information can be found at www.rgu.ac.uk/pgfees

The application form is available to download from SAAS website. You should monitor the SAAS website for updates. www.saas.gov.uk

Payment options

There are payment instalment options available, but how and when you pay is determined by factors such as where you live as well as your chosen mode of study (full-time, part-time or online).

20% Alumni Loyalty Discount

We offer our alumni a 20% loyalty discount on the University's postgraduate course fees. The discount applies to both home and overseas alumni (holders of undergraduate degrees from Robert Gordon University) who commence postgraduate study at the University. It can only be applied to tuition fees and cannot be used to cover any other programme-related expenses (e.g. residential costs, materials or membership fees).

For further information visit www.rgu.ac.uk/discount

SCHOLARSHIPS

RGU SPORT scholarship

There are a number of sports scholarships offered to promising sports men and women to support them in developing their talents and succeeding in their chosen sporting field whilst undertaking academic study. Scholarships are offered on an annual basis to athletes who are at, or close to, national standard in their given sport. Financial assistance is awarded to support travel, training, equipment and competition expenses accrued during the academic year.

www.rgu.ac.uk/scholarships

Scotland's Saltire scholarships

The British Council and Scottish Government run Scotland's Saltire Scholarships scheme. There are a total of 200 awards made under this scheme open to students from Canada, China, India and USA who are pursuing a taught one year Masters degree at a Scottish university. Those who are successful will be offered a scholarship totalling £2,000. Students who hold a conditional or an unconditional offer from a Scottish institution can apply.

Find out about other sources of funding for international students from the British Council's database www.britishcouncil.org

COURSE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING

We have only listed a small portion of scholarships and funding options on this page.

We have a much wider list of course-specific scholarships and funding on our website. These include Common Data Access, CNR International and Opito scholarships. As this information is regularly reviewed and updated, we recommend you check individual course pages on our site to access and check this information.

The scholarships that are available will depend on your course. To access the full list available, visit the course of interest on our website.

Contact us about your postgraduate fee payment options and funding opportunities

Student Finance

+44 (0)1224 262664

studentfinance@rgu.ac.uk

Further information on other sources of funding is available at:

www.postgraduate-funding.com/gateway

Non-payment of fees

The University's current sanction for non-payment of tuition fees is to withhold the conferment of awards to students who are in debt to the University.



Supporting you during your studies

STUDENT CENTRAL

At 'Student Central' you will find:

- Student Help Point (Information and Advice Centre)
- Careers and Employability Centre
- Chaplaincy
- Child Care (Treehouse Nursery)
- Counselling Support and Wellbeing
- Disability and Dyslexia Advice and Support
- International Student Advice, Visa and Immigration Centre
- Scholarships
- Study Skills and Access Unit

Student Central is located on level 3, Health and Social Care building, Garthdee.

www.rgu.ac.uk/studentsservices

STUDENT HELP POINT

For current students, this is your 'one-stop shop' for all non-academic queries, support and advice. At Student Help Point you can pay tuition fees, request student status letters, browse info on careers and lots more.

Find us at Student Central, Garthdee

studenthelppoint@rgu.ac.uk

Phone: +44 (0)1224 262182 or 263660

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVICE , VISA AND IMMIGRATION CENTRE

The International Student Advice, Visa and Immigration Centre provides international students with a wide range of support and advice which includes:

- Offering advice on extending/renewing your student visa (in line with the recommendations of the Office of the Immigration Services Commission)

- Issuing your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) (This service is for current students only)
- Running workshops to advise you on how to complete your Tier 4 Student visa extension form
- Advising you on working during your studies (please note that we do not issue letters to students to give to employers)
- Organising a 'Meet and Greet' service for new international/EU students arriving at

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY CENTRE

Students can access support to help them identify and assess the career options that are right for them; securing part-time work or summer jobs; work experience opportunities and how to progress themselves to effectively source and apply for their first graduate-level job.

www.rgu.ac.uk/careers

DISABILITY AND DYSLEXIA CENTRE

We support individuals with physical and sensory impairments, health conditions, dyslexia or other specific learning differences, and those with short or long-term support needs.

The service employs a dedicated Enabling Technologist who provides advice and support in the use of assistive and enabling technology, and an Educational Psychologist.

Find us at Student Central, Garthdee.

+44 (0)1224 262103

disability@rgu.ac.uk

CHILDCARE

The Treehouse Early Care and Education Centre at Robert Gordon University is situated on our Garthdee campus.

This outstanding purpose-built facility provides the highest quality care and education for babies and children of three months to five years of age.

www.rgu.ac.uk/nurseryfacilities

+44 (0)1224 861840

CHAPLAINCY

The Chaplaincy service is for the benefit of the whole University community.

www.rgu.ac.uk/chaplaincy

+44 (0)1224 591527

COUNSELLING AND WELLBEING

Provides support and advice on a wide range of pastoral and emotional issues.

www.rgu.ac.uk/counselling

STUDY SKILLS AND ACCESS UNIT

The Study Skills and Access Unit offers you confidential advice, support and guidance with a range of academic study skills, including:

- Academic Writing and Critical Thinking
- Exam Preparation and Revision
- Maths, Statistics and Numeracy Skills
- English Language (for International Students)
- Study Skills (time management, presentation skills etc)
- Basic IT Skills

We tailor our service to suit you, and you can arrange appointments on an individual or small group basis, and appointments can be face-to-face, via email or telephone. Contact us at studyskills@rgu.ac.uk or visit www.rgu.ac.uk/studysupport for more information.

www.rgu.ac.uk/studentsservices



Looking for a place to stay?

OUR ACCOMMODATION

Robert Gordon University has various purpose-built accommodation developments situated in the city and at the Garthdee campus. The flats are well equipped, and some of the accommodation has en-suite bathrooms, whilst the remainder has shared washing and toilet facilities.

APPLICATIONS

Application for University accommodation is made online at www.rgu.ac.uk/roomonline

To apply you must live outwith the Aberdeen area and have accepted an unconditional or conditional offer or have an insurance offer.

MORE INFORMATION

For the most up-to-date information about accommodation, go to our website or contact us direct. We would be delighted to help and look forward to welcoming you to Aberdeen.

www.rgu.ac.uk/accommodation
Call us on +44 (0)1224 262130
Email accommodation@rgu.ac.uk

UNIVERSITY MAIN SWITCHBOARD
Telephone +44 (0) 1224 262000

LIST OF POSTGRADUATE COURSES
We recommend visiting our website to find the most up-to-date information on courses.
www.rgu.ac.uk/explorepg

POSTGRADUATE OPEN EVENINGS
To register and book a place at one of our postgraduate events, go to:
www.rgu.ac.uk/openevening

STUDENT FINANCE
For enquiries about fees, finance and scholarships.
+44 (0)1224 262664
Email studentfinance@rgu.ac.uk
www.rgu.ac.uk/pgfees

APPLY ONLINE
To apply for a postgraduate course, go to:
www.rgu.ac.uk/applyonline

Postgraduate admissions team
For enquiries about your postgraduate application and entry requirements.
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www.rgu.ac.uk/coursedisclaimer

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Postgraduate subjects

- Accounting and Finance
- Communication, Marketing and Media
- Computing
- Engineering
- Health, Nursing and Midwifery
- Health and Sports Sciences
- Information Management
- Law
- Management
- Pharmacy and Life Sciences
- Social Work and Social Science

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Read our student blog
WordPress
www.rgustudentblog.com



Connect with your peers
Facebook
[/robertgordonuniversity](https://www.facebook.com/robertgordonuniversity)



Join the conversation
Twitter
[/robertgordonuni](https://twitter.com/robertgordonuni)



Check out our pin boards
Pinterest
www.rgu.ac.uk/pinterest



Watch videos
Youtube
[Youtube/
robertgordonuni](https://www.youtube.com/robertgordonuni)



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