September 2017 Induction Information

Programme of Study
MA programmes in Accountancy & Finance, Business Management, Economics, Real Estate

School
Business School

College
The Business School is independent from Colleges

School Contact
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School Office Location
Open for Student Queries: Monday – Friday 0900 -1600
Student Reception, 2nd Floor, S36, Edward Wright Building, Dunbar Street
Students can also contact their discipline support secretary by email:
Accountancy & Finance: accfin@abdn.ac.uk
Business Management: bus-management@abdn.ac.uk
Economics: econ@abdn.ac.uk
Real Estate: realestate@abdn.ac.uk

School Website
www.abdn.ac.uk/business

Welcome/Freshers’ Week 4th – 8th September 2017

Monday
The Student Reception is open from 9am – 4pm, Monday – Friday. Support staff will be happy to answer your queries.
Personal Tutor Meetings as advised by email. Please see the Personal Tutor webpage.

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Thursday
School Welcome and Practical Help in Starting Your Studies:

Thursday 7 September 2017, 2.00pm – Kings’ Conference Centre
‘Everything you wanted to know about the Business School but were afraid to ask’*
School Welcome and useful information about being part of the University of Aberdeen Business School. Meet the staff who will be teaching you as well as current students. A great opportunity to get some tips on what you need to do to be an effective student and ask your own questions.
*maybe not absolutely everything

14.00 – 14.15 Welcome and introductions
14.15 – 14.30 How to Survive Your First Year - Antonia Nilsson
14.30 – 14.40 MyAberdeen - Dimitar Dimitrov
14.40 – 14.50 How To Prepare for Exams - Marianne S. Hug
14.50 – Flexible Q & A
Flexible – 16.00 Informal Meet and Greet in James MacKay Hall

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**Teaching Timetable**

**Monday 11 September 2017, 12.00pm, Arts Lecture Theatre**

In the first lecture of EC1006, “Economics of Business and Society”, which all students studying for degrees within the Business School take, there will be a Welcome by Head of School and an Introduction by Director of Teaching to the School. This first lecture will be at **12:00pm on Monday 11 September 2017** in the Arts Lecture Theatre. At this, and the first lectures of the other first year courses in the Business School, there will be a Welcome by the Head of School and a Course Introduction by the Coordinator. The course team will be present.

**Your Classes**

Typically level one (15-credit) courses have two one-hour lectures per week. Additionally, there are supporting tutorials or workshops throughout the semester (at which attendance is mandatory and recorded). Specific details will be given in the course outlines, available on MyAberdeen. The educational culture in Scotland is very much focused on independent learning and this is reflected in the number of contact hours students have with teaching staff. The expectation is that a significant amount of reading and study will be done outside of the classroom.

**Academic Staff**

As well as the help provided in tutorials, you will also be able to see your tutors outside of these times by booking an appointment or using their availability during ‘office hours’, which will be detailed in the course outline. Our noticeboard also lists academic staff and their office room number.

**Assessment**

Typically level one (15-credit) courses are assessed by an examination (typically 70%) and by coursework (typically 30%) which could be on-line quizzes, essays or problem sets, for example. Specific details are given in the course syllabi, available on MyAberdeen.

**Suggested reading**

We have prepared a guide that will help you choose your courses as you arrive in first year. This can be found online on the Business School website, under Curriculum Advice for First Years. Full reading lists are given in the course syllabi, available on MyAberdeen.