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**ABERDEEN**  
BUSINESS SCHOOL

# Normal Taught Explained

All our Postgraduate Programmes are either Normal Taught (NT) or Block Taught (BT) with the current list of Normal Taught Programmes below. Some of these programmes run in conjunction with other Schools.

**MScEcon Accounting and Finance**

**MScEcon Finance and Investment Management (CFA and Non-CFA)**

**MSc Energy Economics and Law**

**MSc Finance and Real Estate (CFA and Non-CFA)**

**MSc Financial Technology**

**MSc International Business and Finance**

**MSc International Finance and Political Relations**

**MSc International Relations and Management**

**MSc Real Estate (Commercial and International options)**

**MScEcon Petroleum, Energy Economics and Finance**

Over the course of the programme, normal taught courses run from September to September, or January to January, including over summer to achieve the required 180 credits. During semesters one and two, students will study 3 or 4 compulsory courses at a time. Frequently students will complete a Dissertation during Semester 3. All Programmes have a September intake, and some also have January intake.

Normal taught programmes follow a similar structure to the one below (MSc Accounting & Finance). Students will have the opportunity to study alongside colleagues from different programmes and take part in a broad range of stimulating lectures, seminars, and tutorials with both a range of academic experts and visiting industry practitioners. Assessment is by course work, written examination or through a combination of those, as prescribed for each course.

The sample build below follows the full time MSc Accounting and Finance Programme and represents how all normal taught programmes are organised, with differences in prescribed courses. Some Normal taught programmes do offer elective options, with the total number of courses normally being 8 or 9. The below is based on term dates for 2020-21.

Most Normal taught programmes also offer a part time route to students which includes overall the same courses as the full-time variant for the most part, and an example build for a part-time MSc Accounting and Finance student is provided below. Students on a part-time programme have 24 months minimum to complete and normally undertake 2 courses instead of 4 per semester but can take up to 5 years to finish. The example below is based on a 24 months duration.

### **2020-2021 MSc ACCOUNTING & FINANCE FULL TIME (September 2020 Start)**

| Semester 1                           | Semester 2   | Semester 3  |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Quantitative Methods (BU5025)        | Portfolio Analysis (BU5526)                              | Master's Dissertation in Accountancy & Finance (BU5903) |
| Issues in Corporate Finance (BU5034) | Financial Analysis and International Accounting (BU5574) |   |
| Accounting (BU5031)                  | Management Accounting (BU5571)                           |   |
| Economic Analysis (BU5033)           |  |   |

**\*Please note this is an example timetable for September 2020 entry. We will endeavour to make all course options available; however, these may be subject to timetabling and other constraints. Please see our InfoHub pages for further information.**

## 2020-2021 MSc ACCOUNTING & FINANCE PART TIME (September 2020 Start)

Part time students will negotiate their programme of study with the Programme Leader. Students undertake a programme of study as agreed with the programme leader, taking up to 30 credit points per semester (90 credit points per year of study)

| Semester 1  | Semester 2   | Semesters 2 & 3 Year 2  |
|---|--|---|
| Up to 30 credit points from:                                | Up to 30 credit points from:   |   |
| BU5025<br>Quantitative Methods<br>(15 credit points)        | BU5526<br>Portfolio Analysis<br>(15 credit points)                                 | BU5903<br>Master's Dissertation in<br>Accountancy & Finance<br>(60 credit points) |
| BU5031<br>Accounting<br>(15 credit points)                  | BU5571<br>Management   |   |
| BU5033<br>Economic Analysis<br>(15 credit points)           | Accounting<br>(15 credit points)   |   |
| BU5034<br>Issues in Corporate Finance<br>(15 credit points) | BU5574<br>Financial Analysis and<br>International Accounting<br>(15 credit points) |   |
|   | and  |   |
|   | BU5850<br>Professional Accounting<br>(15 credit points)                            |   |
|   | or   |   |
|   | BU5847<br>Studies in Accounting<br>(15 credit points)                              |   |

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