

Variation to the Programme Specification

For Academic Year 2020/21

Name of programme(s) and award type(s): <i>(such as Single Honours History with International Year)</i>	MSc Accounting & Financial Management
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Dear students,

As part of our commitment to continually work to improve our programmes, and in light of our plans to start next academic year with a hybrid delivery model due to the impact of Covid-19, we are confirming in this document the changes to your programme in the Academic Year 2020/21. More general information about what studying at the University will be like in 2020/21 can be found here:

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/coronavirus/operations/>

Overview of changes to your programme

The course structure will remain unchanged. Detailed information regarding the compulsory/elective/optional modules can be accessed via

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/study/postgraduatestudy/postgraduatecourses/accountingandfinancialmanagement/#course-structure>.

For SEM 1&2, students need to check the availability of these modules during the enrolment.

For SEM 3, the possibility of running the consultancy project and placement project will depend upon the Covid-19 restrictions and whether organizations are able to work with students next year or not.

Specific planned changes

How the programme will be taught <i>(include any significant changes to the balance between on campus and digital delivery and what students can expect)</i>	<p>There will be a structured weekly programme for all modules.</p> <p>For Semester 1: Lectures will be delivered online until it is safe to conduct large group teaching in situ on campus.</p> <p>For some modules all tutorials will be online. These will take place in a live environment, with your tutor and other students, weekly and will require preparation. For other modules it is planned to offer a number of the tutorial sessions face to face on campus, subject to University Covid-19 secure guidelines, and health and safety conditions, etc.</p> <p>This structure will be reviewed for Semester 2, in line with the University five stage operational system and the desire for a significant increase in face to face contact in this second Semester.</p>
Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities <i>(where applicable)</i>	For SEM3, the possibility of running the consultancy project and placement project will depend upon the Covid-19 restrictions and

	whether organisations are able to work with students next year or not.
Learning resources and any potential additional costs (<i>such as equipment requirements</i>)	<p>Online delivery will be done using MS Teams and KLE. We shall move to e-books and other electronically available resources, through the Library or from other sources, as much as possible. As is standard, Module outlines will provide full information of all aspects of Module delivery and assessment from the beginning of the Semester, including details of the hybrid delivery.</p> <p>Some modules rely on portals of information, particularly Bloomberg; these are usually taught in labs. It is envisaged that in situ, lab teaching may not be safe, at least in Semester 1. Instead, remote access to these pieces of software will be given to students on a 24/7 basis during term time. Thus, the relevant Modules will continue to be delivered normally and without any change in content.</p> <p>Given an increasing level of online teaching and assessments for this programme, it would be preferable if students had access to computer equipment with a webcam and microphone. It may also be preferable for students to have adequate Wi-Fi connectivity and associated internet speeds. Students who need support in accessing appropriate IT equipment may be eligible to apply for support from the University's hardship fund.</p>
How the programme will be assessed (<i>a general summary of changes to assessment methods</i>)	There is a mixture of assignment types, including individual and group essays, computer tests and final exams. It is currently envisaged that face-to-face exams or class tests in Semester 1 (at least) will be replaced by alternative assessments that will be delivered online.
How students are supported (<i>any alternative arrangements such as communication methods, support networks etc.</i>)	We will provide dedicated personal tutor support through small group or one-to-one meetings, delivered online or on campus as appropriate. In addition, the normal academic support and guidance will continue, based on materials on KLE/MS Teams (as appropriate), assessment guidance and feedback, student learning support, etc.

Updated module lists for 2020/21

Semester 1

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Accounting for Decision Making	ACC-40003	15	1	Unchanged
International Corporate Governance and Sustainability	ACC-40005	15	1	Unchanged
Performance Management	ACC-40006	15	1	Unchanged
Introduction to Research (Part 1)	MAN-40084	0	1	Unchanged
Optional modules (choose one of them)	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
Leadership	MAN-40056	15	1	Unchanged
International Operations and Supply	MAN-40110	15	1	Unchanged
International Business Context	MAN-40114	15	1	Unchanged
Understanding Consumer Behaviour	MAN-40120	15	1	Unchanged
Marketing Management in the Digital Age	MAN-40128	15	1	Unchanged

Clean and Green: Technologies from Above the Earth	ESC-40031	15	1	Unchanged
System Design and Programming	CSC-40044	15	1	Unchanged

Semester 2

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
International Financial Reporting	ACC-40001	15	2	Unchanged
Multinational Accounting and Control	ACC-40002	15	2	Unchanged
Introduction to Research (Part 2)	MAN-40084	15	2	Unchanged
Elective modules (choose one of them)				
Research Methods	HRM-40040	15	2	Unchanged
Creativity and Personal Development	MAN-40058	15	2	Unchanged
Optional modules (choose one of them)				
Contemporary Issues in Accounting	ACC-40004	15	2	Unchanged
Contemporary Challenges in Global Business	MAN-40118	15	2	Unchanged
Entrepreneurship	MAN-40018	15	2	Unchanged
Strategic HRM	HRM-40044	15	2	Unchanged
International Human Resources	HRM-40049	15	2	Unchanged
Strategy and Information Management	MAN-40036	15	2	Unchanged
Brands and Branding	MAN-40126	15	2	Unchanged
Cloud Computing	CSC-40039	15	2	Unchanged

Semester 3

Optional Core (Students must choose one of the following)	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Dissertation	MAN-40033	60	3	No change - as above
Consultancy Project	MAN-40104	60	3	Dependent upon Covid-19 restrictions
Entrepreneurship Project	MAN-40108	60	3	No change – as above
Placement Project	MAN-40106	60	3	Dependent upon Covid-19 restrictions