

# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME

## ACCOUNTING



**Henley**  
Business School

UNIVERSITY OF READING

Where business comes to life



# Preparing you for success

At Henley, our aim is to increase your knowledge, skills and confidence, and prepare you for professional careers – some of them in roles that may not even exist yet. We want to help you find your feet and make your mark.

Henley is one of just 100 business schools in the world to hold triple-accredited status for the quality of its teaching and faculty.



## Henley Careers & Professional Development

Henley Careers & Professional Development offers you a lot on top of your degree. We can help you plan your career, develop your interview and application skills, build your confidence and give you advice on different career journeys. We can also help with placement year applications.

Some examples of what we offer:

- One-to-one career support
- Employer panels where you can ask your questions
- Skills development masterclasses

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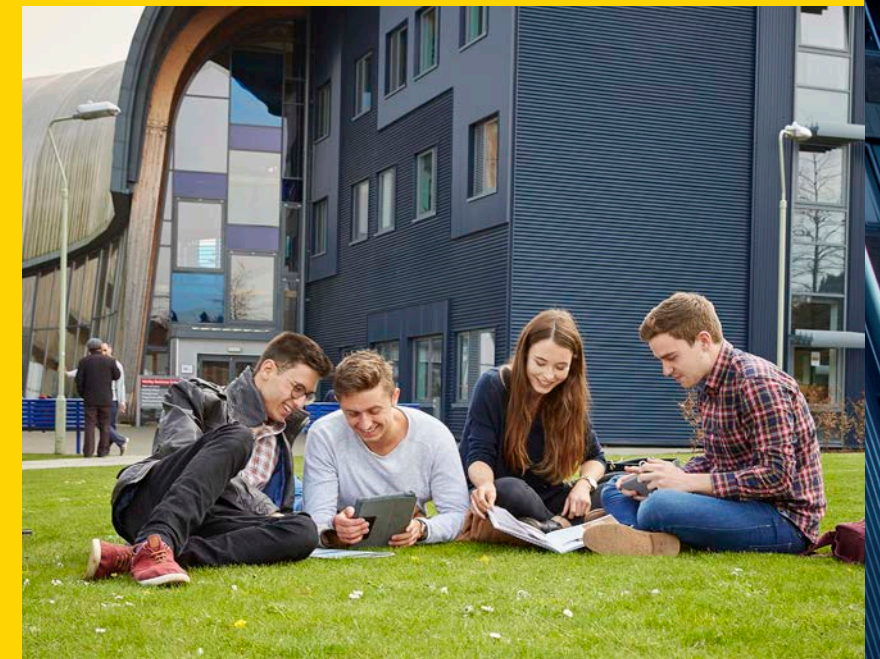


## Our location

All undergraduate programmes are taught at the University's Whiteknights campus in Reading. Set in extensive, green parkland, the campus has achieved the Green Flag Award for its high standard. With excellent rail and road links, Reading is easy to get to for both UK and international students. This vibrant town, within walking distance of the University campus, offers some of the best retail and entertainment experiences in the UK.

## Henley is more than a place to study

When you're not studying, you can join one of our 150+ clubs and societies; work up a sweat at the University SportsPark; visit the beautiful Harris Gardens; or watch a film at the Reading Film Theatre.





# Why study Accounting at Henley?

Henley Business School is a top 20 school in the UK for Accounting and Finance. You are taught by both academics, with research to share, and seasoned professionals, offering their hard-won insights. Accounting is at the heart of any business. It gives business managers essential information about the health of their organisation and helps them make sound decisions.

## Choices

At Henley, you can tailor your degree to suit your interests including other management, finance and accounting modules. In your third year, you can take a paid placement year in industry, with Henley Careers & Professional Development providing extensive support in helping you find the role for you.

## Future

A Henley Accounting degree can open up a wide range of employment opportunities, in both the accounting professions and in more general business careers. We have strong links with the major accounting bodies; you can build a significant amount of credit towards qualification as a chartered accountant – with either ACCA or ICAEW – depending on which degree you choose and the options that you take.



# Why study the Flying Start course (BA Accounting and Business)?

If you want a career as a Chartered Accountant, then the Flying Start degree could be the right choice for you. It can fast track you to a career with PwC, the prestigious, global professional services company voted second in the Times Top 100 Graduate Employers 2019. Your university fees are lower too in years 2,3 and 4.

## Flying Start

is a four-year degree:

- Year 1 is spent entirely at University.
- Years 2–4 are a mix of University learning and paid term-time work placements with PwC.

## Chartered Accountancy

Through the modules you study, you can earn credit towards 12 out of the 15 professional exams required to become an ICAEW Chartered Accountant. This means you will be approximately one year away from achieving full ICAEW Chartered Accountant status when you graduate.

Please note there are no optional modules on this course.

**Entry:** Applicants will be asked to submit a supplementary application form for this course and may be invited to complete online assessments and may be invited to attend an assessment centre run in conjunction with PwC.

## BA Accounting and Business (Flying Start)

This is an extremely innovative degree, offering a traditional university experience but with three paid placements with PwC included.

**Year 1.** You will study alongside other Henley students and gain a thorough grounding in accounting, business, ethics and law.

**Years 2 to 4.** You will divide your time between university work and a paid work placement with PwC.

During your placement, you will join one of PwC's assurance teams and receive dedicated training. You can expect to earn a competitive salary and, at the same time, you will pay reduced tuition fees.

If you achieve a 2.1 or above and do well on your work placements, you are likely to receive a graduate job offer of employment from PwC.

**Example modules:**

- Assurance, Governance and Ethics
- Tax Compliance
- Financial Accounting and Reporting

This degree has very few optional modules.

**UCAS codes:**

NN41 (degree programme)

READG R12 (University)

[henley.ac.uk/flyingstart](https://henley.ac.uk/flyingstart)

## BSc Accounting and Finance

If you have an interest in the financial services sector and capital markets as well as in accounting, this degree is for you. This course is different to other accounting degrees as we offer significant specialism in finance. It is of particular interest to those considering a career in the City with accountancy firms, large multinational companies or other financial institutions. This course offers the opportunity to apply for credit for prior learning from three major accounting bodies: ICAEW, ACCA and CIMA.

**Year 1.** You will gain a sound understanding of introductory accounting, finance and business concepts. You will also be able to apply what you learn in our state-of-the-art dealing rooms.

**Year 2 and Final Year.** You will specialise your areas of interest and take more advanced modules such as, management of information systems.

**Year 3.** You have the option to undertake a one-year work placement or spend a year studying overseas.

**Example modules:**

- Introductory Securities and Markets
- Management Information
- International Corporate Financial Reporting

**UCAS codes:**

NN43 (3 years)

NN45 (4 years with Study Abroad)

NN34 (4 years with work placement)

READG R12 (University)

## BA Accounting and Management

This degree focuses on the broad areas of accounting and management, with an emphasis on broad areas of business and commercial awareness. It could lead to a career in different areas such as accountancy, banking, retail, marketing and the civil service. This course offers the opportunity to apply for credit for prior learning from three major accounting bodies: ICAEW, ACCA and CIMA.

**Year 1.** You will study financial accounting, management accounting, law, data analysis and business.

**Year 2 and Final Year.** You will continue to study broad areas of business alongside accounting, tailoring your degree to your own interests by exploring areas such as marketing, human resource management and entrepreneurship.

**Year 3.** You have the option to undertake a one-year work placement or spend a year studying overseas.

**Example modules:**

- Management Information
- International Corporate Financial Reporting

**UCAS codes:**

NN24 (3 years)

NN44 (4 years with Study Abroad)

NN42 (4 years with work placement)

NNF1 (4 years with Foundation)  
READG R12 (University)



# Our Programme Rankings

**#10**

in the UK for  
research quality<sup>(1)</sup>

**#12**

in the UK for  
student continuation  
to second year<sup>(2)</sup>

**#19**

in the UK for  
overall subject<sup>(3)</sup>

**#17**

in the UK for  
graduate career  
prospects<sup>(4)</sup>



- (1) Complete University Guide, 2020, subject results for 'Accounting & Finance'. The University of Reading scored 3.11 for Research Quality, which puts it 10th in this subject area
- (2) Guardian university league table 2020, subject results for 'Accounting & Finance'. The University of Reading scored 96.4% for Continuation, which puts it 12th in this subject area
- (3) Times/Sunday Times university league table 2020, subject results for 'Accounting & Finance'
- (4) Complete University Guide, 2020, subject results for 'Accounting & Finance'. The University of Reading scored 88% for Graduate Prospects, which puts it 17th in this subject area

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## Placements

Our Accounting programmes allow you to undertake a work placement in your third year. This will further develop your knowledge and skills, could strengthen your CV and graduate employment prospects, and can help you build a professional network. In some cases, a successful placement may lead to the offer of a permanent role.

## Study abroad

While most undergraduate students can choose to apply to spend a year abroad, it is a competitive process. The number of places at partner institutions can vary year on year. The University cannot guarantee every applicant the possibility to study abroad, or in a particular country or institution.

## International students

As part of the University of Reading, Henley Business School is home to a diverse and inclusive international community. The University's International Office provides support and advice to students, including pre-departure briefings, an airport 'meet and greet' service, welcome events, an orientation programme, and specialist advice on matters ranging from student finance to accommodation.

All international student enquiries are handled centrally by the University of Reading. [international@reading.ac.uk](mailto:international@reading.ac.uk) or visit [reading.ac.uk/international](https://reading.ac.uk/international)

## Our qualification partners:

- PwC is the UK's leading professional services organisation. It was voted second in the Times Top UK Graduate Employers 2019.
- ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) is a world-leading professional membership organisation that promotes, develops and supports more than 147,000 members worldwide.
- The ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) is a leading global body for professional accountants in industry and professional practice with approximately 219,000 members worldwide.



# How to apply

Competition for places on our undergraduate degree programmes is strong, so we advise that you apply as early as possible.

All applications, whether you are from the UK, EU or overseas, should be made through UCAS using the University of Reading's UCAS code: R12

Find out more at:

[reading.ac.uk/how-to-apply](https://reading.ac.uk/how-to-apply)

## Fees, funding and scholarships

For information about tuition fees, living costs and financial support, visit: [reading.ac.uk/moneymatters](https://reading.ac.uk/moneymatters)

To find out about our scholarships, visit: [henley.ac.uk/ugscholarships](https://henley.ac.uk/ugscholarships)

For information on UK government funding, including tuition fee and maintenance loans, visit: [gov.uk/studentfinance](https://gov.uk/studentfinance)

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