



# The Flying Start degree



**Henley Business School  
at University of Reading**

BA Accounting and  
Business, NN41

# About the programme

Start your career with PwC. Take the opportunity of a lifetime. Get your career off to a Flying Start. An innovative degree for students who want to become Chartered Accountants with Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

The BA Accounting and Business Flying Start degree (NN41) is a collaboration between Henley Business School at University of Reading, PwC, and ICAEW. The course combines academic study, integrated professional work placements in PwC's Audit practice and progress towards ICAEW Chartered Accountant qualification, the ACA.

Throughout your journey you'll be supported by a team of dedicated staff from both Henley Business School and PwC who will help you develop the business skills you need to gain a degree, progress towards a professional qualification and succeed on paid work placements - all of which will help you towards receiving a full-time graduate offer with PwC.

We offer great financial support to help you through your Flying Start journey including:

- paid work placements with a competitive starting salary
- reduced tuition fees in years two, three and four
- sourced and paid for accommodation where needed for each work placement period
- many of the learning materials provided free of charge
- technical skills training during your work placement.

So if your sights are set on a career in accounting, it makes sense to get off to a Flying Start. While many other degrees tackle business, accounting and finance, none can prepare you for your chosen profession as well as the Flying Start degree programme at Henley Business School.

# Six reasons to choose Flying Start

## 1 Student life and our community spirit

Live on our beautiful Whiteknights campus and learn at our fantastic Business School. Join a community of like-minded individuals to share your experiences with.

## 2 Globally recognised qualification

ICAEW is a world-leading professional membership organisation that promotes, develops and supports over 150,000 Chartered Accountants worldwide.

## 3 Work with PwC

PwC are the employer of choice in Accounting and Professional Services according to AllAboutSchoolLeavers, and voted the UK's Accountancy employer of choice by students in The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers survey.

## 4 Job offer

The Flying Start programme could not only give you great work experience while you're at uni, but hopefully you'll impress PwC enough to secure a job with them after you graduate.

## 5 Career fast track

Join PwC and you'll be ahead of it's traditional graduates, potentially becoming a fully qualified ICAEW Chartered Accountant with the salary to match, just over a year after you graduate.

## 6 Financial support

The Flying Start bursary (£10,000 split across the four year programme) is available to eligible students to support with the day-to-day costs of university life.



"It's a hard course, but if you're serious about becoming a Chartered Accountant, this is the quickest way to do it - and you get the uni experience as well.

I would 100% recommend this programme."

**Natalie,**  
**Henley Business School, University of Reading**

# What you'll do

## Year one

### (University)

- Enjoy student life and start your studies.
- Take your first examinations that will count towards your ACA qualification.
- Work with PwC to agree on your work placement location.

## Year two

### (University and work placement one)

- Work with Audit clients and develop a network at PwC.
- Focus on modules that link to the ACA qualification, and then link your studies to your work placements.

## Year three

### (University and work placement two)

As work placement one plus:

- Take on more challenging roles and greater responsibility within a client audit environment.
- Study a mix of core modules accredited to the remaining Professional Level ACA exams.

## Year four

### (University and work placement three)

- Experience a longer work placement with greater opportunity to develop professional skills, as well as coaching junior staff.
- Study modules that will equip you with skills you'll need throughout your career.

## After graduation

### (Full-time work)

- If you receive a job offer, join PwC on a graduate programme.
- Complete the ICAEW ACA Advanced Level and remaining technical work experience.
- Just over a year after graduation, you could become a fully qualified ICAEW Chartered Accountant.





# Henley Business School

At Henley Business School you'll have access to excellent learning resources and facilities, and will be taught by professionally experienced accounting lecturers.

With everything you need on campus, you'll find the strong sense of community and friendly vibe makes for a great place to live and study.

Our Whiteknights campus has been awarded Green Flag status and named one of the best open spaces in the UK (a great fit for ICAEW, whose Chartered Accountants are employed by every one of the Best Global Green brands) and all this is less than 30 minutes by train from London.

"The Flying Start degree is a challenging programme, but the rewards are immense. A supportive community of staff and fellow students helps to achieve success for those keen on a career in accountancy."

**Helen Crofts,**  
**Programme Director, Henley Business School**



# Discover more

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