

ACCOUNTING A-LEVEL COURSE



The **Accounting A Level course** covers all the areas of expertise required to reach 'A' level standard and reflects the changes in examinations of recent years.

At the end of the course, you should be able not only to produce final accounts, but also to interpret a wide variety of financial documents. 'A' level Accounting provides the perfect theoretical background for someone planning a career in accountancy.

Each full A Level Course consists of an AS and A2 Syllabus. The course is split into four modules, reflecting the new four module examination structure of A levels. The AS and A2 courses can be sat in their own right as an individual course, but you are required to have completed the AS level syllabus before starting on an A2 syllabus.

Each lesson begins with a set of clearly stated objectives and an explanation of its place in the overall programme of study. Effective learning is encouraged through frequent activities and self-assessment questions. There are fifteen Tutor-Marked Assignments (known as TMAs).

The Syllabus:

This course prepares candidates for the [AQA Accounting AS level syllabus 1120](#), for examinations in June 2009 and later years. Most candidates will then study the [AQA Accounting A2 level syllabus 2120](#).

This specification encourages candidates to develop:

- An understanding of the importance of effective accounting information systems and an awareness of their limitations
- An understanding of the purposes, principles, concepts and techniques of accounting
- The transferable skills of numeracy, communication, ICT, application, presentation, interpretation, analysis and evaluation in an accounting context
- An appreciation of the effects of economic, legal, ethical, social, environmental and technological influences on accounting decisions
- A capacity for methodical and critical thought.

Examinations:

AS

At AS, Candidates learn the fundamentals of record-keeping and the purposes, techniques and consequences of effective financial accounting. Candidates consider how financial accounting helps in the measuring, monitoring and planning of successful business operations. They study business ownership, control, profitability, performance and budgeting.

- Paper 1 - Introduction to financial accounting (1 ½ Hours) is 25% of the total A Level marks.
- Paper 2 - Financial and management accounting (1 ½ Hours) is 25% of the total A Level marks.

Price:
£350.00

Instalment Options:
You can spread the payments for this course over 4 monthly payments. 1 initial payment of £155.00, followed by 3 monthly payments of £65.00.

Course Format:
Paper Based Course Materials

Assessment:
A Level Examinations

Approximate Study Time:
700 Hours of Self Study

A2

At A2, Candidates develop their understanding of financial accounting techniques for business without a complete accounting system, for partnerships and for limited companies. Candidates study in greater depth how accounting techniques aid business management and decision-making. They look at costing, capital investment, budgeting and sources of finance as well as considering social accounting issues.

- Paper 1 – Further aspects of financial accounting (2 Hours) is 25% of the total A Level marks.
- Paper 2 - Further aspects of management accounting (2 Hours) is 25% of the total A Level marks.

Practical Skills/Coursework:

No Coursework with this syllabus.

Pre-Requirements:

We will admit Candidates for A Level Courses who have a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade C and above. These would ideally include English and Maths.

Additional Reading:

You will need to read - Business Accounting: v. 1 (F. Wood and A. Sangster) – ISBN: 0273681494 and Frank Wood's A-Level Accounting (F. Wood and A. Sangster) - ISBN: 0273685325.

Technical Support:

Every student receives a personal tutor with whom they need to keep in regular contact. The essential relationship between student and tutor begins with an introductory letter and a telephone call to help decide on a study plan. All tutors are fully qualified teachers holding either a Postgraduate Certificate in Education or a degree in education. So when you enrol on a course you can be assured of the assistance of a professionally qualified subject specific tutor.

There is no limit on how often you can contact your tutor. The advice and encouragement our tutors provide are an important part of your learning experience. You can contact your tutor by Phone, Post or Email. There are tutor-marked assignments (TMA's) in every course. These help the student to consolidate their learning and prepare for examinations. All tutors have a local rate telephone number such as a 0845 number. This means that when you phone your tutor it will only cost you the price of a local call. Whilst you are still actively submitting assignments, you should expect to be in contact with your tutor regularly. Remember, to get the most out of your tutor, you will need to tell them when you need assistance.

Examination Centres:

There are approximately 300 testing centres in the UK, so finding one close by should not be very difficult. In December/January we contact you to start arranging your examination dates. We always try to give whatever help we can with examination information, but the entering of Candidates for examinations and any dealings with the examination centre's are entirely the responsibility of the student.

A Level Examination Fees:

On average A Level examination fees are approximately £20.00 per exam, plus an administration fee which is at the discretion of the examination centre.

Studying from Abroad:

It is possible to study A Level Courses from anywhere in the world. However some courses are easier to study from abroad than others and some restrictions to the type of tuition available apply. If you wish to study an A Level then you will need to sit the examinations in the UK. Please remember that most A Level's have several examinations which may well be spread over several weeks.