



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Accounting & Finance

KEY INFORMATION

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| Course Type: | Undergraduate Full-Time |
| Delivery: | In-Class |
| NFQ: | Level 8 |
| Accredited: | QQI |
| Duration: | 3 Years |



**Independent
College**

COURSE OVERVIEW

The BA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance provides a detailed understanding of accounting and finance techniques and concepts, including current reporting standards and a range of contemporary issues.

The programme provides a comprehensive education in the quantitative and analytical skills required in business and in a range of accounting practices. Our honours degree programme provides students with an in-depth knowledge of accounting and finance as well as practical skills essential in the rapidly changing and highly competitive world of business.

Students will be able to analyse contemporary theories and practices concerning financial management, risk, and the operation of the accounting and finance function. Our degree will equip students with the capability to prepare a range of standard accounting statements for use by management in a business environment, and ability to interpret the business implications of such information.

The importance of new and emerging technologies is recognised and incorporated into programme content throughout the three years. This creates a number of opportunities for advancement within a range of organisations.

ACCREDITATION:

This is a three-year honours degree programme that is QBI accredited. Students will graduate with an internationally recognised Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Accounting and Finance.

The Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Accounting and Finance degree programme offered by Independent College is accredited by the following professional accounting bodies for exemptions:

- **Chartered Accountants Ireland (CAI)**
- **Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)**
- **Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)**
- **Association of International Accountants (AIA)**

The Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Accounting and Finance is also accredited by the **Financial Modeling Institute (FMI), USA**, under whose partnership:

- Independent College Accounting & Finance students can sit the **FMI Foundations in Financial Modeling** exam free of charge in Semester 5.
- Upon successful completion, students can progress to the globally recognized **Advanced Financial Modeler (AFM)** exam in Semester 6 or after graduation at a discounted rate.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Students are required to achieve a minimum of Grade H5 at higher level in two subjects and four O6s in ordinary level subjects (including Mathematics and a language) in the Leaving Certificate. Find local market equivalent qualification levels from 160+ countries through the NARIC Foreign Qualifications Database on qqi.ie

Mature applicants are welcome and do not need to meet these requirements. If English is not your first language, you must provide evidence that you will be able to study at degree level English.

HOW TO APPLY: independentcollege.ie/courses/

Independent College, The Steelworks, Foley Street, Dublin 1, Ireland, D01 X997

Prospective students are required to show English language proficiency equivalent to IELTS 6.0. Students not holding the required English language certificate will be required to sit our free English speaking and writing test online with Independent College as a part of your application process.

COURSE STRUCTURE:

Each year is broken into two semesters. There are six semesters to be completed over a three-year period.

YEAR ONE

Semester 1

- Learning to Learn
- Information Systems in Business
- Business Ethics
- Introduction to Economics
- Introduction to Marketing Perspectives
- Introduction to Financial Accounting

Semester 2

- Organisational Behaviour
- Leadership & Management
- Introduction to Statistics & Data Analytics
- Legal Issues in Business
- Marketing Tools & Analysis
- Financial Accounting

YEAR TWO

Semester 3

- Contemporary Management
- Advanced Financial Accounting
- Management Accounting
- Corporate Finance
- Income Tax & Fundamentals of VAT
- Legal Issues in Corporate Entities, Management & Regulation

Semester 4

- Corporate Tax
- Advanced Management Accounting
- Corporate Governance & Accountability
- Financial Risk Management
- Legal Issues in Corporate Financing & Associated Processes
- Advanced Financial Accounting: Implementation Issues

YEAR THREE

Semester 5

- Research Skills
- International Financial Reporting: Frameworks & Standards
- Financial Modelling & Valuation
- Financial Strategy and Decision Making
- Audit & Assurance Frameworks
- Performance Management Accounting

Semester 6

- Applied Project
- Audit & Assurance Reporting
- Advanced Performance Management
- Audit & Assurance Reporting
- Advanced Taxation
- International Financial Reporting: Standards & Consolidation

2026 TUITION FEES:

Annual tuition fee for applicants legally residing in Ireland or holding a European Union passport is €5,600.

The annual tuition fee for non-EU/EEA applicants is €8,500 (for the first year only*).

*Note: Year 2 & 3 students are charged Ireland/EU rates @ €5,600.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Accounting practices
- Small Medium Enterprises
- Multinational Sector
- The Public Sector
- Financial Consultancy Agencies
- Major Technical Financial Hubs & Departments

Previous Graduates are Employed in:

- State Street
- Oracle
- Air BnB
- Google
- PWC Group
- Procter & Gamble

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