Get ready for BA(Hons) Business Management with Accounting and Finance (Top Up)

I hope that you are enjoying your summer holiday and are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you onto the BA(Hons) Business Management with Accounting and Finance (Top Up)

I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us.

Dr Helen Zhang

Programme Leader

Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 15 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and to help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the Starting Block website with more details.

Your timetable will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the registration process. Please visit the 'Understanding your teaching timetable' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival

You can find everything you need to know about registration, Starting Block and the start of teaching, on our Preparing and Arrival webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the library, study skills, academic support, health and wellbeing support and much more.

Registration

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the MYUWE platform where you can register. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website.

Registration for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our [Registration](#) website.

ID card - upload your photo now
We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to [MYUWE](#). To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our [student card guidance](#).

Engage with your programme

Start your learning

Have a go at these activities to start preparing for your programme and starting block:

You are highly recommended to maintain a lively and questioning interest in current affairs and business news by reading a quality daily newspaper and/or magazines, like The Economist and The Financial Times. Studying at this level is about questioning and challenging, so try to think about how unfolding international and national economic, political, legal, social and environmental events might impact on organisations and on those that work and manage within them.

It's really important for students to start thinking about their future career, to help better understand the relevance of your studies to your future aspirations and the skills and knowledge required to help you achieve them. To help understand more about the skills and attributes you will develop over your studies and how they relate to the demands of graduate employers:

- Visit this very [useful resource](#) for finding out about various career pathways that are related to your degree. Degrees in the Accounting, Economics and Finance Department could lead to lead to a wealth of opportunities. Consider career pathwaysthat may be available to you. The time to start thinking about where you want to be starts now.

- UWE has a vibrant student community, in order to join and enjoy the various benefits to be yielded we recommend that you:

- Connect with us on [LinkedIn](#), scroll down our members list to see what jobs ourgraduates currently hold.

- Take some time to consider what things you may want to get involved in. A goodstarting point is [Sports, societies and activities](#)

Read around your subject

To succeed within your chosen programme you will need to think critically about key issues and practices. Here are some books and resources to help you to understand the scope of your programme:

- [Financial Times](#)
- [Bloomberg](#)

When you get to University, there will be recommended text books which will cover the syllabus. In the meantime, if you fancy some light reading to inspire you, have a read of

some of the articles below:

- Bailey, S. (2015) *Academic Writing for International Students of Business. Second edition.* London and New York: Routledge.
- Barney, J. (1995) Looking Inside for Competitive Advantage. *The Academy of Management Executive*. 9(4), pp. 49-61.
- Lessard, D., Lucea, R., and Vives, L. (2013) *Building Your Company's Capabilities Through Global Expansion*. MIT Sloan Management Review. 54(2), pp. 61-67.
- Porter, E. (1996) *What is strategy?* Harvard Business Review. 74(6), pp. 61-78.

As many books are available in the library or as e-Books, we don't recommend that students buy any books before they arrive, but we have web-based resource called reading lists which is linked to all your modules. The 'reading list' provides students with access to a range of resources, including digital media which you may wish to have a look at before starting your studies.

Module choice

We have chosen optional modules for you so you will have a complete timetable when you arrive. If you want to, you will be able to change any optional modules in the first weeks. How to do this will be explained in your programme introduction sessions.

Be prepared

Access support

Check the information on our Disability web pages so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

Get equipped

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the Student Money Service team for advice and guidance.

See the UWE webpage for detailed information on choosing your IT equipment including recommended specifications.

For this programme we recommend the **Core Specification**.

International students

[The Global Student Support Team](#) offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Next steps

Before you arrive, you will receive an online workbook to introduce you to the School and help you to prepare for university life. You can go through the workbook then, and it will be revisited during your induction activities.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the programme, please contact me **Dr Helen Zhang** via email at Helen.Zhang@uwe.ac.uk

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Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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