



## Maynooth University School of Business

### Accounting & Finance

# 1 Year MA in Accounting

### Why study Accounting?

If you have a 2.1 or better degree result in Accounting, exemption from CAP 1 of the professional examinations of Chartered Accountants Ireland and want to become a professional accountant, this is the programme for you.

### Why this programme?

Students are guided in developing key competencies required by a professional accountant in an ever changing business and ethical environment. We encourage critical thinking to help students develop a holistic approach to problem solving. Class sizes are small, facilitating meaningful class discussion and one to one contact where appropriate. We continually review and modify course content to ensure that the content and direction of all course modules also help prepare students for the final stages of the professional accounting examinations.

### How will this help my career?

The MA Accounting is accredited by Chartered Accountants Ireland (CAI) and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). Successful graduates have exemption from CAP 2 examinations (CAI) and AA (ACCA).

### What are my career options?

While graduates are likely to be primarily focused on a professional accountancy qualification, our accounting programmes prepare students for a variety of careers both in the private and public sectors in every industry. Graduates are typically employed by the leading accounting firms. Career options include accountant in industry, finance director, managing director, management consultant, liquidator/receiver, financial analyst, stockbroker, tax consultant, treasury consultant and teacher.



## What do our graduates say?

“I am currently working in KPMG in Dublin as an Associate Director in Financial Services Audit. I am a qualified Chartered Accountant and I am here thanks to my time spent studying at Maynooth University. I would highly recommend the MA in Accounting in Maynooth University as it is a wonderful course and has given me the opportunity to become a qualified professional in an industry of interest to me with vast opportunities for my chosen career.”

**Sarah Noonan**

ACA, MA Accounting and BA Finance and Accounting

## What are the entry requirements?

Applicants will normally be expected to have achieved a 2.1 result or better in the BA Accounting and Finance, BBS Business and Accounting or BCL Law and Accounting programmes at Maynooth University or an equivalent degree programme and full CAP 1 exemptions. Applicants must have a recognised primary degree which is considered equivalent to Irish university primary degree level.

## Course Structure

On completion of this programme students will have:

- > A knowledge and appreciation of the audit and assurance process in the context of the professional regulatory environment
- > An understanding of advanced financial and management accounting skills with particular reference to medium/large corporate entities
- > An ability to prepare financial statements for corporate entities and groups in accordance with IFRS and relevant legislation
- > Developed knowledge and skills to deal with routine issues in Corporation Tax, Capital Acquisitions Tax, Capital Gains Tax, Income tax, Stamp duty and VAT
- > Completed a 9000 word thesis entailing original research on a topic in Accounting or a related field
- > An understanding of key areas of the current financial environment in which accountants operate through exploring real life working scenarios

## Module Themes

- > Taxation
- > Financial Strategy & Management Accounting
- > Financial Reporting and Analysis
- > Auditing and Assurance
- > Case Studies: Current issues in Accounting Practice
- > Thesis

## Course Fees

### EU Tuition Fees (2024/25)

€9,500 (full-time)

### International Tuition Fees (2024/25)

€18,000 (full-time)

Fees may be liable to change.

**See [www.maynoothuniversity.ie/student-fees-grants](http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/student-fees-grants)**

## How to apply?

Apply online at [www.pac.ie](http://www.pac.ie), choose Maynooth University  
PAC Code: MH28D full-time (1 Year).

## Where can I find more information?

**For more information on the Masters in Accounting (1 Year), please contact:**

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