



Maynooth University School of Business

Accounting & Finance

2 Year MA in Accounting

Why study Accounting?

If you are interested in becoming a professional accountant but your undergraduate degree is not accounting related then this is the programme for you

Why this programme?

This 2 year intensive conversion course effectively incorporates the Higher Diploma in Professional Accounting in year 1 and the 1 year MA Accounting in year 2. First year students are required to achieve an average of at least 60% in their first year modules to remain on the course. One of the principal objectives of the programme is that graduates will, on successful completion of the programme, have entitlement to CAP1 and CAP2 exemptions from Chartered Accountants Ireland, from BT, MA, FA, LW, PM, TX, FR and FM and AA of the ACCA professional examinations, and equivalent exemptions from other Accounting Bodies.

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?

In addition to the exam exemptions mentioned, students are guided in developing key competencies required by a professional accountant in an ever changing business and ethical environment.

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?

“The MA Two Years Accounting at Maynooth is an excellent programme to start a successful career in accountancy. I am really enjoying the friendly atmosphere of Maynooth and the manageable course structure. The lecturers are very approachable and always answer my questions patiently.”

Sheng Yang – Graduate

What are the entry requirements?

A high 2.2 undergraduate degree in any subject. No prior knowledge of accounting required. Applicants must have a recognised primary degree which is considered equivalent to Irish university primary degree level.

Course Structure

The first year will follow the course structure of the Higher Diploma in Professional Accounting. On completion of year two, 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
- > Knowledge and skills to deal with routine issues in Corporation Tax, Capital Acquisitions Tax, Capital Gains Tax, Income Tax, Stamp Duty and VAT
- > An understanding of the key areas of the current financial environment in which accountants operate through exploring real life working scenarios
- > Completed a 9,000 word thesis entailing original research on a topic in Accounting or a related field

Module Themes

- > Financial Accounting
- > Management & Cost Accounting
- > Taxation
- > Finance
- > Business Law
- > Audit & Assurance
- > Financial Strategy & Management Accounting
- > Financial Reporting

Course Fees

See www.maynoothuniversity.ie/student-fees-grants

How to apply?

See www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/how-apply for more information.

Where can I find more information?

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