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Atlantic
Technological
University

Master of Arts in Accounting



Launching
Your Career in
Professional
Accounting

Department of
**Business
Studies**



Programme Overview

The MA/ PG Diploma in Accounting is a one year full-time programme (2 years part-time) which has been designed specifically to meet the needs of honours graduates in Accounting or Business/Commerce graduates who have taken major accounting specialisms in their undergraduate studies. This programme allows graduates to effectively combine study for a Masters/PGDip with preparation for professional examinations. This is the ideal preparation for a career in accountancy.

A key feature of the programme is the 2-3 month industry placement which allows students to develop professional and practical based skills to prepare them for employment.

This innovative Professional Masters is proving both popular and highly successful with a 100% employment rate for graduates. The programme was developed in close collaboration with Professional Accounting Bodies and attracts significant exemptions.

Key Features

- > Generous exemptions from ACCA, CPA, CAI & CIMA
- > Proven track record with Professional exams
- > 2-3 month industry placement
- > 100% employment record including the "Big 4"
- > Leading national and international best practice speakers
- > Full-time and Part-time study options





Accounting Body Exemptions

ACCA	CAI*	CIMA	CPA
F1 Accountant in Business	CAP2 Auditing & Assurance	MA Accounting graduates will be able to join CIMA through an accelerated route which will grant them 11 exemptions from CIMA's certificate, operational and management level exams once they have passed the CIMA master's gateway assessment.	ATU Donegal's undergraduate Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Accounting provides learners with full exemptions from Formation 1 & 2 and Professional 1.
F2 Management Accounting	CAP2 Strategic Finance & Management Accounting		
F3 Financial Accounting	CAP2 Financial		
F4 Corporate & Business Law	CAP2 Taxation II		
F6 Taxation	ATU Donegal's undergraduate in Accounting provides learners with full exemptions from CAP1.		The Masters and PGDip programmes help learners prepare for the finals of CPA.
F7 Financial Reporting			
F8 Audit & Assurance			

*CAI exemptions apply to the MA in Accounting only and not the PGDip in Accounting.

Programme Structure

The programme can be taken over one or two years (part-time). Classes usually take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Programme modules are:

Semester 1	Semester 2
Tax Practice	Advanced Finance
Advanced Financial Accounting	Audit Practice
Data Analytics	Performance Measurement
Research Methods	Integrated Case Studies in Accounting
	IT Applications for the Professional Accountant
Work Based Learning Project Or Dissertation*	

*Students completing the PGDip in Accounting take all modules except the Work Placement OR Dissertation.

Accounting Body Exemptions

The minimum entry requirement is a level 8 honours degree with a specialisation in accounting, second class honours 2.2 (2.1 preferable). Applications open from May 1st. Late applications may be accepted up to early September.

For further information and/or application form please contact:

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Testimonials

Pamela Kelly MA, CPA:

"I've always held the ambition of becoming an Accountant and I have been able to realise that dream as a result of the excellent support and education offered at ATU Donegal. I completed the course part time over two years, which meant I could work and study at the same time. I found that the level of education offered on the Masters programme formed a great basis in preparation for the professional exams".

Sandra Long, BA, MA, ACCA:

"Having come from the University of Ulster Magee Campus with a First Class Honours Degree in Business and Accounting I was a little apprehensive about starting the Masters, but I need not have worked as the lecturers were very supportive and helpful as were my fellow students. The class sizes are small enough that you can get to grips with the finer details and quiz the lecturer if required. The Masters provided me with the necessary skills and knowledge as a prerequisite to studying for the final level ACCA exams. I found the Masters both challenging and rewarding, especially as I was awarded a First when I graduated, I would recommend the course at ATU Donegal to anyone".

Martin McLaughlin MA ACA:

"On completion of the MA in Accounting, I obtained the maximum exemptions from the Chartered Accountants of Ireland which allowed direct entrance to the Final Admittance Examinations. I found the knowledge obtained in Taxation, Audit, Financial Accounting, Management Accounting and Business Finance helped me to develop my career in practice and in completing the CAI final examinations at the first attempt. I also believe the quality of the education obtained in ATU Donegal was instrumental in me becoming a part time Taxation lecture for the IATI. The Masters of Arts in Accountancy in ATU Donegal has given me a great platform to develop my career in accountancy and I would not hesitate to recommend the course to anyone who wishes to pursue a career in all aspects of accountancy".