

## WHAT IS THE BSc (HONS) IN APPLIED ACCOUNTING AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

The **OXFORD BROOKES BSc (HONS) IN APPLIED ACCOUNTING** is a partnership qualification developed with ACCA, for their students once they have **completed all** their Fundamental papers **F1 to F9** and the Professional Ethics module. To complete the degree you are required to register on-line at <http://www.obusubmissions.co.uk/> and *submit* a successful Research and Analysis Project to gain the degree.

The BSc (Hons) in Applied Accounting is **defined as a mentor supported, self-study, distance learning programme**. You are *expected* to work alone. To start your project you select one of the 20 Topics listed (see separate file) and begin your research. **All students are recommended to read the latest Information Pack for guidance.**

Using the guidance in the **Information Pack** you will have to identify which Topic suits or interests you best. Following this you have to understand the type of report that we are expecting.

Your submitted RAP must be your own work and your research must have been undertaken specifically for the RAP. You cannot take a workplace research or consultancy report and adapt it for your RAP.

The RAP is very different to an ACCA written exam. You have many choices to make in order to produce a good quality RAP. You have to choose which organisation to study, what you want to find out, which information sources you will use and how to present your research findings. Each RAP is different and there is no 'model' answer to your project objectives. Your research findings may depend on how you collect and analyse information, and your findings may not be wholly definitive. Your conclusions may be unexpected or not what you might have anticipated before starting the RAP work. This is the nature of applied research

Please remember that your Mentor is not your teacher and must not teach you about the project. Your mentor is there to guide you occasionally, to ensure that you are meeting the required standards. Your mentor must not amend or submit your RAP for you. The BSc Mentoring website is on: <http://www.oxfordbrookesmentoring.co.uk> where you can search for a Mentor and find other resources. *Please read the files on Mentoring.*

The BSc must be completed **within ten years** of the student's first qualifying ACCA examination.