

BSc (Hons) in Applied Accounting

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CRITICAL PROGRAMME CHANGES:

Industry Sectors:

It has been agreed for operational reasons that the new **Industry Sectors** for Topics 8 and 15 are to be extended to match the dates of the Information Pack.

Therefore the current Industry Sectors introduced for Period 32 will now also apply for both Periods 33 and 34.

- **Airlines**
- **Pharmaceuticals and/or Biotechnology** (2 sub-sectors)
- **Mobile Telecommunications**

The next Industry Sectors chosen for the Research and Analysis Project will be published in the Information Pack 2017-18 (Periods 35-36) and annually thereafter.

SLS

It is also stated that the changes for the SLS will NOT now be introduced in 2016. This will be deferred until Period 35 – **November 2017**

OPTING –IN TO THE BSc:

Background: When the BSc (Hons) in Applied Accounting was launched over 15 years ago students had to choose to opt-in to the BSc. Both **ACCA** and **OBU** realised that a number of students were missing their opportunity to do so.

Development: In recent years the opt-in has been automatic, and students have had the option to opt out.

We consider that there is no logic to opt-out of the programme, but were advised that students had to have this option.

Current situation: **Being opted-in does not imply an obligation to submit, just an opportunity to do so.**

We have become aware that some students, in some countries, are signed up by their Colleges or Learning Providers. It is at this point that students may apparently find themselves “opted-out” by mistake.

All students should ensure that they check their entries on their *myACCA* page frequently.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS:

ALL students who study with **Oxford Brookes University** must prove that they can successfully understand and work in the English language before starting to study at the University.

This is a fundamental Oxford Brookes University Regulation applying to every programme of the University (we cannot opt out).

For the BSc (Hons) in Applied Accounting, studying with Oxford Brookes starts with any one of papers F7, F8 or F9 - these are considered integral "modules" of the programme. Therefore a suitable English Language qualification must be in place before any of these papers are taken

NOTE: Most ACCA students have entered training having already had to prove their English Language ability

If you need IELTS, we require an Academic IELTS test at a minimum of 6.5 overall and;

- 6.0 in reading and writing
- 5.5 in listening and speaking

ACCA SUPPORT:

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY SOME ACCA REGIONAL OFFICES TO SUPPLY THEM WITH LISTS OF REGISTERED MENTORS FOR EACH COUNTRY OR REGION.

WE WILL HOPE TO COMPLETE THIS SHORTLY, TO ALLOW MORE BSC STUDENTS TO FIND AND CONTACT REGISTERED MENTORS.

ACCA MEMBERSHIP CHECKING

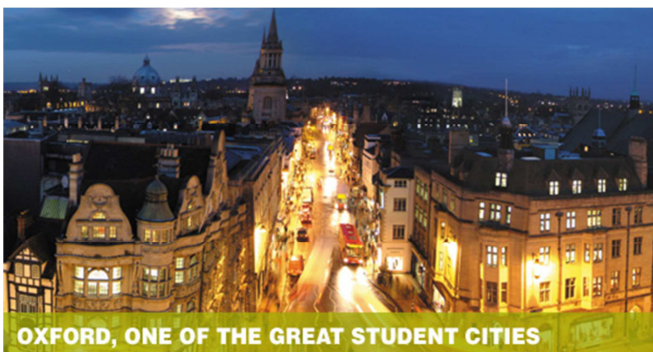
We have been checking with ACCA the validity of all ACCA Memberships declared by our Registered Mentors.

Any Mentor who has registered declaring themselves to be a Full Member of ACCA and is not a current paid-up member will be at risk from being permanently barred from acting as a Mentor.

Any Membership that has lapsed must be reinstated – Registration will be suspended until this is completed.

Memberships that have been suspended by ACCA will result in permanent suspension of as a Mentor.

We expect our Mentors to act professionally and honestly at all times.



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