



Department of
Accounting

**Today's MSc Accounting
and Finance course
selection session will
start shortly**

Participant guidelines

This session will be recorded (participants will not appear) and be available on request. Slides will be uploaded to the PG Accounting Moodle page.

Please post questions in the Q&A tab for discussion at the end or send them via the Chat tab to Dorothy Richards or Sandra Ma.



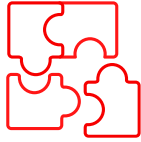
MSc Accounting and Finance Course Selection Session

Professor Wim Van der Stede
Professor Dimitri Vayanos

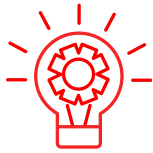
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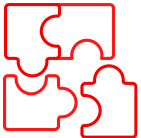
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Course structure



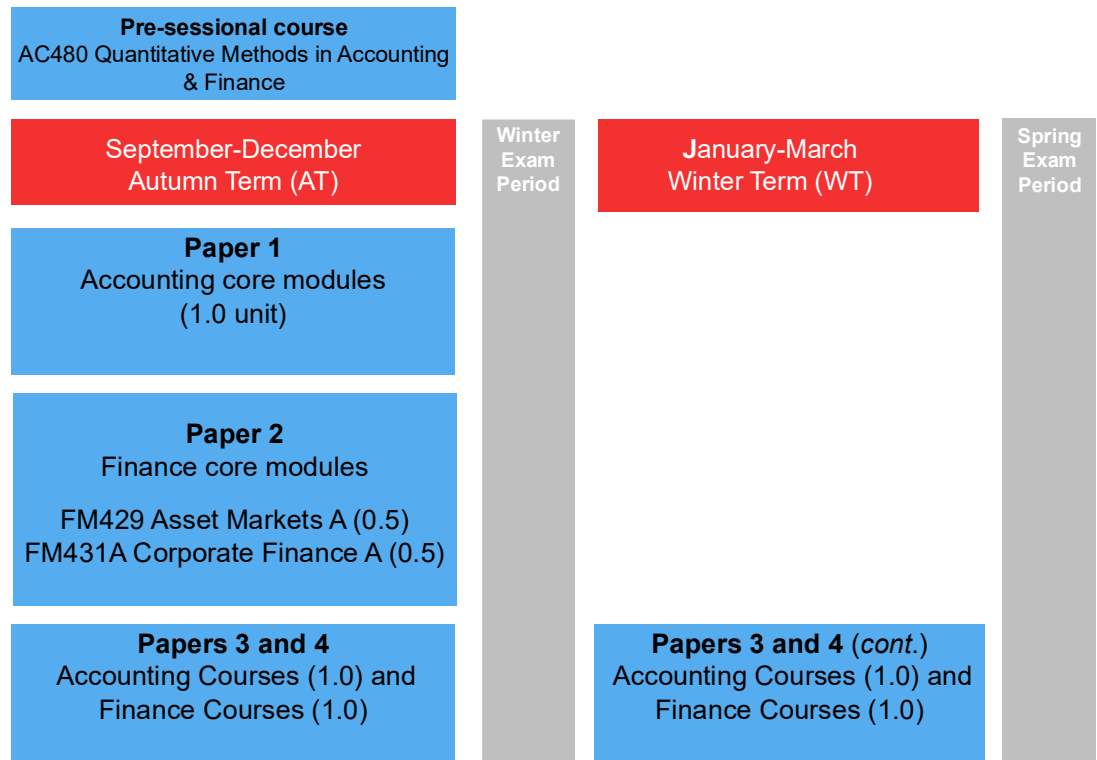
Course options



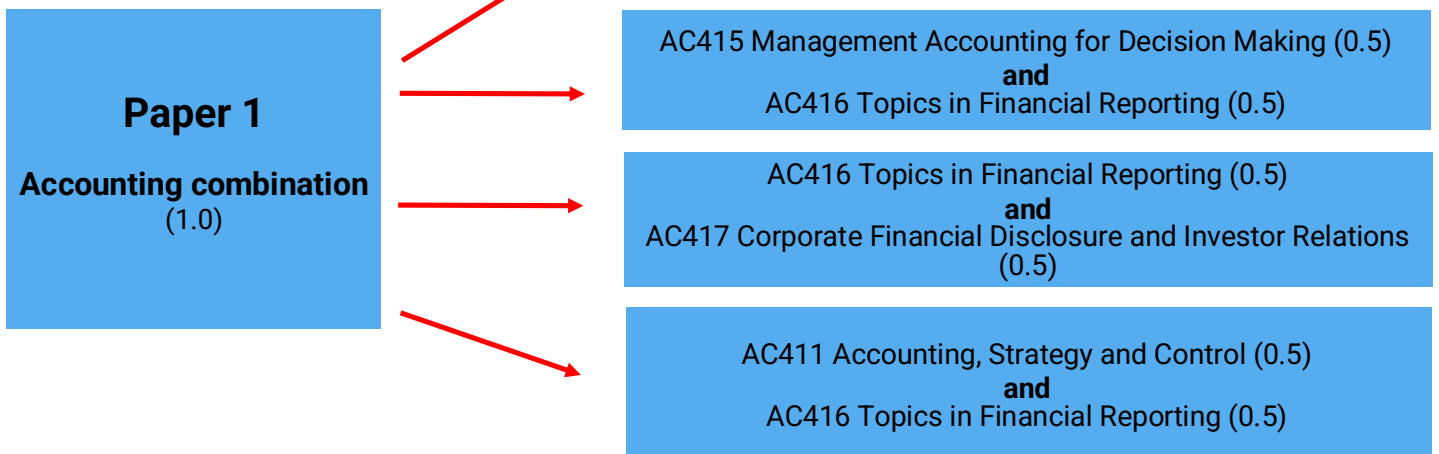
MSc A&F structure

- Requirement to take 4 "papers" (=4 units)
- Most LSE courses count as 0.5 units

MSc A&F at a glance



Paper 1: Accounting Combination



Paper 3: Accounting courses

AC411 Accounting, Strategy and Control (0.5)

AC412 Accountability, Organisations and Risk Management (0.5)

AC415 Management Accounting for Decision Making (0.5)

AC416 Topics of Financial Reporting (0.5)

AC417 Corporate Financial Disclosure and Investor Relations (0.5)

AC444 Valuation and Security Analysis (0.5)

AC456 Accounting Analysis of Mergers, Acquisitions and Other Complex Deals (0.5) *New for 2025/26*

AC457 Data Analytics for Management Control (0.5) *New for 2025/26*

AC470 Accounting in the Global Economy (0.5)

Students can also take a dissertation in Accounting:

AC495 Dissertation in Economics of Accounting (0.5)

AC411

Accounting, Strategy and Control

Half Unit

Dr Rodrigo Silva de Souza



AC412

Accountability,
Organisations, and
Risk Management

Half Unit

Dr Alexandra Scherf



AC415

Management Accounting
for Decision Making

Half Unit

Dr Furkan Cetin
Dr Jeremy Fernando



AC416

Topics in Financial Reporting

Half Unit



Dr Alexandra Coble
Dr Jose Carabias Palmeiro



AC417

Corporate Disclosure and Investor Relations

Half Unit

Dr Pascal Frantz

AC444

Valuation and Security Analysis

Half Unit



Dr Xi Li
Dr Pascal Frantz

AC456

Accounting Analysis of Mergers, Acquisitions and Other Complex Deals

Half Unit

Dr Ronnie Barnes

AC457

Data Analytics for Management Control

Half Unit

Professor Wim Van der Stede



AC470

Accounting in the Global Economy

Half Unit

**Professor Michael Power
Dr Alexandra Scherf**



AC495

Dissertation in
Economics of Accounting

Half Unit

Professor Ane Tamayo



Finance Courses

Papers 2 and 4

Professor Dimitri Vayanos

Paper 2: Core Finance Courses

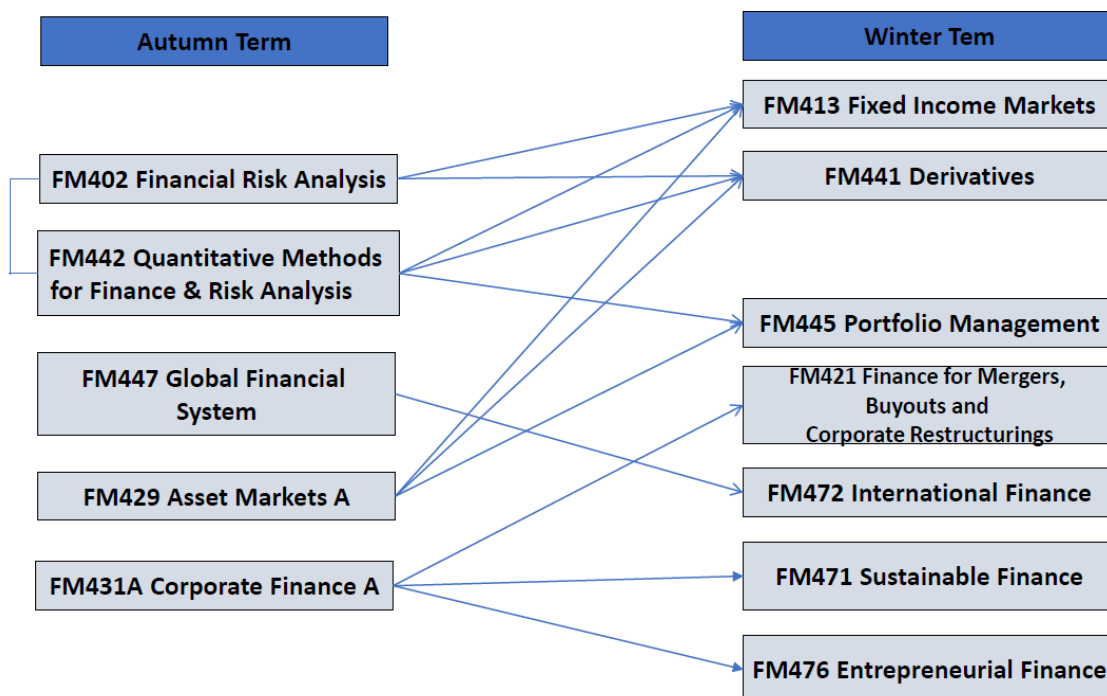
FM431A Corporate Finance A

- Capital Budgeting
- How firms finance their investments and the resulting capital structure
- Special topics

FM429 Asset Markets A

- Valuation Methods
- Fixed income, stocks, derivatives
- Risk, return and diversification
- CAPM
- Binomial, Black-Scholes model

Paper 4: Optional Finance Courses



Paper 4: Finance courses

Courses to the value of 1.0 unit(s) from the following:

FM402 Financial Risk Analysis (0.5)

FM413 Fixed Income Markets (0.5)

FM421 Applied Corporate Finance (0.5)

FM441 Derivatives (0.5)

FM442 Quantitative Methods for Finance and Risk Analysis (0.5)

FM445 Portfolio Management (0.5)

FM447 Global Financial Systems (0.5)

FM471 Sustainable Finance and Impact Investment (0.5)

FM472 International Finance (0.5)

FM476 Entrepreneurial Finance (0.5)

Finance Course Choice Videos

COURSE	LEADER	LINK
FM402	Kathy Yuan	https://youtu.be/2jbq_HN8jwE
FM413	Richard Payne	https://youtu.be/KE9amDe9Q0I
FM421	Pedro Saffi	https://youtu.be/3L3c1HPWrqM
FM429	Linyan Zhu	https://youtu.be/LcjpWDAKVkU
FM431	Cynthia Balloch	https://youtu.be/TTCNrKL-WeE
FM441	Rohit Rahi	https://youtu.be/EHK0g3Vd6D4
FM442	Jon Danielsson	https://youtu.be/MFage7gLiRE
FM445	Francesco Nicolai	https://youtu.be/mgNPnWsSeK4
FM447	Jon Danielsson	https://youtu.be/0Suf0b-u7Fc
FM471	Christopher Polk	https://youtu.be/N0VWG0ZLjRc
FM472	Liliana Varela	https://youtu.be/RfHmzz7EUqM
FM476	Juanita Gonzalez-Urbe and Daniel Paravisini	https://youtu.be/AvEaGX4h_G8

Course selection – key dates

Students can use the Course Selection system on **LSE for You**.

Autumn Term (AT)

You will be able to browse (but not select) courses **from 10am Mon 22 Sept until Thu 25 Sept 2025**

You will be able to select courses from **10am Thu 25 Sept until 5pm Fri 10 Oct 2025**

Winter Term (WT)

You will be able to make changes to Winter Term half units from **10am Mon 19 Jan until 5pm Fri 30 Jan 2026**

It is not possible to change full unit courses (1.0) or half-unit courses (0.5) that were taught in Autumn during this period

Late Course Change

You should complete your course selections before the system closes on **5pm Fri 10 Oct 2025**. In exceptional circumstances, you may be able to make a late change with permission.

Capped and Controlled Access Courses

Please remember that if you are offered a place on a controlled access course, you must log in to **LSE for You** and accept the place within 48 hours

Pre-Sessional Course

Pre-sessional: Pre-requisite

AC480 Quantitative Methods in Accounting and Finance

Dr Jose Carabias

Professor Maria Correia

AC480 will run from Mon-Sat, 15-27 Sept 2025. It is a **pre-requisite course for AC416**.

AC480 consist of three sections:

- **Section 1: Quantitative Methods**
Monday 15 Sept to Wednesday 17 Sept
- **Section 2: Introduction to Management Accounting**
Friday 19 Sept to Saturday 20 Sept
- **Section 3: Introduction to Financial Accounting**
Monday 22 Sept to Saturday 27 Sept

Mandatory for MSc A&F Students to attend Sections 1 to 3

Choosing



Interest...



Past study...



Balance of
difficulty...

Additional advice and support.



Speak to your Programme Manager or Academic Mentor



Watch course videos
lse.ac.uk/accounting/study/Accounting-Course-Videos-and-Selection



LSE website to download the **Course Selection and Timetables 2025/26 Guide for Postgraduates**

Postgraduate Accounting Course Videos and Guides

AC411

AC411 Accounting, Strategy and Control (half unit)

[Course Video](#) | [Course Guide](#)

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Questions