BATH Accounting and Finance



Graduate Outcomes 2018/19 and 2019/20

Full-time UK domiciled first degree graduates - 15 months after Bath

The University of Bath has an excellent record of graduate employment, featuring in the top ten for graduate prospects in three major national league tables*. Across all subjects, 93% of Bath 2019/20 graduates who are employed in the UK are in high skilled employment, compared to 73% nationally. Hundreds of employers of all sizes and from all industries each year advertise vacancies, deliver presentations or network with our students; we are in the top 20 universities targeted by employers#.

The information shown here is from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) Graduate Outcomes survey for 2018/19 and 2019/20 leavers combined. It is the biggest UK annual social survey and captures the perspectives and current status of recent graduates, 15 months after leaving university.

Studies within Accounting and Finance covers a broad-based training in core management areas which open career opportunities in accounting, finance and other sectors. Graduates from these courses develop many skills that make them attractive to prospective employers, including teamwork, analytical and problem-solving skills, as well as knowledge of specialist management principles, such as economics, law, statistics and specialist areas within accounting and finance. They often hold diverse roles in many different national and multi-national companies.

Courses included:

Accounting and Finance BSc

Response rate	
Total in 2018/19 and	90 ^{\$}
2019/20 cohorts	
% response rate	65%

^{\$}Number rounded to the nearest multiple of five

Graduate outcomes by activity

Activity summary	
Employment	68%
Voluntary / unpaid work	-
Employment and further study	25%
Further study	2%
Other: travel, caring, retired	2%
Unemployed [§]	4%
Total	100%

Note: Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. Activity defined using HESA XACTIVITY: takes account of all activities and most important activity.

[§]Unemployed includes those due to start work or study.

^{*5}th in the Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023, 6th in the Complete University Guide 2023, and 5th in the Guardian University Guide 2023

[#]The Graduate Market in 2023, High Fliers Research.

Industries and employers

Accounting and Finance career pathways are versatile. Graduates enter many different sectors and industries within business and finance, especially large multinational professional services firms, accountancy firms, investment banking, technology, strategy, finance and tax consultancies, and other commercial companies within accounting and finance. Some graduates also enter the public sector.

Many Accounting and Finance graduates develop skills which will enable them to go into jobs that require further professional accountancy qualifications, and have excellent analytical, numerical and problem-solving skills. The most frequent of the industry categories are:

- Professional, scientific and technical activities
- Financial and insurance activities

Examples of employers for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 cohorts:

- Civil Service
- EY
- KPMG
- PwC
- UBS

Occupations and job titles

Finance and Accounting graduates progress in various jobs within finance and accounting such trainee, assistant, associate and analyst roles within accountancy, audit, insurance, assurance, risk, tax, investment banking and general finance.

Graduates also progress into other jobs such as consulting analyst, civil service fast stream, investigator and client manager.

The vast majority of our UK employed Accounting and Finance graduates are in high skilled employment (94%).

High skilled employment includes these three categories:

- Managers, directors and senior officials
- Professional occupations
- Associate professional and technical occupations

Examples of job titles for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 cohorts:

- Analyst
- Associate Consultant
- Audit Associate
- Finance Analyst
- Risk Graduate
- Tax Associate

More information

Find out what Bath graduates from other courses do: go.bath.ac.uk/graduate-outcomes.

More information is available about how the Careers Service supports current and prospective students, as well as graduates from Bath: <u>bath.ac.uk/careers</u>.

Source: HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey for 2018/19 and 2019/20 leavers relating to full-time UK domiciled first-degree University of Bath graduates, 15 months after leaving university.

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