

MCAST PROGRAMMES - PUBLIC INFORMATION TEMPLATE (FULL TIME)

Institute	Institute of Business Management and Commerce
Department	-

Programme Title	ACCA Qualification				
Course Code <i>To be filled in by Admissions Dept.</i>	BC7-O01-21		If the programme includes a WBL element, How is it accredited?		Not Applicable, does not include WBL
MQF/ EQF Level	Entry at Level 6 Completion at Level 7	Type <i>(refer to Appendix 1 for Parameters)</i>	Qualification	Awarding Body	ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants)
Accreditation Status		MCAST is the approved Training Provider for this programme			
Mode of Delivery	Face to Face	Duration <i>(Academic Years or Semesters)</i>	4 Years	Mode of Attendance	Full-time
Total Number of Credits	237.5 credits	Total Learning Hours <i>(25 Total Learning Hours for each ECTS)</i>		Refer to ACCA documentation	
Target Audience	Ages 16 - 65	Target Group <i>(the type of learners that the educational institution anticipates joining this programme)</i>	-		
Programme Fees	<p>Fort the actual training delivery, there are no fees applicable to Maltese and other EU Nationals (as will be evidenced by their Identity Document)</p> <p>Fees apply for other International Applicants... for fee information and any related updates it is best to communicate with MG2i International through applyinternational@mcast.edu.mt</p> <p>One may consider checking about possible eligibility or otherwise for any exemption from fees by contacting the relevant section within MEYR (Floriana) – or visit the servizz.gov.mt website here</p> <p>Fees are applicable for ACCA membership, ACCA CBEs, as well as any other ACCA related charges as will be communicated by ACCA</p>				
Date of Next Student Intake	For further information regarding upcoming student intake and applications time windows for same kindly click here				
Language of Instruction	The official language of instruction at MCAST is English. All notes and textbooks are in English (except for language courses, which will be in the respective language being instructed). International candidates will be requested to meet English language certification requirements for access to the course.				
Application Method	<p>Applications to full-time courses are received online via the College Management Information System. Applicants can log-in using Maltese Electronic ID (eID) in order to access the MCAST Admissions Portal directly and create one's own student account with the identity being verified electronically via this secure service.</p> <p>Non-EID applicants need to request account creation though an online form after that they confirm that their local Identification Document does not come with an EID</p>				

	<p>entitlement. . Once the identity is verified and the account is created on behalf of the applicant, one may proceed with the online application according to the same instructions applicable to all other applicants.</p> <p>For more information about how to apply online for a course at MCAST, please visit: https://mcast.edu.mt/how-to-apply-online-2/</p>
Information for Non-EU Citizens	<p>Non-EU candidates require a study visa in order to travel to Malta and join the course applied for (on a Full Time delivery mode). For further information re study-visa please access https://www.identitymalta.com/unit/central-visa-unit/.</p> <p>Further information International / TCN applicants should take note of before requesting to being considered for a programme of studies at MCAST, can be obtained through the respective FAQ found on https://mcast.edu.mt/important-information/</p>
IMPORTANT note to Non-EU Nationals / TCNs	<p>Further information can also be obtained through the respective FAQ found on: https://mcast.edu.mt/important-information/</p>
Address where the Programme will be Delivered	<p><i>MCAST has four campuses as follows:</i></p> <p>MCAST Main Campus Triq Kordin, Paola, Malta</p> <p><i>All courses except for courses delivered by the Institute for the Creative Arts, the Centre of Agriculture, Aquatics and Animal Sciences and the Gozo Campus are offered at the Main Campus address (above).</i></p> <p><i>Courses delivered by the Institute for the Creative Arts, the Centre of Agriculture, Aquatics and Animal Sciences, or the Gozo Campus, are offered in one of the following addresses as applicable:</i></p> <p>Institute for the Creative Arts Mosta Campus Misraħ Ġhonoq Tarġa Gap, Mosta</p> <p>Institute of Applied Sciences Centre of Agriculture, Aquatics and Animal Sciences, Luqa Road, Qormi</p> <p>Gozo Campus J.F. De Chambray Street MCAST, Ġhajnsielem Gozo</p> <p><i>In the case of courses delivered via Online Learning, students will be following the programme from their preferred location/address.</i></p>

	<p><i>Programmes delivered via Blended Learning, and which therefore contain both an online and a face to face component shall be delivered as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Face to Face components – as per above address instructions ○ Online components – from the student's preferred address.
Course Description <i>(Refer to Programme Specification)</i>	<p>The ACCA Qualification is a world leading accountancy qualification which prepares students to become internationally recognised Chartered Certified Accountants. It is a rewarding and intense course with 13 examinations, three years professional experience and an ethics module. The ACCA Qualification encompasses valuable skills and knowledge which are highly sought after by employers in industry and in the financial sector.</p> <p>The ACCA Qualification is equivalent to degree standard (MQF Level 6) after completing the first nine papers (the Fundamentals level). After passing from the remaining 4 papers (the Professionals level), it is equivalent to a masters degree (MQF Level 7).</p> <p>Learners incur fees payable to ACCA, for any membership and examinations, and MIA (Malta Institute of Accountants) membership</p>
Deskrizzjoni tal-Kors <i>(Refer to Programme Specification)</i>	<p>L-ACCA hija kwalifika fl-accountancy li hija meqjusa bħala kwalifika ewlenija mad-dinja kollha, u li tipprepara lill-istudenti biex isiru Chartered Certified Accountants rikonoxxuti internazzjonalment. Dan huwa kors intens imma li jagħti ħafna sodisfazzjon, u li jikkonsisti fi 13-il eżami, tliet snin esperjenza professjonali u modulu dedikat għall-etika. Il-kwalifika tal-ACCA tiġbor fiha ħiliet ta' siwi kbir u għarfien li huma mfittxija ferm minn min iħaddem fl-industrija u fis-settur finanzjarju. Kandidat li jgħaddi mill-ewwel disa' eżamijiet (il-livell Fundamentali) ikun kiseb kwalifika li hija ekwivalenti għal baċcellerat (Livell 6 tal-QMK). Meta jgħaddi mill-erba' eżamijiet li jifdal (il-Livell Professjonali), huwa jitqies li jkollu kwalifika ekwivalenti għal master (Livell 7 tal-QMK). L-istudenti jkunu meħtieġa jhallsu l-miżati għas-sħubija u l-eżamijiet lill-ACCA, u l-miżata tas-sħubija lillMIA (l-Istitut Malti tal-Accountants).</p>
Career Opportunities:	<p>Accountant Financial Controller Financial Analyst Business Analyst Corporate Finance Specialist Project Finance Accountant</p>
Entry Requirements <i>(Refer to Prospectus / Course Page on MCAST website)</i>	<p>Internal Progression: MCAST Advanced Diploma in Accounting or MCAST Advanced Diploma in Administrative and Secretarial Studies or MCAST Advanced Diploma in Business Administration or MCAST Advanced Diploma in Finance and Insurance or MCAST Advanced Diploma in Financial Services Or</p> <p>2 A-Level passes <u>and</u> 2 I-Level passes Compulsory A-Levels OR I-Levels OR SEC / SSCP (subject) Levels: Mathematics and English Language</p>
Other Notes related to this Programme, and which are to be taken note of	<p>Admission to the course, is conditional to the applicant being accepted by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) as an ACCA student member.</p> <p>In Malta, the ACCA qualification is run as a joint scheme between ACCA and the Malta Institute of Accountants. More information on the ACCA qualification and relevant topics such as examination progression rules, study materials, PER,</p>

	<p>minimum entry, exemptions, study guides, past examination papers and the ethics module can be obtained from:</p> <p>ACCA Connect 110 Queen Street Glasgow G1 3BX United Kingdom T: +44 (0)141 582 2000 E: info@accaglobal.com ACCA website: www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/student.html</p> <p>Malta Institute of Accountants Suite 4, Level 1, Tower Business Centre, Tower Street, Swatar, BKR 4013, Malta. T: +356 2258 1900 E: info@miamalta.org MIA website: www.miamalta.org/</p>
Programme Learning Outcomes <i>(Refer to Programme Specification)</i>	-
Teaching, Learning and Assessment Procedures	<p>This programme is entirely governed by ACCA Programme Regulations as well as ACCA established assessment policy and procedures.</p> <p>Kindly refer to the following URL in order to have access to the ACCA Assessment policy, as set by ACCA:</p> <p>https://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/student/exam-entry-and-administration.html</p>
Grading System	<p>Kindly refer to the following URL in order to have access to the ACCA Assessment policy, as set by ACCA:</p> <p>https://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/student/exam-entry-and-administration.html</p>
Exit Point (where and as applicable)	<p>This programme does not include this possibility. However it is to be noted that students may request ACCA Module Certification upon successful completion of such ACCA modules of study.</p>
Contact details for Further Learning Opportunities	<p>The MCAST Career Guidance Team, offers the service of qualified and experienced Career Advisers who will be very willing to discuss with potential applicants the course which best achieves one's career ambitions, as well as exploring one's education route, or similar.</p> <p>MCAST Career Guidance Tel: 2398 7135/6 Email: career.guidance@mcast.edu.mt</p>

Regulatory Body/ Competent Authority Contact Details

(where applicable - in the case of a programme leading to Regulated Profession)

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ACCA Reference Code	ACCA Unit Title	MCAST code	Credits	Year of Study	Semester
BT	Business and Technology	ACCABAT-511-2201 Business and Technology	11.5	1	ONE
MA	Management Accounting	ACCAMAN-511-2201 Management Accounting	11	1	TWO
FA	Financial Accounting	ACCAFIN-512-2201 Financial Accounting	12.5	1	ONE
LW MLA	Corporate and Business Law (Malta)	ACCACBL-617-2201 Corporate and Business Law (Malta)	17.5	1	TWO
PM	Performance Management	ACCAPFM-617-2201 Performance Management	17.5	2	TWO
TX MLA	Taxation (Malta)	ACCATAX-617-2201 Taxation (Malta)	17.5	2	TWO
FR	Financial Reporting	ACCAFNR-620-2201 Financial Reporting	20	2	ONE
AA	Audit and Assurance	ACCAAAS-620-2201 Audit and Assurance	20	2	ONE
FM	Financial Management	ACCAFNM-620-2201 Financial Management	20	3	ONE
SBL	Strategic Business Leader	ACCASBL-730-2201 Strategic Business Leader	30	3	All YEAR
SBR	Strategic Business Reporting	ACCASBR-720-2201 Strategic Business Reporting	20	3	All YEAR
AAA	Advanced Audit & Assurance	ACCAAAA-720-2201 Advanced Audit and Assurance	20	4	ONE
ATX MLA	Advanced Taxation	ACCAATX-720-2201 Advanced Taxation (Malta)	20	4	TWO

Further information about each of the above modules of study, forming part of the programme structure, can be achieved through: <https://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/student/exam-support-resources.html>

Allocation of Total Learning Hours (per Unit)	The total learning hours required for each unit or module are determined as follows:			
	Credits (ECTS)	Indicative contact hours ¹	Self-Learning and Assessment Hours ³	Total Student workload (hrs) ²
	1	5 – 10 hrs	20 - 15 hrs*	25 hrs
	2	10 – 20 hrs	40 - 30 hrs*	50 hrs
	3	15 – 30 hrs	60 - 45 hrs*	75 hrs



	4	20 – 40 hrs	80 - 60 hrs*	100 hrs
	6	30 – 60 hrs	120 - 90 hrs*	150 Hrs
	9	45 – 90 hrs	180 - 135 hrs*	225 hrs
	12	60 – 120 hrs	240 - 180 hrs*	300 hrs
<i>Note: The 'Self-Learning and Assessment Hours'³ amount to the difference between the 'Indicative Contact Hours'¹ and the 'Total Student Workload'²</i>				

APPENDIX 1**MINIMUM CREDITS FOR QUALIFICATIONS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS**

MQF Level	Minimum ECTS Required for a Qualification*
8	
7	30
6	180
5	30
4	30
3	60
2	60
1	40

* Programmes assigned fewer ECTS than indicated will be classified as Awards.

*Reference: Fig.1: p48, Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) (October 2024).
Referencing Report, 5th Revised Edition.*

APPENDIX 2

EXAMPLES OF QUALIFICATION TYPES AT A SPECIFIC MQF LEVEL

MQF Level	Examples of qualification types at a specific MQF level (The list in this column is not exhaustive)	Number of ECTS *
8	Doctoral Programmes:	
	PhD	N/A
	Professional Doctorate	180
7	Master's Degree	90
	Postgraduate Diploma	60
	Postgraduate Certificate	30
6	Bachelor's Degree	180
	Bachelor's Honours	240
5	Undergraduate Higher Diploma	90
	Undergraduate Diploma	60
	Undergraduate Certificate	30
	VET Level 5	60
4	Advanced Diploma	120
	Pre-Tertiary Certificate	30 - 60
	MATSEC Matriculation Certificate (Advanced and Intermediate)	N/A
	VET Level 4	120
3	Certificate	60
	MATSEC Secondary Education Certificate	N/A
	VET Level 3	60
2	Foundation Certificate	60
	MATSEC Secondary Education Certificate	N/A
	VET Level 2	60
1	Introductory Certificate	40
	VET Level 1	40

* Programmes assigned fewer ECTS than indicated will be classified as Awards.

Reference: Fig.2: p48, Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) (October 2024).
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