



# International Finance and Accounting

(official name: Finance and Control)

**4-year Bachelor programme**  
Enschede



# Financially talented thinkers and doers

are in high demand all over the world, in a wide diversity of sectors and organisations: within retail, manufacturing and health care as well as banks and accountancy firms. The Saxion International Finance and Accounting programme is an internationally recognised bachelor degree programme which prepares you for a career in the dynamic financial industry.

## First and second years

In the foundation year of the four-year programme, there is a lot of attention for the development of skills: English language and communication, working together, dealing with cultural differences and Excel. Do not forget about international differences in taxation and law. Our study coaches will help you find your way at the University and possibly also in the Netherlands. In addition, in the first year we lay the foundations for the knowledge needed for the modules in the second year. From the second year onwards, we explore specific aspects of finance in more depth. Of course, you will learn about accounting and financial management -all from a global perspective-, but also the human aspect of finance (HRM related issues) and sustainability and ethics are an integral part of the program.

## Third year

In the third year the programme focusses on more advanced topics like group accounting, financial derivatives and auditing. Besides this, you work on your research and communication skills.

## General

Dutch education is focused on fostering a student's independence, team spirit and presentation skills. On top of that, Saxion's programmes are known for interweaving theory with practical experience.

International Finance and Accounting forms an excellent basis for a career in business or public services, whether in your home country or anywhere else in the world.

## After graduation

Upon graduation you receive the title of Bachelor of Science. This will give you an excellent springboard to the international labour market: as a financial professional for a multinational company or as a policy advisor with the European Union, at a bank in Hamburg, London or Paris – all this and more could be printed on your business card later on! This degree also opens up great job opportunities in your own country as well. If you prefer to continue studying, you will be welcome to do a master in business administration or finance and accounting at almost any university, both within and outside Europe. Having completed the IFA programme, you will get as many as 8 exemptions for the ACCA's professional accounting programme. The ACCA is the global accounting body offering the Chartered Certified Accountant qualification.

A five-month internship enables you to apply your theoretical knowledge in practice and gain work experience.

### Fourth year

You start your fourth and final year with the minor. You can choose to specialise by studying a subject in greater depth or to broaden your knowledge of, for example, sustainable development, project management or finance. Saxion offers many possibilities, but you can also opt to do your minor at another university, either in The Netherlands or abroad. The programme concludes with students doing research and writing an advisory report.

### Soft skills

As an internationally operating financial specialist you are expected to share your expertise with others, by informing, presenting to and advising board members and other colleagues. Therefore, we help you to develop your 'soft' skills such as communication, negotiation, leadership, ethics, project-based working and working in international teams by attending subjects such as sociology, cultural anthropology and human resource management.

### Coaching

During your studies, you are not expected to do it completely by yourself. A study career counsellor is around to help you settle in, both in The Netherlands and at Saxion. The study career counsellor also supervises the progress of your studies to maximise your success and provides guidance on your future career prospects.

### Practically-oriented

Saxion takes a competence-oriented and problem-guided approach to teaching, meaning that theory and practical experience are interwoven whenever possible. Students are continually challenged to apply their theoretical knowledge in practical situations, both individually and as part of an international project team. You may often find yourself putting things you have learnt in the morning into practice in the afternoon!

Practical cases mirror the theory taught throughout the semesters to enable you to learn about the broad spectrum of working in finance. For example, you may have to put yourself in the shoes of a consultant in the first semester. Several months later you may be asked to imagine you are an accountant at a large firm or a financial specialist for a multinational.

For a large franchiser, you may be required to research the differences between various countries. For a medium-sized company in a border town, you may explore the feasibility of cross-border activities – what would be the financial, fiscal and legal consequences? Together with your fellow students, you will analyse, advise and prepare reports to demonstrate your capability as an internationally operating business economist of the future. Can you draw on the right knowledge and apply it to present your recommendations professionally? We support you with lectures, practical classes, seminars, management games and excursions, and test your knowledge extensively at the end of every semester/quarter.

### International programme

This programme is fully taught in the English language. You will work on international cases from the perspective of the global economy and gain insights into many different cultures – not only from books but also from your classmates, who come from all four corners of the world. Furthermore, you will complete your internship in a country other than your home country.

***‘This programme is fully taught in the English language’***



## Mobin Daftaribesheli

*“After first considering the Dutch counterpart, I eventually chose International Finance and accountancy as I was not certain that I wanted to pursue my career in the Netherlands.*

*The open culture at Saxion & the international experience within the course allowed me to enquire with my professors to have a better idea of what I want to pursue in the future.*

*The degree allows the exploration of multiple sectors within financial services. The internship period and practical projects allow students to experiment and see where their interests are.*

*I would recommend a degree such as International Finance & Accountancy. The International atmosphere greatly contributed to my understanding of different cultures and my social abilities. During my studies, I’ve developed close bonds with classmates from all over the world. Throughout international projects, I’ve also met students in the same industry, who I’m still in contact with to this day. My degree also included an Erasmus semester in Madrid, which was an amazing experience.”*





## Curriculum courses bachelor International Finance and Accounting

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Semester 2</b>	
	Business Communication 1.1 & 1.2 4 ec's		Business Communication 1.3 & 1.4 3 ec's	
			Project year 1 1.3 & 1.4 3 ec's	
	Micro-/Macroeconomics 1.1 4 ec's	Management Accounting 1.2 4 ec's	Sociology & Cultural Antropology 1.3 3 ec's	Financial Management 1.4 3 ec's
	Financial Accounting 1.1 3 ec's	Financial Accounting 1.2 3 ec's	Financial Accounting 1.3 3 ec's	International Taxation 1.4 3 ec's
	Financial Management 1.1 3 ec's	Financial Management 1.2 3 ec's	International Law 1.3 3 ec's	Research Skills 1.4 3 ec's
Computer Skills 1.1 3 ec's	Marketing & Management 1.2 3 ec's	MIS/ICT 1.3 3 ec's		
Study Career Counselling Year 1 3 ec's				
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Semester 3</b>		<b>Semester 4</b>	
	Management Accounting 2.1 4 ec's	Management Accounting 2.2 4 ec's	International Financial Management 2.3 4 ec's	International Financial Management 2.4 4 ec's
	Research Skills 2.1 3 ec's	Business English 2.2 3 ec's	Supply Chain Management 2.3 3 ec's	Supply Chain Management 2.4 3 ec's
	Ethics 2.1 3 ec's	Human Resource Management 2.2 3 ec's	Accounting Information Systems 2.3 3 ec's	Accounting Information Systems 2.4 3 ec's
	Corporate Governance 2.1 3 ec's	Financial Management 2.2 4 ec's	Business Communication 2.3 3 ec's	Financial Accounting 2.4 4 ec's
Marketing & Management 2.1 3 ec's		International project 2.3 & 2.4 3 ec's		
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Semester 5</b>		<b>Semester 6</b>	
	Auditing 3.1 4 ec's	Auditing 3.2 4 ec's	Internship IFA 30 ec's	
	Financial Accounting 3.1 4 ec's	Financial Accounting 3.2 4 ec's		
	Business Communication 3.1 3 ec's	Management Accounting 3.2 4 ec's		
Financial Management 3.1 4 ec's	Research Skills 3.2 3 ec's			
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Semester 7</b>		<b>Semester 8</b>	
	Minor 30 ec's		Research & advisory report IFA 30 ec's	

### Saxion and the financial industry

Saxion has long-standing collaborative partnerships with various financial organisations such as major banks, insurance companies and accountancy offices. Since no one knows better what is expected from you as a graduate than your future employer, these businesses provide us with essential input to ensure that our teaching remains relevant and up to date and our cases are realistic. Moreover, many of our lecturers have gained broad practical experience and maintain close contact with the industry.

### Characteristics:

- Compulsory semester abroad in Malaysia, UK and many more
- Small classes
- Intercultural classroom; the programme has more than 15 different nationalities
- Project management simulation for a multinational in your 2nd year
- Dutch and international field trips
- In the second year you will work on a Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) project.

### ACCA-accelerate programme partnership

The ACCA offers exemptions from the ACCA Qualification and Foundation-level qualifications to students who have studied other relevant qualifications. This means you can start your ACCA-studies at a level that is consistent with the knowledge and skills gained from prior learning and provides you with the quickest route to ACCA membership. The IFA programme participates in the ACCA-partnership and -once graduated- you will get 8 exemptions for the ACCA's professional accounting programme.



## Get Ready for a Smart World

Technological innovations have an impact not only on your social life but on your future professional life too.

At Saxion University of Applied Sciences, we teach you how these innovations impact your future professional field and how you can apply technology to perform your work even better, so no matter which programme you choose, you will be prepared for a world that is getting smarter.

Studying at Saxion also means growing as a person. Who are you as a person? Where do your talents lie and what do you want to excel at? We will help you develop a moral compass, build your self-confidence and broaden your horizon. You will learn a lot by doing a work placement or by taking a minor in another programme here, elsewhere in the Netherlands or abroad.

This way, you will learn to take responsibility and prepare yourself for a business endeavour or a challenging job. You are in control!

### More information

To enrol in International Finance and Accounting, first of all you need to meet our general entry requirements. Please check [saxion.edu/entry-requirements](https://www.saxion.edu/entry-requirements) for more information. If you have any questions about the requirements or the programme itself, feel free to contact the School of Finance and International Business: e-mail: [jaa.sfib@saxion.nl](mailto:jaa.sfib@saxion.nl)

### Would you like to apply?

Start your application procedure at [saxion.edu/application-form](https://www.saxion.edu/application-form).

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