



Ashcroft International Business School

A Unique World Wide Opportunity



The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and the Ashcroft International Business School (part of Anglia Ruskin University) are pleased to extend their relationship of over 30 years to offer an international full time CIPFA course in the UK.

Why CIPFA?

This Chartered Institute has for over 100 years represented the financial profession within the public services. Most senior finance managers in public services are members of the Chartered Institute. Membership gives access to the higher level management posts and chartered status.

Why

AIBS? AIBS is one of the largest Business Schools in the East of England with over 80 full-time teaching staff, about 3000 students and a range of awards suitable for undergraduate and postgraduate students who wish to follow their studies by either full or part-time mode. AIBS has an excellent record in supporting the studies of CIPFA students with our strong links to regional employers and active CIPFA alumni.

What is involved?

The programme is staged to allow students to progress at a rate to match their personal and career aspirations.

Semester 1 - Certificate Stage, 4 papers,

Semester 2 - Diploma stage, 4 papers,

Semester 3 - Diploma Stage, 3 papers,

Semester 4 - Final Test, 2 papers

In addition to the professional qualification, successful students have the opportunity to:

- Complete research studies and dissertation to gain an MA Accounting & Finance.
- Undertake relevant work experience to enhance your CV (subject to identifying suitable and sufficient links)
- Complete English language tuition before commencing CIPFA studies.

Entry requirements

AIBS require all applicants to hold IELTS 6.5 or equivalent English language certification plus meet CIPFA entry regulations. CIPFA require 2 'A' Levels (grade A-C), AAT membership or qualify for either the mature or senior entrants scheme. Mature Entry - You can become a CIPFA Student if you are 21 or over, with a minimum of three years' relevant work experience. Senior Entry You will be eligible for the Senior Entrants' Scheme if you are 25 or over with at least 5 years' relevant work experience.



CIPFA's Professional Accountancy Qualification has been developed with extensive consultation with employers, members, students and academics to ensure it is the most robust financial management qualification for today's public services.



How the course is structured

CIPFA's PAQ has been designed in three stages and has been developed to dovetail with and the practical work skills they acquire. At each stage successful students can apply for membership and receive designatory letters:

Certificate Level -

The modules at this stage are the building blocks of any career in accountancy or financial management. From double-entry bookkeeping, to preparing and interpreting financial statements and management accounts. This level gives you the right grounding for your career.

Diploma Level -

Building upon knowledge gained at certificate level, the diploma focuses on specific public sector business skills and financial topics. It covers areas such as whole of government accounts procedure, public sector reporting frameworks and public sector borrowing. Although this level focuses on public sector issues the overall knowledge can easily be transferred into the private sector companies.

Final Test of Professional Competence -

This is the last stage in becoming a chartered public accountant. It is the culmination of all the skills learnt throughout the qualification and gives students a more focused strategic financial management overview of running major projects and large complex organisations.

How much will it cost?

Tuition fees are set per level:

Certificate	£2,500
Diploma	£3,500
Final Test	£3,300

Fees include support for 1 re-sit at certificate and final test plus 2 re-sits at diploma level. Fees are subject to approval by Anglia Ruskin University senate.

International students

International students should visit www.anglia.ac.uk/international to discover the range of services and support offered to non UK resident students. You can also follow the links to explore what Chelmsford and the surrounding countryside has to offer.

More information?

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