Appendix 1: Programme Specification

BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance

1. Programme title	BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance
2. Awarding institution	Middlesex University
3. Teaching institution	Middlesex University
4. Details of accreditation by professional/statutory/regulatory body	
5. Final qualification	Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
6. Year of validation **Year of amendment**	2017/18 2018/19
7. Language of study	English
8. Mode of study	Full Time / Part Time / Thick Sandwich / Thin Sandwich

9. Criteria for admission to the programme

For year one admission, Middlesex University general entry requirements apply, including GCSE's (grade A to C) (or equivalent) in mathematics and English language. Applicants whose first language is not English are required to achieve a minimum score of 6.0 in IELTS overall (with a minimum of 5.5 in each component) or an equivalent qualification recognised by Middlesex University.

The equivalence of qualifications from outside UK will be determined according to NARIC guidelines.

Specific programme requirements are 120 UCAS points or equivalent. Students not meeting this may be eligible to join at year zero, the foundation year.

We accredit prior experiential learning and welcome mature applicants with suitable life skills and work experience.

10. Aims of the programme

The programme aims to:

- provide students with the appreciation of and insight into the role of an ethical accounting professional in society today;
- provide students with knowledge and understanding of the conceptual and practical techniques in accounting;
- provide a foundation for further study or professional development;
- develop critical and analytical problem-solving skills and apply these to the conceptual and practical bases of accounting;
- develop critical and analytical problem-solving skills to prepare students for a range of careers in accounting and business generally and their future role in society.

11. Programme outcomes	
A. Knowledge and understanding On completion of this programme the successful student will have knowledge and understanding of : 1. the role and nature of accounting in organisations and society; 2. current thought, technical language and practices of accounting including recognition, measurement, disclosure, analysis and application in financial statements, managerial accounting, auditing and taxation; 3. some of the alternative technical language and practices of accounting; 4. theories and empirical evidence concerning financial management, risk and the operation of capital markets; 5. the operation of the legal system, how organisations are formed, operated and dissolved; 6. ethical conflict and its resolution; 7. preparation of financial statements in accordance with international accounting standards and evaluation of financial data for the purposes of management decision making, accountability and regulation; 8. appropriate accounting software to produce financial statements, tax computations and cash budgets; 9. computation of tax liabilities and interpretation of tax legislation to convey its meaning; 10. interpreting, applying and manipulating costing and management accounting data and information; 11. applying the tools of financial management in capital markets. Learning outcomes 5, 7 and 10 are not assessed at level 6	**Teaching/learning methods** Students gain knowledge and understanding through guided reading of textbooks, academic journals, computer software, on-line and in-class exercises, lectures, workshops and seminars. **Assessment methods** Students' knowledge and understanding is assessed by in-class and on-line tests, examinations and written assignments.

Year 2	ACC2120 Advanced Financial Accounting (30)	or	ACC2810 Applied Financial Accounting (30)
	ACC2125 Advanced Management Accounting (30)	or	ACC2820 Applied Management Accounting (30)

At the start of the placement students are allocated an individual supervisor who provides support and advice for the duration of the project. All projects are double marked.

16. Future careers (if applicable)

There are many career options open to graduates of this programme in the field of accounting and finance within business for example chartered accountancy, project management, business analysis, taxation, back office finance positions in the City and corporate finance. The programme currently benefits from maximum exemptions from the knowledge modules of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) and the foundation papers of the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA) as well as many exemptions from the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

The University Employability Centre will be able to give further guidance. Additionally graduates may wish to further enhance their career opportunities and undertake post-graduate education. http://unihub.mdx.ac.uk/your-employment

17. Particular support for learning (if applicable)

Learning Enhancement Team
Learning Resources
Programme Handbook and Module Handbooks
Access to Progression and Support Advisors
MyLearning

18. JACS code (or other relevant coding system)	N400
19. Relevant QAA subject benchmark group(s)	Accounting

20. Reference points

QAA Guidelines for programme specifications 2006
QAA Qualifications Framework 2014
Middlesex University Regulations 2016
Middlesex University Learning Framework – Programme Design Guidance 2012

21. Other information

Indicators of quality:
Progression statistics and good awards
Student feedback
External examiners' reports
Student employability

Please note programme specifications provide a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information about the programme can be found in the rest of your Programme Handbook and the university regulations.