

FORENSIC ACCOUNTING

Degree Level: Postgraduate



BAHRAIN
COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS & FINANCE



Qualification type

Master of Science



Location

Main Campus



Study mode

Full Time



Delivery Language

English



Duration

Two Years

KEY FACTS

SDG



NQF*

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OVERVIEW

Ahlia University has offered its MSc in Forensic Accounting programme and has developed it to match curricula offered by leading business schools with a view to future enhance the attractiveness of its sought-after graduates for executive and leadership positions in Audit and consultations firms, Law firms, Governmental and judicial institutions, Governmental units of fighting electronic and financial crimes, e-Government, Public shareholding companies, Officials dealing with investigations of financial crimes, Employees of central bank and those working in financial sector (including banks and investment firms), Researchers in the field of corporate governance and financial crimes, Academicians willing to pursue their higher studies in accounting and auditing.

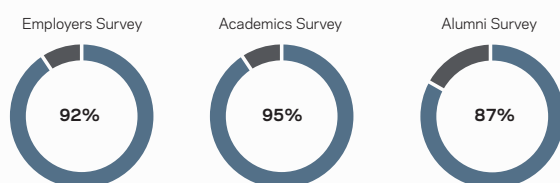
PROGRAMME AIMS

The aims of the programme is:

- To equip learners with professional skills to unravel financial crimes and develop accounting and auditing systems to secure high levels of financial security in the public and private sectors.
- To qualify learners to be practitioners to provide high-level decision making at judiciary services related to accounting investigation to legislative bodies, companies, and government entities.
- To equip learners to develop critical analytical skills to deal with the complex in accounting crimes, judiciary and financial disputes and provide practical solutions in compliance through all branches of accounting mental frameworks.
- To equip learners with lifelong learning skills, autonomy, professional leadership, sensitivity to ethical issues and social responsibility to contribute to businesses and society at large.
- To equip learners with critical knowledge and understanding related to forensic accounting to contribute to the sustainable development of auditing and accounting professions in Bahrain and the Gulf Region.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Market needs analysis for graduates with skills and knowledge in Forensic Accounting



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Admission to Ahlia University (AU) is selective based on academic achievements. Applications are welcomed from all students regardless of race, colour, gender, religion, nationality, physical or learning disability. Admission is purely based on merit.

General Requirements

Ahlia University accepts Master programme applicants holding undergraduate degrees to join the University as new students provided that they meet the entry and application requirements set by the University and are in-line with the Bahraini Higher Education Council requirements.

- The applicant must hold a recognised bachelor's degree or its equivalent.
- The applicant must hold a recognised secondary school certificate or its equivalent.
- The applicant must be medically fit for the academic programme they wish to apply for.
- All applicants will be interviewed by a relevant programme committee

Only successful applicants in the interview will be considered for admission. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to stipulate deficiency requirements to any applicant offered admission where, in the judgment of the Committee, the mastery of the relevant subject matter has not been conclusively demonstrated by the academic transcript.

Specific Requirements

Applicants admitted into the MSc in Forensic Accounting programme will be admitted under the Ahlia University admission requirements for a master's programme which include:

Master of Science in Forensic Accounting (MScFA)

A four-year bachelor's degree in Accounting from an approved university.

Applicants who hold a recognised bachelor's degree in disciplines other than the one mentioned above, may be accepted in the programme subject to passing the interview at the programme level and successful completion of the Foundation Courses.

English proficiency of applicants will be assessed during the interview process.

(CGPA) requirement

- GPA ≥ 2.5
- Applicants with a GPA <2.5 are subject to passing an interview and taking foundation courses.

FEES

The estimated duration for completion of the MSc in Forensic Accounting programme at Ahlia University is 2 years. This is structured around 36 credit-hours covering 8 courses along with a dissertation. The duration of the study for each course is fifteen weeks, covering approximately 45 studying hours.

Application Fee	BD 40
Registration Fee	BD 300
Foundation Courses (if applicable)	BD 960
Course Fees (8 Course, BD 660 per Course)	BD 5,280
Dissertation	BD 2,640
TOTAL	BD 9,220

PROGRAMME CONTENT & STRUCTURE

The MSc in Forensic Accounting programme comprises of 36 credit hours distributed as follows: 18 hours core courses, (6) hours electives, in addition to 12 credit hours for dissertation as illustrated in the following plan:

Course Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses	
Forensic Accounting & the Legal Environment	3
Computer Forensics & Auditing	3
Corporate Governance and Ethics	3
Fraud and Financial Crime Investigation	3
Cyber Forensics and Security	3
Research Methodology	3
Elective Courses (2 courses out of 4)	
Risk Management	3
Digital Criminology	3
Fraud Prevention Techniques	3
Expert Witnessing and Dispute Resolution	3
MSc Dissertation	
Dissertation in Forensic Accounting	12
Total credit hours	36

Employability and Learning Pathways

The Master of Science in Forensics Accounting is designed to prepare graduate students for a career in a new, exciting field of accounting. This programme is for people of various professional backgrounds including accountants, tax professionals, attorneys, bankers, insurers, law enforcement and criminal justice personnel, and various government employees. Forensic accountants are fortunate in having a diverse range of entry-level options available to them. Unlike other career paths in the accounting world, forensic auditors tend to perform the same functions throughout their career and move up from analyst, to manager, to supervisor/senior consultant over the course of their employment.

- Accounting Firms
- Law Firms
- Governmental Departments
- Corporate Security & Risk Management
- Financial Consulting Firms
- Banking Sector

Alignment with Professional Certification

The programme is aligned with Professional Certification Association of Certified Fraud Examiners through the courses Accounting and auditing, Criminology and sociology, Fraud investigation and Law.