

# MSc Corporate Governance/ Graduate ICSA

## Frequently Asked Questions

The GTA is very pleased to offer this two-year part-time taught MSc Corporate Governance delivered in Guernsey by Bournemouth University. In addition to the MSc, successful students gain Graduate ICSA status.

This interesting and thought-provoking course provides you with a highly specialised set of skills and develops your ability to appreciate and influence the factors governing corporate affairs. This course has been developed in close collaboration with The Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators (ICSA).

The programme is essentially a mixture of finance, law and governance focusing on the role of corporate administration. In this context, 'corporate' is used in its wider sense and therefore includes private, public and not-for-profit organisations.

- **How long does the course take to complete? And when does it start?**
  - The course will be taught in Guernsey on a part-time basis, over two years; on completion of the taught element students will go on to complete a supervised research project to achieve the MSc.
  - Teaching will take place over 10 two-day blocks (09:00-17:00) on Fridays and Saturdays in each academic year (September - May).
  - The next course will commence on 13 September 2019.
- **What are the minimum entry requirements?**
  - Bachelor's Honours degree 2:2 or above, or equivalent professional qualifications. Non-graduates with professional experience may also be considered and are advised to contact Kate Lenfestey on either [kate.lenfestey@gta.gg](mailto:kate.lenfestey@gta.gg) or 01481-746889. Holders of ICSA/ ACCA/ ACA/ CIMA can join the course on the fast-track route, the next cohort to commence in September 2020.
- **How much does it cost? Can I pay in instalments?**
  - The overall cost of the course is £12,000, inclusive of all exam fees and research project support. The fees can be paid in interest-free instalments over two years.
  - Student membership of ICSA is £175 during the period of the programme.
  - The GTA offers a small library of key texts, however you may wish to purchase your own books. Each of the modules also refers to e-books available through Bournemouth University's online resources.
- **Why should I study this course? How will it help my career?**
  - If you choose to take this academically rigorous and highly practical course, you will gain a prestigious qualification, the development of your professional and managerial abilities, and dual qualification with graduate status of ICSA (GradICSA).
  - One of the attractions of the programme for employers is that it produces a manager who has competence in all areas of business. Although not focussed on any one subject, the number of finance and law units require a reasonable depth of core knowledge to make this a specialised course.

- **What will I study?**

- The key theme is as stated in the course title – Corporate Governance – that is, the way organisations manage and regulate themselves in order to best achieve the corporate goals. Key issues such as ethics, risk, globalisation and tax are appropriately addressed across the course. For example, ethics is specifically embedded in the Corporate Governance & Ethics unit, as is risk within the Corporate Stewardship unit. Several aspects of globalisation and taxation are included in several units such as International Accounting & Analysis, Corporate Management & Control and International Corporate Finance units.
- The MSc is a modular course with six core units:

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
Corporate Management and Control	2500 word assignment & 2hr time-constrained online paper
Corporate Law: Theory & Practice	5000 word assignment
International Accounting & Analysis	two 2500 word assignments
<b>Year 2</b>	
Corporate Stewardship	3500 word assignment and 2500 word assignment
Corporate Governance & Ethics	3500 word assignment & 1500 word assignment
International Corporate Finance	2500 word assignment & 2hr formal examination
Dissertation	2000 word proposal & 13000 word dissertation

Students who pass the taught element of the course will then be admitted to the research project stage to achieve the MSc.

- **How will the course be assessed?**

- The course will be assessed via a combination of coursework and examinations (see table above).

- **How much time will I need to commit to this course?**

- As you would expect of a Master’s Degree this is a rigorous and demanding course which will require students to commit regular study time as well as attending the taught lectures; however, the course has been designed with flexibility in mind and the part-time format lends itself to students who are in full-time employment. Indeed, in the 20 years that the GTA University Centre has been offering this course, the vast majority of successful graduates have held full-time positions whilst studying.

- **So what do I do now? When is the closing date for applications?**

- Please contact Kate Lenfestey, Head of University Centre Programmes at the GTA on 01481-746889 or via email at [kate.lenfestey@gta.gg](mailto:kate.lenfestey@gta.gg) for further information. Lunchtime launches of the programme will be held during the year to advise of the detail of the programme.
- If you are ready to book on, please do so via Bournemouth University’s online applications portal at: <https://www1.bournemouth.ac.uk/study/courses/msc-corporate-governance>

Please note that places on this programme are limited so early applications are recommended.

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