



# AS/A Level Accounting

(Available for teaching from September 2008)

This course supersedes the current four unit specifications H001/H401 which was introduced for first teaching from September

**2006.** This revised four unit course introduces candidates to accounting concepts and principles and promotes their application in a range of accounting situations. The full Advanced GCE A Level course provides an excellent foundation for the further study of accountancy at pre-professional and professional levels.



# What are the benefits to me and my students of delivering this OCR specification?

- The revised four unit specifications are based on a consultation exercise involving QCA, senior OCR Accounting examiners and existing centres.
- The revised four unit specifications continue to benefit candidates in respect of a reduced assessment burden i.e. six to four units of assessment.
- Course content has been further revised and updated where necessary.
- Weightings across the units now better reflects their relative demands and the volume of content.
- Simple, straightforward assessment, with no coursework
- AS Level provides an introduction to the concepts and principles that underlie accounting theory and practice and enables candidates to develop these concepts and principles within a wide range of applications. At A level, candidates apply the concepts and principles introduced at AS level to the preparation and understanding of company and management accounts.

#### **AS Level**

Unit title	Description	Mandatory/Optional?
Accounting Principles	Introduction to Accounting Principles The Trial Balance	
	Accounting Concepts	
	Classification of Expenditure	Mandatory
	Changing Asset Values	
	Ledger Entries and Adjustments	
	• Final Accounts	
Accounting Applications	• The Journal	
	Correction of Errors	
	Control Accounts	
	Accounting Adjustments	
	Organisations and Statements	
	• Sole Trader	Mandatory
	Partnership	
	Clubs and Societies	
	Analysis and Evaluation of Accounting Statements	
	An Introduction to Budgeting	
	• ICT in Accounting	

# A2 Level

Unit title	Description	Mandatory/Optional?
Company Accounts and Interpretation	The Preparation of Final Accounts for Limited Companies	Mandatory
	• Financing	
	• The Role of Accounting Standards	
	Analysis and Interpretation of Accounts	
Management Accounting	Budgeting and Budgetary Control	Mandatory
	Standard Costing and Variance Analysis	
	Capital Expenditure Appraisal	
	• Stock	
	Costing and Decision making	
	Costing Applications	
	Social Responsibility	

## How is this qualification assessed?

- All assessment is through timetabled written examination.
- Each question paper contains mandatory questions.
- There is no coursework element.

Examinations series take place every January and June.

#### **Dates of first examinations**

#### AS

First examination available from January 2009.

#### A2

First examination available from January 2010.

# What support will I receive?

## Training

OCR INSET is available in the autumn term each year. There are events to help new teachers and to provide feedback on previous examinations.

#### **Publishers**

Hodder will publish endorsed resources to support this specification.

#### Resources

All of the following resources are available to download from the OCR website – **www.ocr.org.uk.** 

- Specimen Assessment Materials for all units.
- Documented commentary on likely responses at both AS and A2 Level.
- A scheme of work for each unit.
- Sample lesson plans for each unit.
- Past papers which can be used as exemplar classroom exercises as AS Level.