# **ACA SYLLABUS 2025**







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## **CORPORATE REPORTING**

- corporate reporting compliance
- corporate reporting financial statement analysis
- audit and assurance

### STRATEGIC BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CASE STUDY

- business strategy and management
- financial strategy
- financial structure and financial reconstruction
- financial instruments and financial markets
- corporate reporting
- assurance
- ethics

- requires demonstration of knowledge, skills and practical application from multiple areas of the syllabus
- tests professional skills in the context of a specific business issue
- demands ability to analyse financial and non-financial information
- requires demonstration of professional and ethical judgement
- involves the development of conclusions and recommendations
- relates to how students will be expected to work
- assesses the application of professional ethics

## **PROFESSIONAL LEVEL**

### **AUDIT AND ASSURANCE\***

- legal and other professional regulations, ethics, accepting and managing engagements and current issues
- planning and performing engagements
- · concluding and reporting on engagements

## **BUSINESS STRATEGY AND** TECHNOLOGY'

- strategic analysis
- strategic choice
- implementation and monitoring of strategy

## FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND **REPORTING: IFRS AND UK GAAP\***

- accounting and reporting concepts and
- single entity financial statements
- consolidated financial statements

### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT\*

- financing options
- managing financial risk
- investment decisions and valuation

## TAX COMPLIANCE\*

- ethics and law
- indirect taxes
- capital taxes
- corporation tax
- income tax and NIC

## **BUSINESS PLANNING\* Business Planning: Banking**

- risk management and financial services products
- financial and regulatory reporting for banks
- audit and assurance of banks
- ethics

### **Business Planning: Insurance**

- insurance products and risk management
- financial and regulatory reporting for insurance companies
- audit and assurance of insurance companies

## **Business Planning: Taxation**

- ethics and law
- taxation of corporate entities
- taxation of owner-managed businesses
- personal taxation

## **CERTIFICATE LEVEL**

## **ACCOUNTING\***

- maintaining financial records
- adjustments to accounting records and financial statements
- preparing financial statements

## **ASSURANCE\***

- the concept, process and need for assurance
- internal controls and information flows
- gathering evidence on an assurance engagement
- professional ethics and regulatory issues

## **BUSINESS, TECHNOLOGY** AND FINANCE\*

- business objectives and functions
- business and organisational structures
- the role of finance and the finance function
- key issues for the accountancy profession and business
- the external environment of business
- technology and data analysis

## LAW\*

- Introduction to legal principles
- the impact of civil law on business and professional services
- company and insolvency law
- the impact of criminal law on business and professional services
- the impact of law in the professional context

## MANAGEMENT INFORMATION\*

- costing and pricing
- ethics
- budgeting and forecasting
- performance management and management information operations
- management decision-making

## PRINCIPLES OF TAXATION\*

- objectives, types of tax and ethics
- administration of taxation
- income tax and national insurance contributions
- capital gains tax and chargeable gains for companies
- corporation tax
- VAT