

P.A. COLLEGE'S PARTNERSHIP INTEREST IN UK UNIVERSITIES

The vision of P.A. College, the Executive Business College of Cyprus, has always been to offer excellent academic services at the Higher Education level, an on-going process for the past 37 years. Our Executive Business College aims at further extending its educational services spectrum to the mutual benefit of both the academic and professional communities, as well as society as a whole both domestically and internationally.

P.A. College persistently aims to sustain and enhance excellence in every area of its teaching and research endeavours. Our Executive Business College has developed a strategic plan that has as its primary objective to form teaching and research collaborations both at European and international levels. The foresaid alliances will allow the College and its partners to successfully embrace the future and create opportunities that facilitate excellence and quality achievement in academic, personal and professional development.

Stemming from the above and diligently conforming to our guiding principles, P.A. College hereby proposes the establishment of collaborations with distinct UK universities on the basis of:

- Articulation programmes/agreements (with or without minority interest shareholding):
 - 1+2 degree programmes;
 - 2+2 degree programmes;
 - double/dual degree programmes;
 - joint degree programmes.
- Overseas joint campus with minority interest shareholding.
- Overseas standalone or branch campus with minority interest shareholding.
- Partnership collaboration with minority or majority interest shareholding.

Any other form of collaboration proposed by any UK university will be attentively considered. The sought collaborations aspire to combine the academic dimensions and qualities of prominent UK universities and P.A. College in order to yield distinct Business/Management/Business Computing degree holders. Further, the focus of the collaborations will be on attracting students from Cyprus, countries of the Middle East, countries of the Far East as well as other non-EU countries like Russia. We believe that the proposed collaborations will yield substantial benefits/gains to all the parties involved.

P.A. COLLEGE OVERVIEW

P.A. College is a private Higher Education Institution (HEI) operating in Cyprus since 1983 and has Larnaca as its base-of-operations for easy access from within all other cities in Cyprus and abroad since the Larnaca International Airport is only a few minutes' drive from the College. P.A. College offers degree programmes accredited and recognised by the competent Authorities in Cyprus. Specifically, it offers: (1) degrees in Business Administration – Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Business Administration – with specialisations in: General Business Administration, Accounting and Finance, Marketing Management, Computing and Accounting, Management and Banking. (2) degree in Business Computing – Bachelor of Science (Hons). The College's facilities are modern and fully equipped with cutting-edge technology. Faculty staff and students coexist and operate in an ideal environment that promotes any academic activity (learning, education, research, etc.).

POPULAR DEGREE PROGRAMMES

B.A. (HONS) BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, SPECIALISATION ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

P.A. College graduates with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) degree in Business Administration specialising in Accounting and Finance are awarded the following exemptions from internationally recognised Professional Bodies:

- 12 exemptions out of the 15 papers required for the professional qualification of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (**ICAEW/ACA**).
- 9 exemptions out of the 13 papers required for the professional qualification of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (**ACCA**).

B.A. (HONS) BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, SPECIALISATION MARKETING MANAGEMENT

P.A. College graduates with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Degree in Business Administration specialising in Marketing Management are exempted from a number of the requirements towards the Chartered Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing of the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM).

B.Sc. (HONS) BUSINESS COMPUTING

The primary objective of the programme is to provide students with excellent skills in relation to computer hardware and software and the applications of computers in the areas of commerce, industry and the public sector.

STRATEGIC COLLABORATIONS

The strategic programmes 'Grant Thornton Route to ACA', 'Graduates Route to ACA' and 'School Graduates Route to ACA' institute P.A. College as the first and only Higher Education Institution in Cyprus and EU with 3 degree strategic programmes in collaboration with the ICAEW and unique strategic collaborations with KPMG Limited, Cyprus and Grant Thornton Ltd (Cyprus), as well as other reputable auditing firms in Cyprus.

UNIQUE STRATEGIC COLLABORATION #1: 'GRANT THORNTON ROUTE TO ACA'

The B.A. (Hons) degree programme in Business Administration (specialisation in Accounting and Finance) in collaboration with the ICAEW, is the only undergraduate programme in Cyprus which offers 12 exemptions out of the 15 ACA papers and at least 190 days of Practical Work Experience at Grant Thornton Ltd (Cyprus), out of the 450 days required for the ACA qualification. All graduates of the 'Grant Thornton Route to ACA' programme are employed in reputable auditing firms.

UNIQUE STRATEGIC COLLABORATION #2: 'GRADUATES ROUTE TO ACA'

The programme is intended for university degree holders in any field, it has a total duration of **only 16 months** and prepares participants for an outstanding professional career in the Accounting/Auditing sector. The programme offers students 12 exemptions out of the 15 papers required for the professional qualification of ACA of the ICAEW. Additionally, students have the privilege to participate in a unique training scheme at KPMG Limited, Cyprus and secure 1500 hours of Practical Work Experience which is almost 1/2 of the total number of hours of work experience required for the professional qualification of ACA.

UNIQUE STRATEGIC COLLABORATION #3: 'SCHOOL GRADUATES ROUTE TO ACA'

The 'School Graduates Route to ACA' is a hybrid programme that has been established based on the collaboration of the world-class Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), the renowned auditing firm KPMG Limited, Cyprus and P.A. College. The programme offers:

- **A university degree in Business Administration**, with specialisation in Accounting and Finance.
- **12 ACA exemptions out of the 15 papers** (maximum number of exemptions awarded by ICAEW).
- **Participation in a unique training scheme at KPMG Limited, Cyprus** that secures at least 1500 hours of Practical Work Experience (3150 hours of Practical Work Experience are required for the ACA qualification).

STRATEGIC COLLABORATION #4: 'ACCA ACCELERATE PROGRAMME'

ACCA Accelerate is a partnership programme between ACCA and P.A. College. The programme is intended for all candidates who aspire to pursue a reputable career in business; it has a total duration of **4 years** and prepares participants for an outstanding professional career in the Accounting/Auditing sector. The programme offers:

- **A university degree in Business Administration**, with specialisation in Accounting and Finance.
- **9 ACCA exemptions out of the 13 papers** (maximum number of exemptions awarded by ACCA).
- An accelerated path to ACCA membership, by taking the remaining 4 ACCA Professional Papers before completing their undergraduate studies.

STRATEGIC COLLABORATION #5: 'LOMONOSOV MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY – DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMME'

Lomonosov Moscow State University and P.A. College have established a collaboration on the basis of a double degree which awards a double qualification as follows:

1. Moscow State University's Bachelor of Science in Management Degree which is accredited by the competent Authorities of the Russian Federation.
2. P.A. College's Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration Degree (specialisation Accounting and Finance) which is accredited and recognised by the competent Authorities in the Republic of Cyprus.

Students complete 2 years of study at Lomonosov Moscow State University and then transfer to P.A. College for the third and fourth year of their studies.

EMPLOYMENT

P.A. College graduates are employed within a short period of time upon graduation. 100% of the graduates who participated in the Strategic programmes are employed by internationally recognised auditing firms in Cyprus and abroad.

EUROPEAN PROGRAMMES

P.A. College participates in several European programmes, including the Erasmus+ exchange programme. Furthermore, the College participates in funded academic research projects through the national and European agencies.