



CFAB / ACA (ICAEW)

Classroom Timetable and
Overview Planner 2026
Manchester



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Please note: Information and dates in this timetable are subject to change.



ACA Course Information

This timetable details the courses that our centre is offering for the ACA exams.

Next Generation ACA		Next Generation ACA		Current ACA Syllabus	
Certificate Level		Professional Level		Advanced Level	
AF	Accounting Fundamentals	FCS	Fundamental Case Study	CR	Corporate Reporting
ARF	Assurance and Risk Fundamentals	ARR	Assurance, Risk & Reporting	SBM	Strategic Business Management
TF	Tax Fundamentals	TCP	Taxation Compliance and Planning	ACS	Advanced Case Study
BL	Business Law	CRDA	Corporate Reporting, Data & Assurance	<p>Next Generation ACA Advanced Level exams will not be available until 2027.</p> <p>For comprehensive details on transitional rules, timelines, and guidance please see the ICAEW website.</p>	
BIP	Business Insight and Performance	BDS	Business & Digital Strategy		
SE	Sustainability and Ethics	CFS	Corporate Financial Strategy		
EPA	End Point Assessment (1)				

(1) The EPA is a requirement of the Level 4 Apprenticeship and applies to apprentice learners only - more details on this can be viewed [here](#).

Kaplan's Recommended ACA Next Generation Pathway

Certificate Level (Months 1-6)	Professional Level (Months 7-23)			Advanced Level (Months 24-28)
	Professional sitting 1	Professional sitting 2	Professional sitting 3	
All	Fundamental Case Study (FCS)	Tax Compliance and Planning (TCP)	Business and Digital Strategy (BDS)	Technical Case Study (TCS)
	Assurance, Risk and Reporting (ARR)	Corporate Reporting, Data and Assurance (CRDA)	Corporate Financial Strategy (CFS)	Strategic Case Study (SCS)

If your preferred pathway is not available at your chosen Kaplan training location we will be able to provide your preferred pathway via our Live Online ACA course offering.

Next Generation ACA Advanced Level exams will not be available until 2027.

For detailed transitional rules, timelines and guidance please see the [ICAEW webpage](#).

Kaplan's ACA Next Generation Course Durations

Classroom Course Times: Weekday 09.00-16.30 (UK Time)

Certificate Days				
Subject	Tutor-Led	Focus Day*	OnDemand	Total
Accounting Fundamentals (AF)	7	1	-	8
Assurance and Risk Fundamentals (ARF)	3	1	-	4
Tax Fundamentals (TF)	5	1	-	6
Business Law (BL)**	-	-	4	4
Business Insight and Performance (BIP)	5	1	-	6
Sustainability and Ethics (SE)**	-	-	4	4

Professional Days					
Subject	Tuition		Exam Prep		Total
	Tutor-led	Focus Day*	Tutor-led	Focus Day*	
Fundamental Case Study (FCS)	2	-	2	1	5
Assurance, Risk & Reporting (ARR)	5	1	4	1	11
Taxation Compliance and Planning (TCP)	8	1	4	1	14
Corporate Reporting, Data & Assurance (CRDA)	5	1	4	1	11
Business & Digital Strategy (BDS)	3	1	3	1	8
Corporate Financial Strategy (CFS)	5	1	3	1	10

*A Focus Day is a scheduled day within the course for consolidating knowledge and reinforcing learning, with content and pace tailored to individual learners.

**Business Law (BL) and Sustainability and Ethics (SE), are available via OnDemand learning. Learners who prefer a more intensive study schedule may choose to study one or both Business Law and Sustainability and Ethics alongside Taxation Fundamentals (TF) and Business Insight and Performance (BIP).

ACA Advanced Level Course Information

Classroom Course Times: Weekday 09.00-16.30 (UK Time)

Pathway Options

Advanced Level	
CR	Corporate Reporting
SBM	Strategic Business Management
ACS	Advanced Case Study

Advanced Sitting 1	Advanced Sitting 2
CR/SBM/ACS	-
CR/SBM	ACS

Advanced Days				
Subject	Tuition		Exam Prep	Total
	Tutor-Led	Personalised	Tutor-Led	
CR	5	2	4	11
SBM	3	1	3	7
ACS	5	0	5	10

A learner may not attempt the Case Study until they have attempted all other exams. A learner can sit all three Advanced Level assessments at the same session and still comply with this rule. A learner may not attempt the Case Study until they have completed all but their last year of approved training by the end of the month in which the assessment is held.

Our Advanced Case Study Resit Courses are designed to allow learners to understand where their exam technique went wrong and show them how to improve it. To find out more about our Advanced Case Study Resit Courses please click [here](#).

Manchester Certificate Level - First Half 2026

Week commencing:	January															March										May									
	12th					19th					26th					9th					16th					4th					11th				
	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
Accounting Fundamentals (AF)	T	T	T			F			T	T	T		T																						
Assurance & Risk Fundamentals (ARF)				T	T		F				T																								
Tax Fundamentals (TF)																T	T	F	T	T	T														
Business Insight & Performance (BIP)																										T	T	T	F	T	T				

T Tuition

F Focus Day *

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ACA Certificate exams are computer-based. **We recommend sitting your exam 2 weeks after the course finishes.** To book your exam please contact Kaplan Student Services or your employer (in cases where exams are booked centrally).

There are three study methods available: Classroom (dates shown above), Live Online or OnDemand

Manchester Professional Level - March 2026

Week commencing:	January															February					
	5th					12th					19th					2nd					
	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	2	3	4	5	6	
Recommended Study Combinations	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	
FCS/ARR			T	T	T	T	T	F	T	T											
Individual Subject Dates																					
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - with ARR						T	T														
Assurance, Risk & Reporting (ARR)			T	T	T			F	T	T											
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - Transitional											T	T									
Business & Digital Strategy (BDS)						T	T	F	T												
Tax Compliance & Planning (TCP)	T	T	T	T	F	T										T	T	T			

Week commencing:	February										March									
	16th					23th					2nd					9th				
	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13
Recommended Study Combinations	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
FCS/ARR								EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	F	F	EP	E	E	E		
Individual Subject Dates																				
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - with ARR											EP	EP	F			E	E	E		
Assurance, Risk & Reporting (ARR)								EP	EP	EP				F	EP	E	E	E		
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - Transitional			EP	EP	F											E	E	E		
Business & Digital Strategy (BDS)											EP	EP	F	EP		E	E	E		
Tax Compliance & Planning (TCP)								EP	EP	EP	F	EP				E	E	E		

T	Tuition	EP	Exam Preparation
F	Focus Day *	E	Real Exam

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Learners who are currently transitioning from legacy to Next Generation ACA may require different subject combinations which can be selected as needed from the individual subject listing.

Manchester Professional Level - June 2026

Week commencing:	April																														May
	6th					13th					20th					27th															
	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	1											
Recommended Study Combinations	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F						
FCS/ARR								T	T	T	F	T	T	T	T																
BDS/CFS											T	T	F	T	T	T	T	T	F	T											
Individual Subject Dates																															
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - With ARR														T	T																
Assurance, Risk & Reporting (ARR)								T	T	T	F	T			T																
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - Transitional									T	T																					
Business & Digital Strategy (BDS)															T								T	F	T						
Corporate Financial Strategy (CFS)												T	T	F		T	T	T													
Tax Compliance & Planning (TCP)		T	T	T	T	F	T														T	T	T								

Week commencing:	May										June									
	18th					25th					1st					8th				
	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12
Recommended Study Combinations	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
FCS/ARR								EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	F	F	EP	E	E	E		
BDS/CFS								EP	EP	F	EP	EP	EP	F	EP	E	E	E		
Individual Subject Dates																				
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - With ARR								EP				EP	F			E	E	E		
Assurance, Risk & Reporting (ARR)								EP	EP	EP				F	EP	E	E	E		
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - Transitional				EP	EP		F									E	E	E		
Business & Digital Strategy (BDS)											EP		EP	F	EP	E	E	E		
Corporate Financial Strategy (CFS)								EP	EP	F		EP				E	E	E		
Tax Compliance & Planning (TCP)								EP	EP	EP	F	EP				E	E	E		

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Tuition

F

Focus Day *

EP

Exam Preparation

E

Real Exam

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Manchester Professional Level - September 2026

Week commencing:	June					July																			
	22th					29th					13th					20th					27th				
Available Study Combinations	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	1	2	3	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
													T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T					
											T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T					
TCP/CRDA	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T											T	T	T	T	T

Week commencing:	August					September									
	24th					31st					7th				
	24	25	26	27	28	31	1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11
Available Study Combinations	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
FCS/ARR			EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	E	E	E		
BDS/CFS			EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	E	E	E		
TCP/CRDA	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	E	E	E		



Tuition



Exam Preparation



Real Exam

There are three study methods available: Classroom (dates shown above), Live Online or OnDemand.

Manchester Advanced Level - July 2026

Week commencing:	April										May										
	6th					13th					11th					18th					
	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	
Available Study Combinations	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	
CR/SBM/ACS - Option 1		T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	
CR/SBM/ACS - Option 2		T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	
CR/SBM - Option 1					T	T	T	T	T	T			T	T	T	T	T				
CR/SBM - Option 2					T	T	T	T	T	T			T	T	T	T	T				
ACS - Option 1		T	T	T							T	T									
ACS - Option 2		T	T	T							T	T									

T	Tuition	EP	Exam Preparation
T	T - Personalised *	E	Real Exam
T	Live Online/Exam **		

Week commencing:	June		July																		
	29th					6th					13th					20th					
	29	30	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	
Available Study Combinations	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	
CR/SBM/ACS - Option 1				EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	E	E	E			
CR/SBM/ACS - Option 2				EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	E	E	E			
CR/SBM - Option 1						EP	EP	EP	EP		EP	EP	EP			E	E				
CR/SBM - Option 2						EP	EP	EP	EP		EP	EP	EP			E	E				
ACS - Option 1				EP	EP					EP				EP	EP			E			
ACS - Option 2				EP	EP					EP				EP	EP			E			

For information, please find the classroom and exam dates within the available study combinations of the individual subjects below:

Corporate Reporting (CR) - Option 1						EP	EP	EP	EP							E					
Strategic Business Management (SBM) - Option 1											EP	EP	EP				E				
Advanced Case Study (ACS) - Option 1				EP	EP					EP				EP	EP				E		
Corporate Reporting (CR) - Option 2								EP	EP		EP	EP				E					
Strategic Business Management (SBM) - Option 2						EP	EP						EP				E				
Advanced Case Study (ACS) - Option 2				EP	EP					EP				EP	EP			E			

* Personalised days are studied flexibly online and there will not be a live session on these dates. The timetable dates provided for personalised days are indicative only. You ultimately have the flexibility to complete your personalised study in the period between the preceding and next classroom course dates as shown on the timetable.

** This day consists of an online teaching session in the morning, followed by a course exam in the afternoon.

There are three study methods available: Classroom (dates shown above), Live Online or OnDemand.

A complimentary Data & IT module is available on MyKaplan to recap Info and Excel functions used in CR & SBM.