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## AN INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC ACCOUNTING



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Days/Dates	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Time	14:00 - 17:00
Number of Hours	3 hours
On-site or Online	Online via Zoom
Fee	€50 Standard Fee €40 UM students €55 after the deadline
Deadline	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Aims/ Objectives	The Department of Accountancy – University of Malta – in collaboration with Malta University Consulting is holding the third CPE seminar for 2025 which qualifies for 3 hours (Core Competencies) of Continued Professional Education.
Seminar content	Forensic accounting goes beyond traditional accounting by applying investigative techniques and analytical skills to resolve complex financial issues. In this introductory session, we will explore the fundamentals of forensic accounting and its role in investigating financial irregularities. Through this session, you'll gain an understanding of what forensic accountants do, the skillset that enables them to analyse and interpret complex financial data, and how they present findings as expert witnesses in court. We'll also discuss the means and motivations behind fraud, common fraud schemes, and basic techniques that help detect and prevent fraud before it escalates. <b>Key Topics Covered:</b>
	<ul> <li>Defining Forensic Accounting: Overview of the field and its importance.</li> <li>Essential Skills of a Forensic Accountant: Key attributes and areas of expertise.</li> <li>Understanding Fraud Motivations and Schemes: Insights into why fraud occurs and examples of common schemes.</li> <li>Basic fraud detection and prevention techniques: Basic tools for preventing and detecting fraud.</li> <li>Forensic Accountants in Court: Their role as court-appointed experts.</li> </ul>
Speaker's Bio	Alan Craig is a Partner at Forvis Mazars and heads the Business Advisory Department. He is responsible for a specialised, multidisciplinary team of professionals with skills in cybersecurity, risk and control, forensics and investigations, and financial crime compliance. Alan has worked closely with local competent authorities and the business community in the field of financial crime compliance and investigations and is a Court-appointed expert in financial crime. Additionally, he is a visiting lecturer at the University of Malta and a certified public accountant.
	<b>Rebekah Barthet</b> is an Associate Director within the Business Advisory Department at Forvis Mazars in Malta. Rebekah is involved in various investigations and special assignments relating to financial crime whereby assistance is provided to Judicial and Competent Authorities. Rebekah holds an MSc in Forensic Accounting and is accredited with the ACAMS certification. She is a certified public accountant, holding a practicing certificate in auditing and a member of the Malta Institute of Accountants. Rebekah is also a visiting lecturer at the University of Malta
Certification	Upon successfully completing the course with 80% attendance, attendees will receive a Certificate of Attendance from Malta University Consulting Ltd.

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