Syllabus

Fundamentals of financial accounting and other topics include: double-entry accounting, accounting cycle, cash, receivables, inventories, plant assets, liabilities, partnerships, corporation, investments, and interpretation of financial statements.

Course Objectives:
To enable the students to:
1. Prepare for career in accounting.
2. Use and interpret financial information is essential in today’s business world
3. Explain how to operate double-entry accounting and accounting cycle in a business organization.
4. Describe how to operate other financial accounting topics such as cash, receivables, inventories, plant assets, and liabilities.
5. Discuss how to operate partnerships, corporation, and investments.
6. Interpret and analyze of the financial statements.

Textbook:
• Warren C.S. et al. (2007), Financial Accounting, 10e, Thomson South-Western.

Student Evaluation:
Achievement of these objectives will be measured as follows:
- Test Quiz 20%
- Midterm Exam 20%
- Homework assignments 25%
- Class Participation & Attendance 10%
- Final Exam 25%

Class Format:
The class will consist of weekly lectures, class discussion, and review of the assigned reading and assigned homework questions. It is vital that students read the class assignments and complete the homework assignments, in order to keep up with the class and participate in class discussion. In general, a typical class routine will be:

1. Review of homework, and clarifications of previous lectures/reading.
2. Lecture relating to the new assigned reading.
3. Class discussion of the new assigned reading and lecture.
Student Evaluation

Evaluation

- Examinations will consist mostly of multiple-choice questions. Other types of questions may be included, such as short essay questions, however these will comprise only a small portion of the exam.
- The homework is mandatory, and must be turned in by the assigned time. Late assignments are not accepted. Do NOT wait until the very last minute, in case something happens to the computer or your internet connection. Plan on spending at least an hour or two to complete these assignments.
- The class participation grade will be based on a student’s preparedness and willingness to discuss the homework assignments and assigned readings, and his/her overall contribution to class discussions. The instructor may assign some homework problems out of the book; these will be discussed in class, and will be part of your class participation grade.
- Grades will typically be scored on a scale of: 90-100 = A; 80-89 = B; 70-79 = C; < 70 = F. However, the instructor may use a grading curve, which will only improve (never reduce) students’ scores. This curve will apply to the final grades only, however the instructor will explain how the curve might apply to individual exams.
- Provisions for missed exams may be made for extraordinary situations, on a case by case basis, at the instructor’s sole discretion. Students who may miss an exam should make every effort to inform the instructor prior to the exam.

Attendance

Regular class attendance is expected, and poor attendance may reduce a student’s class participation grade. Students are responsible for material missed due to absence and it is their responsibility to consult with the instructor on such matters. The student is responsible for formal withdrawal from the course should such action be required. However, if the student has missed more than six (6) hours of class before the official withdrawal date, has not given the instructor written notice of their intention to complete the course requirements, and does not attend class and take examinations after the withdrawal date, the student will be dropped from the class and receive a W.

Academic Honesty

Cheating in any form will not be tolerated. Any student discovered cheating on an examination will be dropped from the course and receive an F, and if deemed necessary, the matter will be forwarded through the channels prescribed in the SGT Student Handbook.
Course Descriptions

Introduction to Financial Accounting
It provides students with basic introduction to accounting, what business is, how it operates, role of accounting plays, the accounting equation, and methods of recording transactions.

Weeks 1 & 2

Fixed Assets & Accounting Cycle
It provides students with the basic of investments in fixed assets, accounting for depreciation & intangible assets, updating accounting records, preparing financial statements, and procedures applicable to manual & computerized environments.

Weeks 3 & 4

Assets & Accounting Systems
There is an extensive discussion of the nature of accounting principles and concepts for merchandising businesses, cost of merchandising in inventory, cost of merchandising sold, accounting controls to provide reasonable assurance.....

Weeks 6 & 7

Current Liabilities
Through examples, students learn the types of liabilities such as accounts payable, payroll, payroll taxes, employee benefits, short-term notes, unearned revenue, and contingencies.

Week 9

Business Organizations
There is a simple, intuitive exposition of the proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, and corporation. It also discuss on specialized accounting reports, and decision making on investments in stocks & bonds.

Weeks 10, 11 & 12

Statement of Cash Flows
There are a full treatment of the events causing a change in cash by presenting the preparation and use of the statement of cash flows.

Weeks 13 & 14

Financial Statement Analysis
This covers the common financial data that can be analyzed to assist in decision making.

Week 15
Intro to Financial Accounting

**Topic Summary**

It provides students with basic introduction to accounting, what business is, how it operates, role of accounting plays, the accounting equation, and methods of recording transactions.

Weeks 1 & 2

**Topic 1:**
1. Nature of Business & Accounting
2. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)
3. The Accounting Equation
4. Business Transactions & the Accounting Equation
5. Financial Statements

**Homework**
- Chapter 1—Problems Series A / B (pp.38-44)
- Chapter 2—Problems Series A / B (pp.91-99)

**Topic 2:**
1. Using Accounts to Record Transactions
2. Double-Entry Accounting System
3. Posting Journal Entries to Accounts
4. Trial Balance
5. Discovery & Correction of Errors

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Fixed Assets & Accounting Cycle

Topic Summary
It provides students with the basic of investments in fixed assets, accounting for depreciation and intangible assets, updating accounting records, preparing financial statements, and procedures applicable to both manual and computerized environments.

Weeks 3 & 4

Topic 3:
1. Nature of Fixed Assets
2. Accounting for Depreciation
3. Disposal of Fixed Assets
4. Natural Resources
5. Intangible Assets

Topic 4:
1. Nature of Adjusting Process
2. Recording Adjusting Entries

Topic 5:
1. Flow of Accounting Information
2. Financial Statements
3. Closing Entries
4. Accounting Cycle
5. Fiscal Year

Topic 6:
1. Basic Accounting Systems
2. Manual Accounting Systems
3. Computerized Accounting Systems

Homework
- Chapter 10—Problems Series A / B (pp.471-476)
- Chapter 3—Problems Series A / B (pp.133-140)
- Chapter 4—Problems Series A / B (pp.188-200)
- Chapter 5—Problems Series A / B (pp.238-246)

Test Quiz preparation (Week 5)

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Assets & Accounting Systems

**Topic Summary**

There is an extensive discussion of the nature of accounting principles and concepts for merchandising businesses, cost of merchandising in inventory, cost of merchandising sold, accounting controls to provide reasonable assurance that financial statements are reliable, and receivables.

Weeks 6 & 7

**Topic 7:**
1. Nature of Merchandising Businesses
2. Merchandising Transactions
3. The Adjusting & Closing Process
4. Financial Analysis & Interpretation

**Topic 8:**
1. Control of Inventory
2. Inventory Costing Methods
3. Reporting Merchandising Inventory
4. Estimating Inventory Cost

**Topic 9:**
1. Internal Control
2. Cash Control over Receipts & Payments
3. Bank Accounts & Bank Reconciliation
4. Cash Funds & Reporting of Cash

**Topic 10:**
1. Classification of Receivables
2. Uncollectible Receivables
3. Direct Write-Off & Allowance Methods
4. Reporting Receivables

**Homework**

- Chapter 6—Problems Series A / B (pp.296-304)
- Chapter 7—Problems Series A / B (pp.339-344)
- Chapter 8—Problems Series A / B (pp.382-388)
- Chapter 9—Problems Series A / B (pp.425-431)

**Midterm Exam preparation (Week 8)**

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Current Liabilities

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Week 9

Topic 11:
1. Current Liabilities
2. Payroll, Payroll Taxes, & Employees’ Fringe Benefits
3. Contingent Liabilities

• Homework
  • Chapter 11— Problems Series A / B (pp.513-520)

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Weeks 10, 11 & 12

Topic 12:
1. Proprietorships, Partnerships, & Limited Liability Companies
2. Forming & Dividing Income of a Partnership
3. Partner Admission & Withdrawal
4. Liquidating Partnerships
5. Statement of Partnership Equity

Topic 13:
1. Nature of Corporation
2. Stockholders’ Equity
3. Paid-in Capital from Issuing Stock
4. Accounting for Dividends
5. Treasury Stock Transactions
6. Reporting Stockholders’ Equity
7. Stock Splits

Topic 14:
1. Income Taxes, Unusual Income Items, and Investments

Topic 15:
1. Bonds Payable, and Investments on Bonds

Homework
• Chapter 12— Problems Series A / B (pp.558-563)
• Chapter 13— Problems Series A / B (pp.599-603)
• Chapter 14— Problems Series A / B (pp.641-645)
• Chapter 15— Problems Series A / B (pp.681-686)

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Statement of Cash Flows

Topic Summary
There are a full treatment of the events causing a change in cash by presenting the preparation and use of the statement of cash flows.

Weeks 13 & 14

Topic 16:
1. Reporting Cash Flows
2. Statement of Cash Flows—The Indirect Method

Homework
Chapter 16—Problems Series A / B (pp.729-737)

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Financial Statement Analysis

Topic Summary
This covers the common financial data that can be analyzed to assist in decision making.

Week 15

Topic 17:
1. Basic Analytical Procedures
2. Solvency Analysis
3. Profitability Analysis
4. Analytical Measures
5. Corporate Annual Reports

- Homework
  - Chapter 17—Problems Series A / B (pp.782-789)

- Review
  - Final Exam preparation (Week 16)

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