

ACCOUNTING 252

Financial Accounting

Spring 2008

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Materials:

Purchases Required:	Financial Accounting (4 th edition), Kimmel, Weygandt, and Kieso
Other Resources:	Free tutoring and access to the answer book (with completed homework in hand) in the Accounting Tutorial Lab in Guthrie 305A. Hours TBA.

Prerequisite: Acct 251 or equivalent

Course Objective: To introduce students to the basic concepts of financial accounting. Financial accounting statements are prepared mainly for investors, creditors and other interested external users. The main emphasis of this course will be on teaching the student to use accounting information. The course will provide enough knowledge of accounting to enable a person to use financial statements to assess a company's financial strengths and weaknesses.

At the end of the course students should be able to

1. list the purpose of the four required financial statements
2. create a balance sheet, income statement and retained earnings statement .
3. define assets, liabilities, stockholders' equity, revenues and expenses
4. state the accounting equation and illustrate how changes affect it
5. explain the difference between cash and accrual bases of accounting
6. prepare basic journal entries
7. prepare adjusting entries
8. compute and analyze basic ratios

Attendance: You can adequately learn the course content only if you attend class. Material on tests will emphasis items discussed in class and/or covered on quizzes and homework. You are responsible for all material covered in class, handouts, and all announcements made in your absence. The instructor will not automatically drop anyone attending at least one class prior to the drop date.

Study: The nature of the material covered requires that you study before each class session. Studying the material thoroughly by rereading, taking notes, and working through computations is essential. It is important to relate illustrations to the written material in your book. You should remember that your grade will be based upon your ability to DO accounting rather than on your ability to follow along as someone else does it.

Evaluation:	
Regular exams (3 @ 100)	300
Final	150
Homework/Quizzes/In-class work	150
Points Possible	600

Grades are guaranteed according to the following scale:

A: 90% and above, B: 80-89%, C: 70-79%, D: 60-69%, F: below 60%

A grade of “C” or better must be earned to qualify as satisfactory performance on an S/U option for undergraduates. Graduate students must earn a grade of “B” or better to qualify as satisfactory performance under an S/U option.

Exams: There will be three regular exams and a final. The exams will be based upon text material, homework assignments and class discussion and will consist of multiple choice questions, matching and problems. The final will be comprehensive. For regular excused absences, the student has the option of taking the exam early (however not more than two weekdays prior to the exam day) or allowing the final exam to be worth 250 possible points. An absence can only be considered excused if it meets university guidelines and the student has informed the instructor of his/her absence prior to the exam. For students who are participating in university activities, a letter from the sponsoring department must be provided a week prior to the activity. These students will have the additional option of taking a makeup exam during finals week at an agreed upon time.

Homework: Homework will be assigned and graded. **NO LATE HOMEWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.** If you must be gone for a particular class meeting, arrange to have someone else bring your homework or hand it in early. The homework will be picked up on a random basis and graded upon effort. A solutions manual will be available in the accounting lab for you to check your answers prior to class time. Other assignments may be included in this category as determined by the instructor.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be administered and will cover the main material discussed in the chapter. **In general, make-up quizzes will only be given to students participating in university sponsored activities.** Then the rules listed under the subtitle “Exams” will be followed.

In Class Group Assignments: A number of problems, exercises, cases, etc. will be assigned to be completed on a group basis. These will be done during the class period **No make-up group assignments will be given.**

Calculators: Calculators will be provided by the department for test taking purposes. You will not be allowed to use your own calculator when taking tests.

Dishonesty: Cheating on exams or other serious forms of academic dishonesty will result in a grade of “F” (and a required report to university officials). Anyone taking a copy of a test out of the classroom without permission is subject to a grade of “0” on that exam.

Incomplete ("I" grade): You should be aware of the Incomplete Grade policy. The grade of "I" will only be assigned according to the guidelines in the 2006 Undergraduate Catalog.

Academic Appeals Rules: Details of the rules appear in the 2006 catalog. A student must initiate the academic appeals process by submitting a written appeal to the faculty member within 30 days of the start of the term following the term in which the grievance occurred

Students With Disabilities: If you have or believe you have a disability and would benefit from any accommodations, you may wish to self-identify by contacting the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Office located in Garcia Annex (phone: 646-6840). If you have already registered, please make sure that your instructor receives a copy of the accommodation memorandum from SSD within the first two weeks of classes. It is your responsibility to inform either your instructor or SSD representative in a timely manner if services/accommodations provided are not meeting your needs.

Reminders: The last day to drop a course with a “W” is March 10. The last day to withdraw from the University is April 18.

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Tentative Assignment Schedule

DAY	DATE	READING	TOPIC	SUGGESTED PROBLEMS
W	01/16		Introduction	
F	01/18	CH 1	Intro to Fin Stmts	E1-3, E1-4, E1-6, E1-10, E1-11, E1-8, E1-14, BYP 1-2
M	01/21		MLK HOLIDAY	
W	01/23		Intro to Fin Stmts	
F	01/25		Intro to Fin Stmts	
M	01/28	CH 2	Further Look at Fin Stmts	BE2-3, BE2-4, BE 2-5, E2-1, E2-3, E2-4, P2-6A, BYP 2-1, BYP 2-2
W	01/30		Further Look at Fin Stmts	
F	02/01		Further Look at Fin Stmts	
M	02/04	CH 3	Acct Info Systems	E3-1, E3-3, E3-4, E3-5, E3-7, P3-1A, E3-8, E3-9, E3-11, P3-2A, P3-4A
W	02/06		Acct Info Systems	
F	02/08		Acct Info Systems	
M	02/11		TEST I	
W	02/13	CH 4	Accrual Acct Concepts	E4-2, E4-5, E4-9, E4-10, E4-15, E4-16, P4-3A, BYP 4-1
F	02/15		Accrual Acct Concepts	
M	02/18		Accrual Acct Concepts	
W	02/20		Accrual Acct Concepts	
F	02/22	CH 5	Merchandising	E5-2, E5-3, E5-4, E5-8, E5-10, P5-6A
M	02/25		Merchandising	
W	02/27		Merchandising	
F	02/29	CH 6	Inventory	E6-2, E6-4, E6-6, E6-7, E6-8, P6-2A
M	03/03		Inventory	
W	03/05		Inventory	
F	03/07		TEST II	
M	03/10	CH 7	Internal Control and Cash	E7-2, E7-3, E7-7, E7-8
W	03/12		Internal Control and Cash	
F	03/14		Internal Control and Cash	
M	03/17	CH 8	Receivables	E8-1, E8-6, BYP 8-9, E8-8, P8-2A, P8-3A
W	03/19		Receivables	
F	03/21		Receivables	
M	03/24		Spring break	
W	03/26		Spring break	
F	03/28		Spring break	
M	03/31	CH 9	Long-Lived Assets	E9-1, E9-2, E9-3, E9-4, P9-1A, E9-6, P9-4A, P9-6A, BYP 9-1
W	04/02		Long-Lived Assets	
F	04/04		Long-Lived Assets	
M	04/07		Spring holiday	
W	04/09	CH 10	Liabilities	E10-1, E10-6, E10-9, E10-11, E10-15, P10-1A
F	04/11		Liabilities	
M	04/14		Liabilities	
W	04/16		TEST III	
F	04/18	CH 11	Stockholders' Equity	E11-1, E11-5, E11-6, E11-4, E11-10, P11-4A
M	04/21		Stockholders' Equity	
W	04/23		Stockholders' Equity	
F	04/25	CH 12	Statement of Cash Flows	E12-1, E12-2, BYP12-1 (a-c, e-g)
M	04/28		Statement of Cash Flows	
W	04/30	CH 13	Financial Analysis	E13-1, E13-5
F	05/02		Financial Analysis	
			FINAL EXAM	Time & Location TBA