

Accounting 456
Fall Semester 2007
Accounting for Nonprofit Organizations

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TEXTBOOKS:

Required—Wilson, Kattelus and Reck. *Accounting for Governmental and Nonprofit Entities* (14th ed.) Irwin McGraw Hill

PREREQUISITE:

Accounting 301 or consent of instructor.

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

Accounting 456 contains a thorough study of the conceptual structure, technical terminology, and financial information gathering principles underlying local government and nonprofit financial statements. The course provides the essential foundation for understanding (1) the common types of financial transactions for public entities, (2) how the financial data from these transactions are recorded in a "double-entry" configured accounting system, and (3) how the data are incorporated into the general purpose financial statements. The financial reports produced from such accounting systems are important instruments of accountability to elected officials, the public, boards of directors, executive officers, middle-level managers, donors, bank loan officers, and the media.

MAJOR LEARNING OBJECTIVES: (1) Explain the objectives of governmental and nonprofit accounting and financial reporting, (2) Describe the specific types of funds of each fund category and the financial statements required for each, (3) Understand the content of the government-wide financial statements (4) Understand the timing of recognition and the classification of revenues and expenses of not-for-profit organizations.

QUIZZES, HOMEWORK, AND EXAMINATIONS:

- Four class quizzes will be given at appropriate intervals. Your lowest quiz grade, or one missed, will be dropped in averaging. No make-ups will be allowed for quizzes. The quizzes will be based on the reading material.
- Suggested problems are listed in the schedule at the end of the syllabus. Homework will be assigned and collected. Late homework will not be accepted.
- There will be two in-class exams at 100 points each and a comprehensive final at 150 points. Approximately 100 points of the final examination will be comprehensive. **No makeup exams will be given. If you miss an exam and PRIOR TO the exam the instructor approves your absence, you will receive a grade of 0 for the missed exam and must take a comprehensive final that will count as 250 points. If you have not contacted the instructor prior to the exam, you will receive a grade of 0 and will not be able to make-**

up the points. If you are participating in a university-sponsored activity and must miss an exam or other work, notify the instructor prior to the event to make alternate arrangements.

COURSE GRADE:

Your course grade will be determined approximately as follows:

Midterm exams (2@100 points each)	200
Comprehensive final exam	150
Quizzes / homework	<u>140</u>
Total	490

Your Course Grade will be based upon the percentage of the available points earned where A = 90-100%, etc. The instructor reserves the right to lower the above grading scale.

If you are an undergraduate taking this course on the S-U grading basis, an S will be recorded for anyone earning an A, B, or C letter grade. Incomplete (I) grades will only be given under extenuating circumstances and in accordance with university regulations. The regulations state "... the grade of I is given for passable work that could not be completed due to circumstances beyond the student's control ... that developed after the last day to withdraw from the course ... In no case is an I grade to be used to avoid the assigning of D, F, U, or RR grades for marginal or failing work.

POLICY ON CALCULATORS:

You may use a simple 10-key calculator provided that you use it alone. There is to be no joint use of calculators. Calculators cannot have a programmable, text-display capability.

CENTER FOR LEARNING ASSISTANCE:

The Center for Learning Assistance in Hardman Hall offers individual counseling and numerous programs to help you succeed in your courses. Sessions on such topics as "test anxiety" and increasing reading speed are offered frequently.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:

If you have, or believe you have, a disability and would benefit from any accommodation(s), you may wish to self-identify by contacting the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Office located at Garcia Annex (phone: 646-6840; TTY: 646-1918) to register. 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 will be your responsibility to inform either your instructor or SSD representative (in a timely manner) if the services or accommodations provided are not meeting your needs. If you have a condition that may affect your ability to exit safely from the premises in an emergency or that may cause an emergency during class, you are encouraged to discuss any concerns with the Instructor or the SSD Coordinator. Feel free to call Ms. Elva G. Telles, EEO/ADA & Employee Relations Director, at 646-3635 with any questions about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. All medical information will be treated confidentially.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CPA Exam and 150-hour requirement – New Mexico law requires applicants for the CPA Examination to have at least 150 semester hours of education. Texas and most other states also have the 150-hour rule, but the nature of these 150 hours can vary significantly from state to state. For example, in New Mexico, only 30 total hours of accounting are required to sit for the CPA exam, and 3 of these hours can be in business law. In Texas, 30 UPPER DIVISION accounting hours, plus an approved accounting ethics class, are required to sit for the exam. Including sophomore-level accounting courses, this totals 39 hours of Accounting. (NMSU will provide a Texas-approved accounting ethics class beginning in Fall 2005.) *To find the requirements for a particular state*, see the following AICPA website, which links to the various state boards of accountancy:

<http://www.aicpa.org/yellow/ypsboa.htm>

Many who plan to sit for the CPA Exam choose to remain in school for a Master of Accountancy degree. If you are thinking about a career in public accounting, you may wish to consider this program as the most beneficial way to enhance your background and credentials before accepting a career position. In addition, the MAcc degree should allow you to meet the CPA certification requirements in most, if not all, states. If you are interested in entering the MAcc program at NMSU, please contact the director, Dr. Cindy Seipel (cseipel@nmsu.edu , Room BC 333, 646-5206) for more information. You should keep in mind, however, that professional certifications other than the CPA are available and may be more appropriate for your career objectives.

**ACCT 456
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Tentative Schedule**

Day	Date	Chapter	
M	08/27	Introduction	
W	08/29	Chapter 1 Financial Reporting for Governmental and Not-for-Profit Entities	E1-2;E1-3
M	09/03	Labor Day Holiday	
W	09/05	Chapter 2 Principles of Accounting and Financial Reporting for State and Local Governments	E2-2;E2-3;E2-4
M	09/10	Chapter 2 Principles of Accounting and Financial Reporting for State and Local Governments	E2-5;E2-6
W	09/12	Chapter 3 Governmental Operating Statement Accounts; Budgetary Accounting	E3-2;E3-3
M	09/17	Chapter 3 Governmental Operating Statement Accounts; Budgetary Accounting	E3-4;E3-5;
W	09/19	Chapter 3 Governmental Operating Statement Accounts; Budgetary Accounting	E3-7;E3-8
M	09/24	Chapter 4 Accounting for Governmental Operating Activities-- Illustrative Transactions and Financial Statements	E4-2;E4-3
W	09/26	Chapter 4 Accounting for Governmental Operating Activities-- Illustrative Transactions and Financial Statements	E4-4;E4-5
M	10/01	Chapter 4 Accounting for Governmental Operating Activities-- Illustrative Transactions and Financial Statements	E4-7A;E4-7B
W	10/03	EXAM 1 (CHAPTERS 1-4)	
M	10/08	REVIEW EXAM 1	
W	10/10	Chapter 5 Accounting for General Capital Assets and Capital Projects	E5-2;E5-3
M	10/15	Chapter 5 Accounting for General Capital Assets and Capital Projects	E5-5
TU	10/16	Last day to drop with "W"	
W	10/17	Chapter 5 Accounting for General Capital Assets and Capital Projects	E5-7
M	10/22	Chapter 6 Accounting for General Long-Term Liabilities and Debt Service	E6-2;E6-3
W	10/24	Chapter 6 Accounting for General Long-Term Liabilities and Debt Service	E6-5;E6-7
M	10/29	Chapter 7 Accounting for the Business-Type Activities of State and Local Governments	E7-2;E7-3
W	10/31	Chapter 7 Accounting for the Business-Type Activities of State and Local Governments	E7-7

M	11/05	Chapter 7 Accounting for the Business-Type Activities of State and Local Governments	E7-8
W	11/07	Chapter 9 Financial Reporting of State and Local Governments	E9-2;E9-3
M	11/12	Chapter 9 Financial Reporting of State and Local Governments	E9-4
W	11/14	EXAM 2 (CHAPTERS 5-9)	
M	11/19	Thanksgiving Holiday	
W	11/21	Thanksgiving Holiday	
M	11/26	REVIEW EXAM 2	
W	11/28	Chapter 14 Accounting for Not-for-Profit Organizations	E14-1;E14-7
M	12/03	Chapter 14 Accounting for Not-for-Profit Organizations	E14-4
W	12/05	Chapter 14 Accounting for Not-for-Profit Organizations	E14-5
Tu	12/11	Final -- 3:30-5:30	