ACCOUNTING 551  
Advanced Auditing: Theory and Practice  
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MATERIALS:  
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Required -- Knapp Contemporary Auditing Issues and Cases (9th ed)  
Required – Rittenberg (RITT) Auditing (8th ed) – Chapter 8. You have this book if you took undergraduate Auditing Fall 2009 to present, if not you can borrow a copy from a friend or you can buy the one chapter in an electronic format from the publishers website for around $10.  
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Additional--AICPA Professional Standards and PCAOB Standards are available to those in the class on the web. The link will be provided during the first class period.

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