

## **Financial Accounting Foundations: Course Outline**

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduction to basic accounting theory and procedures; Balance Sheet, and each of its parts, assets, liabilities, owner's equity; Income Statement; Statement of Owners Equity; and the Statement of Changes in Financial Position and Accounting System. The emphasis in this first course is on procedure, but knowledge of the ruling principles will also be a requirement.

### REQUIRED TEXT AND MATERIALS

Gary A. Porter, Curtis L. Norton  
Financial Accounting – The Impact on Decision Makers  
5th Edition ©2007  
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### TEACHING STRATEGY

We will cover the material in the course with lectures, discussions, classroom work, case analyses and out of class assignments. In class I will focus on conceptual and numerical issues, and I expect you to pick up the descriptive material from your readings. Reading the chapters ahead of class will help you to ask good questions, and make it easier for you to work on the problems and participate in class discussions. I will assign out of class work at each session. If you are absent, please contact me or a classmate for the next session(s) assignments. Homework is critical to understanding accounting and as such it carries a large component of the grading.

### GRADING

Homework	20%
Midterm Exam	40%
Final Exam	40%

### CURRENT EVENTS

We will spend time each class going over current events that relate to accounting issues and shareholder valuation. You are encouraged to bring in articles to share with the class. You can find articles on a daily basis on the Internet and Wall Street Journal.

### BA 300A - COURSE SCHEDULE (Tentative)

<u>Session</u>	<u>Topic/Assignment</u>
1 (8/27)	Course introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Administration and overview of course</i></li></ul>
2 (9/3)	Accounting as a Form of Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Read Introduction and Chapter 1</i></li></ul>

- 3 (9/10) Accounting as a Form of Communication
- *Homework assignment*
    - *Exercise 1-2, 1-6, 1,8*
    - *Problem 1-5, 1-7, 1-8*
    - *Alternate Problem 1-5*
- 4 (9/17) Financial Statements and the Annual Report
- *Read - Chapter 2*
  - *Homework assignment*
    - *Problem 2-3*
    - *Problem 2-6*
    - *Problem 2-7*
- 5 (9/24) Processing Accounting Information
- *Read Chapter 3*
  - *Homework assignment*
    - *Problem 3-1*
    - *Problem 3-2*
    - *Problem 3-3*
    - *Problem 3-4*
- 6 (10/1) Processing Accounting Information
- *Chapter 3*
  - *Homework assignment*
    - *Problem 3-1*
    - *Problem 3-2*
    - *Problem 3-3*
    - *Problem 3-4*
    - *Problem 3-7A*
    - *Problem 3-8A*
- 7 (10/8) Accrual Accounting and Adjusting Entries
- *Read Chapter 4*
  - *Homework assignment*
    - *Problem 4-1*
    - *Problem 4-3*
- 8 (10/15) Accrual Accounting and Adjusting Entries
- *Chapter 4 - Trial Balance*
  - *Homework assignment*
    - *Problem 4-6*
    - *Problem 4-9*
  - *Midterm Review*
- 9 (10/22) Midterm Exam (*covers chapter 1 through 4*)
- 10 (10/29) Inventories and Cost of Goods Sold
- *Read Chapter 5*
  - *Homework assignment*
    - *Exercise 5-2, 5-5, 5-6, 5-11*
    - *Problem 5-1*
- 11 (11/5) Cash and Internal Control
- *Group case study: HBSC – Accounting at MacCloud Winery (all questions except 2 & 6)*
  - *Read Chapter 6*

- *Homework assignment*
    - *Exercise 6-1, 6-3*
    - *Problem 6-2*
- 12 (11/12) Investments and Receivables
  - *Read - Chapter 7*
  - *Homework assignment*
    - *Exercise 7-1, 7-4*
    - *Problem 7-1, 7-2*
- 13 (11/19) Operating Assets: Property, Plant and Equipment
  - *Read Chapter 8*
  - *Homework assignment*
    - *Exercise 8-2, 8-3, 8-4*
- 14 (12/3) Stockholders Equity
  - *Read Chapter 11*
  - *Homework assignment*
    - *Exercise 11-2, 11-3, 11-4 & 11-5*
- 15 (12/10) Final Review
- 16 (12/17) Final Exam (*Covers Chapters 5, 6, 7, 8 & 11*)