

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLIOIS AT CHICAGO
 College of Business Administration * Department of Accounting
 Course Syllabus
 Fall Semester 2007

Accounting 465 Government and Nonprofit Accounting

Important notice: Graduate students normally should take Accounting 565, and may take this course only if they have schedule conflicts and will soon graduate.

Credit Hours : 3 hours for undergraduate students; 4 hours for graduate students.

Class time : Tu Th 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Classroom:** Lincoln Hall 220

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Catalog course description: Financial transaction analysis and recording system; budget preparation and control; concepts and principles underlying the financial reports of governmental and nonprofit organizations. Prerequisite: Accounting 316.

Course Materials on the Blackboard: Draft chapters from the instructor's textbook manuscript *Government and Nonprofit Accounting: Concepts, Standards and Analysis* will be posted on the Blackboard for your exclusive use in the course, and should not be distributed further:

Course Document	Draft chapters and related materials
Course Information	Homework answers, test answers
Assignments	Study Guides with reading and written assignments
Announcements	What you need to know on a timely basis

Grade determination: A = excellent, B = good, C = average, D = poor, F = fail. The W (withdrawal) grade is not given for unsatisfactory performance after the drop deadline has passed. Students are expected to observe the drop deadline. Other University and Department of Accounting policies, including academic honesty, are incorporated into this course syllabus by reference. Your course grade will be determined as follows:

Evaluation Criteria	Undergraduate Points	Graduate Points
Three tests (each 1 hour)	300	300
Final exam (2 hours, partly cumulative)	200	200
Written homework collections	100	100
1 Case analysis, 2 short essays		100
Total points	600	700

Instructor: James L. Chan, Professor of Accounting, has served as the Ernst & Young Professor, head of the Department of Accounting and director of the Office (now Center) for Governmental Accounting Research and Education at UIC. He is also Professor by Special Appointment at the Graduate School of the Research Institute of Fiscal Science (Beijing), and has been Consulting Professor at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics and at Xiamen University in China. He has also held visiting professorships at the University of Chicago, Tsinghua University (China) and Bocconi University (Italy). He founded and edited nine volumes of *Research in Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting*, and has written 75 articles, book chapters and research reports on government accounting and budgeting issues. He has also consulted with international organizations, the Chinese government, and the Federal Government, and several state and local governments in the United States. Chan received his Ph.D. (1975), MAS (1973) and BS (1971) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and has been on the UIC faculty since 1981.

Accounting 465 Assignments for Fall Semester, 2007

No.	Date	Topic/Activity	Guide
1	August 28 Tu	Course objectives, contents, policy and procedure. Ch. 1 "Stakeholder Theory of Accounting" – a theoretical framework for govt. and nonprofit accounting	1
Nonprofit Accounting and Financial Reporting			
2	August 30 Th	Ch. 2 "Business Financial Accounting" -- underlying assumptions and general principles; applicability to govt. and nonprofit organizations, and limitations	2
3	September 4 Tu		
4	September 6 Th	Ch. 3 "Accounting for Contributions to/by Nonprofit Organizations" – non-reciprocal exchanges, promise to give as basis of recognizing pledges, donor restrictions	3
5	September 11 Tu		
6	September 13 Th	Ch. 4 "Nonprofit Organizations' Financial Reporting" – consolidated financial statements on the accrual basis	4
7	September 18 Tu		
Federal Government Accounting and Financial Reporting			
8	September 20 Th	Ch. 6 "American Govt. Accounting: Evolution and Principles" – introductory overview	5
9	September 25 Tu	Test 1 (Chapters 1-4, $\frac{3}{4}$ on nonprofit accounting)	
10	September 27 Th	Ch. 7 "Federal Government-wide Financial Reporting and Analysis" – consolidated financial statements on the accrual basis, stewardship assets and responsibilities	6
11	October 2 Tu		
12	October 4 Th	Ch. 8 "Federal Government-wide Accounting" – impact of recognition criteria on financial position and performance	7
13	October 9 Tu	Ch. 9 "Federal Accounting in Comparison with Federal Budgeting" – different and complementary perspectives	8
14	October 11 Th	Ch. 10 "Federal Agency Financial Statements and Budgetary Accounting" -- budgetary control	9
15	October 16 Tu	Test 2 (Chapters 6-10)	
State and Local Government Accounting and Financial Reporting			
16	October 18 Th	Ch. 11 "Govt.-wide Financial Statements and Accounting" – two major types of activities, component units	10
17	October 23 Tu		
18	October 25 Th	Ch. 12 "Fund Classification and Inter-fund Transactions"	11
19	October 30 Tu	Ch. 13 "CAFR and Government-wide Financial Analysis" – bringing together the whole and the parts of government	12
20	November 1 Th		
21	November 6 Tu	Test 3 (Chapters 11-13)	
22	November 8 Th	Ch. 14 "Governmental Activities and Operating Funds (I) – budget estimates, budgetary basis, operating debts	13
23	November 13 Tu		
24	November 15 Th	Ch. 15 "Governmental Activities and Operating Funds (II) – revenue recognition, budget to actual comparison	14
25	November 20 Tu	Ch. 16 "Governmental Activities, Capital Project and Debt Service Funds" – financing and managing capital projects, fixed assets and capital debts	15
26	(No class 11/22) November 27 Tu		
27	November 29 Th	Ch. 18 "Fiduciary Activities and Funds" – emphasis on financial time-bombs: pensions and OPEB	16
28	December 4 Tu		
29	December 6 Th	Ch. 19 "Accounting from Different Perspectives" – reconciliation of alternative bases of accounting	17
Final Examination (Chapters 14,15,16,18,19, and general questions)			