

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

Accounting 565 Government and Nonprofit Accounting [for MSA students only]

Credit Hours : 4 hours

Class time: Tu 6-9 p.m. **Classroom:** Burnham Hall B10

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Catalog course description: Financial accounting principles applicable to governmental and nonprofit organizations. Transaction and events are analyzed, leading to the preparation and analysis of financial statements. **Prerequisite:** Accounting 503 or equivalent.

Course Materials on the Blackboard: Draft chapters from the instructor's textbook manuscript *Government and Nonprofit Accounting: Concepts, Standards and Analysis* will be available for your exclusive use in the course. Please do not distribute further. Course materials are organized in the following folders on the Blackboard:

Course Document	Draft chapters and related materials
Course Information	Homework answers, test answers
Assignments	Weekly 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	Points
Mid-term exam	100
Final exam	100
Written homework, including short papers	100
Total points	300

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), 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 over fifty articles and book chapters on government accounting and budgeting issues. He has also consulted with international organizations, the Chinese government, and the Federal Government, 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 565 Assignments for Spring Semester, 2007 (Corrected)

Week	Date (Session)	Topic/Activity
1st	January 16 (A)	Course objectives, contents, policy and procedure. Ch. 1 “Stakeholder Theory of Accounting” – a theoretical framework for govt. and nonprofit accounting
Nonprofit Accounting and Financial Reporting		
1st	January 16 (B)	Ch. 2 “Business Financial Accounting” -- underlying assumptions and general principles; applicability to govt. and nonprofit organizations, and limitations.
2nd	January 23 (A)	
2nd	January 23 (B)	Ch. 3 “Accounting for Contributions to/by Nonprofit Organizations” – non-reciprocal exchanges, promise to give as basis of recognizing pledges
3rd	January 30 (A)	
3rd	January 30 (B)	Ch. 4 “Nonprofit Organizations’ Financial Reporting” – org.-wide financial statements, donor-imposed restrictions
4th	February 6 (A)	Ch. 4 “Nonprofit Organizations’ Financial Reporting – financial statement analysis, viability and flexibility
Federal Government Accounting and Financial Reporting		
4th	February 6 (B)	Ch. 6 “American Govt. Accounting: Evolution and Principles” – introductory overview
5th	February 13 (A)	Ch. 7 “Federal Government-wide Financial Reporting and Analysis” – value of accrual accounting and consolidated reporting, stewardship assets and responsibilities
5th	February 13 (B)	Ch. 8 “Federal Government-wide Accounting” – impact of recognition criteria on financial position and performance
6th	February 20 (A)	Ch. 9 “Federal Budgeting in Comparison with Federal Accounting” – different and complementary perspectives
6th	February 20 (B)	Ch. 10 “Federal Agency Financial Statements and Budgetary Accounting” -- budgetary control
7th	February 27	Mid-term Examianition
8th	March 6	Ch. 11 “Govt.-wide Financial Statements and Accounting” – reporting entity, two major types of activities
9th	March 13	Ch. 12 “Fund Classification and Inter-fund Transactions”
10th	March 20	Ch. 13 “CAFR and Government-wide Financial Analysis” – bringing together the whole and the parts of government
Spring Vacation		
No class during the week of March 26		
11th	April 3	Ch. 14 “Governmental Activities and Operating Funds (I) – budget estimates, budgetary basis, operating debts
12th	April 10	Ch. 15 “Governmental Activities and Operating Funds (II) – revenue recognition, budget to GAAP reconciliation
13th	April 17	Ch. 16 “Governmental Activities, Capital Project and Debt Service Funds” – financing and managing capital projects, resulting assets and liabilities
14th	April 24	Ch. 18 “Fiduciary Activities and Funds” – emphasis on financial time-bombs: pensions and OPEB
15th	May 1 Tu	Ch. 19 “Accounting from Different Perspectives” – reconciliation of alternative bases of accounting Conclusion and Review
Final Examination		