

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO
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Accounting 503 – Financial Accounting II
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Prerequisite:

Accounting 500: Introduction to Financial Accounting, and Accounting 502: Financial Accounting I, or the equivalents.

From the Accounting Department Mission Statement:

The accounting department is committed to quality educational programming, research pursuits and community service. We significantly contribute to the College of Business Administration's mission to create new knowledge, new business, new value and new leaders for Chicago and the world beyond. Students admitted to our degree programs must show the potential and demonstrate proficiency in contemporary management skills such as information technology, communication techniques and teamwork. The program will promote a prospective of the global economy and cultural diversification necessary for the knowledge worker of the 21 century.

Course Objectives:

The main objective of this course is to extend the student's understanding of financial reporting to include advanced topics primarily related to sources of capitalization, i.e., long-term liabilities and equities. Topics include leases, contingencies, pensions, income taxes, bonds, contributed capital, retained earnings, share based compensation, and earnings per share. Additional topics include investments, and the statement of cash flows. Emphasis is placed on both accounting concepts and applications. Students should attempt to develop a level of understanding sufficient to apply the concepts of accounting, be able to read and interpret material written at a professional level, and use accounting research tools.

Catalog Description:

Contemporary financial accounting issues, including liabilities, pensions, tax allocation, price level reporting, investments, capital transactions, and financial statement analysis.

Required Text:

Intermediate Accounting, 5th Edition, By Spiceland, Sepe, Nelson, and Tomassini: McGraw Hill, 2009.

ISBN: 0-07-352687-8

Additional materials may be posted on the course blackboard site.

Teaching Method:

I consider learning to be a joint endeavor. It is my job to facilitate learning. It is your job to read the assigned materials and work the assigned exercises and problems before they are discussed in class. This calls for a lot of effort on your part. However, it is the only way you can successfully learn the course material and realistically develop the set of skills needed to become an accountant.

The classes are lecture, discussion, and problem-solving oriented. You are encouraged to ask questions and provide comments as considered appropriate. Every student will be called on in class to discuss assigned material and problems. Some problems may be solved in small groups during class, with one or more groups presenting their answers.

Grading:

Course final grades will be determined based upon the following criteria:

First Exam	30%	120 points.
Second Exam	30%	120 points
Third Exam	25%	100 points
Quizzes	<u>15%</u>	<u>60</u> points
Total	<u>100%</u>	<u>400</u> points.

Final grades will be based on a straight 90, 80, 70, 60, scale for an A, B, C, D, etc. The scale may be lowered if deemed necessary.

Incomplete:

Incompletes will be granted only in documented cases of undue hardship or clearly extraordinary circumstances, and according to university policies.

Quizzes:

Seven quizzes will be administered throughout the semester, with the lowest quiz grade being dropped. Each quiz is worth ten points. There will be no make-up quizzes.

Homework:

Each student is responsible for reading the assigned material and doing all of the assigned problems before class. Homework should be done as assigned but will not be collected. Instead, the quizzes will serve as an indicator of homework progress. Written homework solutions will be available on blackboard shortly after the assignment's due date.

Exams:

Exams will consist of multiple choice questions and problem solving. They are to be taken as scheduled in the course calendar. There will be **no make-up exams**.

Attendance:

Regular class attendance is essential and expected. There is a direct correlation between attendance and success in the course. If you miss a class session due to sickness or emergency, it is your responsibility to obtain the class notes from a classmate. You are responsible for everything covered in all class sessions.

Academic Integrity:

In all courses, you are expected to conduct yourselves in a manner that is consistent with the university standards of academic honesty. Any student who cheats on an assignment or exam will receive a grade of "F" for the course and may also be dismissed from the university.

General:

Every effort will be made to adhere to the information and schedule set forth in this syllabus. Any changes, which are necessitated as the semester progresses, will be announced on a timely basis. Regular attendance will ensure that you are aware of any modification made.

**Accounting 503
COURSE CALENDAR**

#	Date	Day	Activities and Assignments:
1	Aug. 25	T	Course introduction. Ch. 2: Review of Accounting Process. HW: E2-5, 7, 9, 18, 19,20 P2-2, 7, 9, 11
2	Sep. 1	T	Ch. 12: Investments. HW: E12-6, 9, 13, 15, 17 P12-1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 15

3	Sep. 8	T	Ch. 14: Bonds and Long-Term Notes. HW: E14-3, 7, 11, 16, 17, 21, 24, 27 P14-2, 9, 11, 14 C14-3 (pt 1), 5, 6
4	Sep. 15	T	Ch. 15: Leases. HW: E15-2, 7, 11, 15, 21 P15-2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 16 C15-1, 5, 6
5	Sep. 22	T	Exam 1: (Chapters 2, 12, 14, and 15)
6	Sep. 29	T	Ch. 16: Accounting for Income Taxes. HW: E16-2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 14, 17 P16-1, 5, 7, 11
7	Oct. 6	T	Ch. 17: Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits. HW: E17-4, 5, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18 P17-3, 7, 11 C17-1
8	Oct. 13	T	Ch. 18: Shareholders' Equity. HW: E18-3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 19 P18-1, 2, 5, 6, 10 C18-5, 8
9	Oct. 20	T	Ch. 19: Share Based Compensation and Earnings Per Share. HW: E19-1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19 P19-2, 4, 6, 8, 12 C19-3, 5
10	Oct. 27	T	Catch-up and/or review.
11	Nov. 3	T	Exam 2: (Chapters 16 – 19)
12	Nov. 10	T	Ch. 5: Income Measurement and Profitability Analysis. HW: E5-3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 17, 22 P5-4, 9, 11 C5-10
13	Nov. 17	T	Ch. 20: Accounting Changes and Error Corrections. HW: E20-3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 17, 19 P20-1, 3, 4, 8 C20-6, 7
14	Nov. 24	T	Ch. 21: The Statement of Cash Flows Revisited. HW: E21-1, 3, 6, 11, 17, 23, 27, 29 P21-5, 8, 10, 13 C21-4, 7
15	Dec. 1	T	Catch-up and/or review.
16	Dec. 8	T	Third Exam: (Chapters 5, 20, and 21)

Best Wishes