

University of Illinois at Chicago
College of Business Administration
Accounting 502: Financial Accounting I
Fall 2003 Syllabus

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Text: Revsine, Collins, and Johnson. *Financial Reporting & Analysis*, Second Edition, Prentice Hall, Inc.
Revsine, Collins, and Johnson. *Study Guide for Financial Reporting & Analysis*, Second Edition, Prentice Hall, Inc.

Course Description: An intermediate review of accounting theory and practice centered on the formulation, presentation and utilization of financial information as it relates to performance and condition.

Course objectives: To provide an understanding of corporate financial reporting and its relevance to shareholders, managers, creditors and investors. Particular emphasis is given to the interpretation of financial reports as they relate to real world business issues. The aim will be to give students knowledge of the functions, practices, limitations and challenges of financial accounting and provide a foundation for further exploration of accounting issues.

Class preparation: Problems, cases and exercises are an integral part of the learning process. To get the most out of each session, students should first read the text and then complete the assignments prior to each class. Assignments will not be collected.

Examinations: There are two exams, a mid-term and a final. The format will include multiple choice and problem solving. Content will closely mirror class discussions and homework assignments.

Team project: There is one team project that is presented to the class. The aim of the project is to give students the opportunity to apply financial accounting and analysis concepts to a real world situation (see detailed description of project below).

Class participation: Probably the most benefit students will get from this course is learning from the contributions of other students. This is a unique opportunity for an executive to be in a room with other executives from differing disciplines discussing accounting and business issues. Therefore, it is vital for students to participate in class discussions. A portion of a student's grade will be assessed on this basis.

Grading:	Mid-term exam	35%
	Final exam	35%
	Team project	20%
	Class participation	10%

Team project steps:

1. Select a public company and obtain their annual report. This will be your subject company.
2. Select another public company that is a competitor of your subject company for comparison and obtain their annual report as well.
3. Research your subject company from other outside sources (e.g. S&P, Moody's, Value Line, articles).
4. Conduct a financial statement analysis using analytical techniques learned from this class.
5. Assess performance and condition based on your analysis and comparisons with prior years, competitors, and industry averages.
6. Apply both horizontal and vertical analysis techniques (e.g. comparative, trend, common-size).
7. Submit a written report showing your analysis, conclusions and recommendations.
8. Deliver a presentation of your analysis to the class. Presentations should be approximately 15 minutes in length plus 10 minutes for questions. Everyone in the group must present. Assume that you are presenting your analysis to shareholders at an annual shareholder meeting. Students in the audience are expected to take notes and ask critical questions of the group.

#	Date	Session Coverage	Assignments
1	08/27/03	Chapter 1, Chapter 2	P1-7, C1-2, C1-4, E2-4, E2-8, E2-12, P2-3, C2-3
2	09/03/03	Chapter 3, Group formulations	E3-2, E3-4, P3-5, P3-7, C3-2,
3	09/10/03	Chapter 4	E4-1, E4-2, E4-8, P4-3, C4-1
4	09/17/03	Chapter 5	E5-3, E5-6, P5-3, C5-8
5	09/24/03	Chapter 6	P6-15, P6-18, C6-6
6	10/01/03	Chapter 7	E7-2, E7-12, P7-5, C7-3
7	10/08/03	Chapter 8	E8-1, E8-4, E8-9, P8-1, P8-5, P8-16
8	10/15/03	Chapter 9	E9-2, E9-3, E9-7, P9-4, P9-7, C9-1
9	10/22/03	Review	Review of chapters covered
10	10/29/03	Mid-term exam	Chapters covered
11	11/05/03	Chapter 10	E10-1, E10-2, E10-4, E10-11, P10-6, P10-7, P10-15
12	11/12/03	Chapter 11	E11-5, E11-7, E11-8, E11-13, P11-1, P11-14
13	11/19/03	Chapter 12	E12-1, E12-7, P12-2, P12-5, P12-10
14	11/26/03	Group project presentations (groups 1, 2, 3, 4)	Hand in report and make presentations
15	12/03/03	Group project presentations (groups 5, 6, 7, 8)	Hand in report and make presentations
16	12/10/03	Final exam	Cumulative of chapters covered