

University of Illinois at Chicago
ACTG 537 - FRAUD EXAMINATION
COURSE SYLLABUS
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PREREQUISITES

ACTG 502, ACTG 474, or equivalents

TEXTBOOKS & MATERIALS

- 1) W. Steve Albrecht, et al.: *Fraud Examination*, South-Western, Third Edition, 2009. ISBN 0-324-56084-2. (e-Textbook options at ichapters.com)
- 2) Audimation Services, Inc.: *IDEA Workbook*

Software & Hardware: IDEA runs on a PC Windows platform, not a Mac. Student must have or arrange access to an off campus PC because the campus computer labs do not allow for the necessary installation of software. Mac users who want to do this project on their Mac can buy and install two software packages available at the bookstore. The packages are 1) **Parallels**, fusion software that allows you to run PC programs on a Mac, and 2) **Windows**, the PC operating system.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Concepts and skills of fraud investigation and forensic accounting. Course coverage includes an overview of the fraud problem; prevention and detection of fraud and the use of technology to detect fraud; elements of fraud investigation, interview techniques, fraud types: employee, management, investment, vendor and customer schemes; laws governing the prosecution of fraud cases.

UIC HONOR CODE

As a student in the College of Business Administration, you are subject to the following Honor Code:

As an academic community the College of Business Administration at the University of Illinois at Chicago is committed to providing an environment in which teaching, learning, research, and scholarship can flourish and in which all endeavors are guided by academic and professional integrity. All members of the college community – students, faculty, staff, and administrators – share the responsibility of insuring that high standards of integrity are upheld so that such an environment exists.

In pursuit of these high ideas and standards of academic life, as a student I hereby commit myself to respect and uphold the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Business Administration Honor Code during my entire matriculation at UIC. I agree to maintain the highest moral and ethical standards in all academic and business endeavors and to conduct myself honorably as a responsible member of the college academic community. This includes the following:

- Not to seek unfair advantage over other students, including, but not limited to giving or receiving unauthorized aid during completion of academic requirements;
- To represent fact and self truthfully at all times;
- To respect the property and personal rights of all members of the academic community.

Honor Code implications for Accounting 537 include, but are not limited to, the following:

- You may not obtain any assistance during an exam from any person or material.
- All assignments handed in must be your own work. Although you may discuss approaches to doing assignments with other students currently enrolled in the class, you must complete them individually. You may not obtain assistance from anyone not currently enrolled in the course.
- You may question the grading of any assignment, however, any alteration of a graded assignment that is then misrepresented as the original work will be considered a severe honor code violation. As will the claim that an assignment was handed in when it was not.

Sanctions for Honor Code violations range from failure on an assignment, to failure for the course, to expulsion from the university.

HOMEWORK POLICIES

For full credit homework assignments are to be submitted, properly labeled, to their respective links under the Assignments link on the course Blackboard site by midnight (unless otherwise stated) of the due date. Late homework will be given 50% credit for up to a week late. **Exceptions to these policies will be made only upon prior approval by the instructor.** On all assignments spelling errors and gross grammatical mistakes will result in point deductions.

CLASSROOM POLICIES

Attendance

Late arrivals and early departures from class are disruptive and unwelcome. If you come to class late, especially in our computer lab sessions, you will frequently be too far behind to follow the remainder of the class and you will miss announcements, handouts and homework tips. If you are ill or have a family emergency contact me and make arrangements to make up what you missed. Exams in other classes are not an excuse for absences from this course. Exams are scheduled well in advance, so plan ahead.

UIC Email Forwarding

Many times during the semester I will be sending the class email messages. These messages will alert you to any changes in lab or lecture classes, and updates on homework assignments. It is essential that you receive these messages. If you use an email account other than your UIC account, forward your UIC account to your main account. This is easily done over the UIC homepage ACCC email link.

GRADING

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| Participation & Homework | 15% |
| Midterm Exam | 42.5% |
| Final Exam | 42.5% |
| Total | 100% |

| WEEK | DATE | COVERAGE |
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| 1 | Wednesday 1/11 | Lecture: Introduction to Fraud Examination Assignment: Read Albrecht: Ch. 1 & 2 |
| 2 | Wednesday 1/18 | Lecture: Professional Ethics Assignment: Ethics reading & Case 2.9 |
| 3 | Wednesday 1/25 | Lecture: Auditing & Fraud Examination [Lab: Data Analysis for Fraud Detection] Assignment: Auditing reading - Evidence |
| 4 | Wednesday 2/1 | Lecture: Fraud Prevention Lab: Data Analysis for Fraud Detection Assignment: Read Albrecht Ch. 3 & Ch. 6 (pp. 168 – 178) Do Access tutorial, if needed |
| 5 | Wednesday 2/8 | Lecture: Fraud Prevention – Guest Speakers Brad Sargent & Mike Kupchek , The Sargent Consulting Group [Lab: Data Analysis for Fraud Detection] / Intro to IDEA Assignment: Read Albrecht: Ch. 4, IDEA pp. 1-13 and articles Homework – IDEA #1 due 2/15 |
| 6 | Wednesday 2/15 | Lecture: Fraud Prevention Lab: Data Analysis for Fraud Detection Assignment: Read Albrecht: Ch. 5 Homework - IDEA #2 due 2/22 |
| 7 | Wednesday 2/22 | Lab: Data Analysis for Fraud Detection Assignment: Homework - IDEA #3 due 2/29 |
| 8 | Wednesday 2/29 | Lecture: Computer Forensics – Guest Speaker Scott Wrobel , Director in the Dispute Advisory & Forensic Services Group, Stout Risius Ross, Inc. (SRR) Lecture: Fraud Detection Assignment: Read Albrecht: Ch. 6 |
| 9 | Wednesday 3/7 | MIDTERM EXAM |
| 10 | Wednesday 3/14 | Midterm Review Lecture: Management Fraud [Lab: Data Analysis for Fraud Detection] Assignment: Read Albrecht: Ch. 11 Homework - IDEA #4 due 3/28 |
| -- | Wednesday 3/21 | NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK |
| 11 | Wednesday 3/28 | Lecture: Management Fraud Lab: Data Analysis for Fraud Detection Assignment: Read Albrecht: Ch. 12 & 13 Homework – Financial Statement Fraud Project due 4/4 |
| 12 | Wednesday 4/4 | Lecture: Fraud Investigation - Guest Speakers Brad Sargent & Mike Kupchek Assignment: Read Albrecht: Ch. 7 & 8 |
| 13 | Wednesday 4/11 | Lecture: Management Fraud Assignment: |
| 14 | Wednesday 4/18 | Lecture: Fraud Investigation - Guest Speaker Marsha Acevedo from the IRS Criminal Investigations Unit Assignment: Read Albrecht: Ch. 9 & 10 |
| 15 | Wednesday 4/25 | Lecture: Fraud Investigation – Guest Speaker Scott Martyka from PetSmart |
| 16 | Wednesday 5/2 | FINAL EXAM |