The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Department of Accounting

ACCT2200 – Principles of Accounting II

Course Syllabus, Spring 2024

COURSE INFORMATION

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BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to the use of accounting information by managers for decision making, planning, control, and performance evaluation roles. The goal is to provide students with a conceptual framework and the basic tools for identifying and resolving accounting issues faced by managers regardless of their background and specific job-related duties. This course is somewhat of a "how-to" course, introducing several generic management tools, procedures, perspectives, and issues that are basic to the management process. The course should be useful for those who intend to work as management consultants, and in general, for those who will become senior managers.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- *Define and classify* cost accounting concepts used by managers.
- Calculate and analyze costs used by manufacturing organizations using various costing methods.
- *Distinguish* between types of cost behaviors and investigate the relationships between costs, volume, and profit.
- *Understand* how standard costs are determined and variances are investigated.
- *Understand* how management accounting utilizes financial accounting information for the measurement of the performance of individuals and business segments.
- *Effectively use* the understanding of management accounting principles to facilitate the analysis of information that is relevant in decision making.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required Textbook: Whitecotton, Libby, and Phillips. *Managerial Accounting*, 5th Edition, (McGraw-Hill).

Optional Reading: Garrison, Noreen, Brewer, Cheng, and Yuen, *Managerial Accounting*, 2nd Asia Global Edition, 2015 (McGraw-Hill)

Canvas: the Canvas course website contains the critical files for the course, including the lecture notes and the solutions to practice problems. Students are advised to check the course website before every class for updates. The links to all the Zoom meetings of this course can also be found on the Canvas website if any.

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ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed through the assessment activities noted below.

Assignment	15%
Examination 1 (closed book): 1.5 hours	20%
Examination 2 (closed book): 1.5 hours	15%
Examination 3 (closed book, cumulative): 2 hours	50%
Total:	100%

Assignment

Students are required to upload their take-home individual assignment on Canvas by the deadline.

Examination 1 and 2

- Both examinations are closed-book examinations. The detailed instruction will be given before examinations.
- There is no make-up for examination 1 and 2. If you miss examination 1 or examination 2 due to extenuating circumstances, the weight of your examination will be re-assigned to examination 3.

Examination 3

The examination is a closed-book examination. Nevertheless, no collaboration or discussion among students is allowed. The detailed instruction will be given before the examination. It is cumulative. You are allowed to bring two pieces of A4 size cheat sheets (back and forth) for the examination.

SCHEDULE (Subject to Change)

Week	Lecture	Topic	Practice Problems
Week 1	1	Introduction to Managerial Accounting	M1-1, E1-1, 10, 13
(29 Jan – 3 Feb)	2	Introduction to Managerial Accounting	
Week 2	3	Introduction to Managerial Accounting	
(4 Feb – 10 Feb)			
	4	Job Order Costing	E2-12, PB2-3, 5, 8
Week 3	5	Job Order Costing	
(11 Feb – 17 Feb)			
	6	Process Costing	PB3-1, 3
Week 4	7	Activity-Based Costing	E4-15; PA4-4; PB4-
(18 Feb – 24 Feb)		,	1, 2, 3
	8	Activity-Based Costing	
Week 5	9	Cost Behavior	PB5-2, 3, 4
(25 Feb – 2 Mar)			
	10	Examination 1 (Covers Chapters 1-4):	
		8 March, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	
Week 6	11	Cost-Volume-Profit Analysis	PB6-1, 2, 3, 5, 6
(3 Mar – 9 Mar)		•	
,	12	Cost-Volume-Profit Analysis	
Week 7	13	Incremental Analysis for ST Decision	PB7-1, 2, 3, 4, 6
(10 Mar – 16 Mar)		Making	
,	14	Incremental Analysis for ST Decision	
		Making	
Week 8	15	Incremental Analysis for ST Decision	
(17 Mar – 23 Mar)		Making	
	16	Budgetary Planning	PB8-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Week 9	17		
(24 Mar – 30 Mar)		Mid-term Break	
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(28 Mar - 5 Apr)			
Week 10	18	Budgetary Planning	
(7 Apr – 13 Apr)		Examination 2 (Covers Chapters 5-7):	
		13 April, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	
Week 11	19	Standard Costing and Variance Analysis	PB9-1, 2, 4, 5, 7
(14 Apr -20 Apr)			
	20	Standard Costing and Variance Analysis	
Week 12	21	Decentralized Performance Evaluation PB10-1, 2, 3, 4, 5	
(21 Apr - 27 Apr)		(Assignment due on 27 April by 11:59 pm)	PB11-1, 2, 3, 4
1	22	Capital Budgeting	
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Week 13 (28 Apr – 4 May)	23	Revision	

Practice problems are recommended exercises for *self-study* purposes. The solutions to practice problems will be posted on the Canvas course website.