

**The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology  
Department of Accounting**

**ACCT3020 – Financial Accounting II  
Spring 2024  
Course Outline**

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Office hours:	Tuesday 16:30-17:30, <u>LSK Room 6026</u>
Classes:	L1: Tuesday 10:30-11:50 / Thursday 10:30-11:50, <u>LSK Room 2404</u> L2: Tuesday 15:00-16:20 / Thursday 15:00-16:20, <u>LSK Room 2504</u> L3: Tuesday 12:00-13:20 / Thursday 12:00-13:20, <u>LSK Room 2404</u>
Course website:	<a href="https://canvas.ust.hk">https://canvas.ust.hk</a>
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TA office hours:	Please make an appointment with TA before visiting Friday 14:00-16:00, <u>LSK Room 6066</u>

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**Course Objectives**

This course is primarily designed for students who have already taken ACCT3010. In this course, you are expected to master the accounting principles for a wide range of liability and equity transactions, including long-term liabilities and provisions, corporate bonds, equity transactions and dividends, deferred taxation, and pensions and leases.

**Course Learning Outcomes**

At the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Think critically and creatively and make effective decisions supported by analytical and quantitative techniques.
- Have in-depth grasp of financial accounting frameworks.
- Become an effective user of financial accounting information, interpret financial strategies, assess financial risk and understand financial accounting choices made by managers.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the international dimensions of accounting.
- Understand the role played by accountants in providing and ensuring the integrity of financial and related information.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the accounting environment in Hong Kong.
- Demonstrate an understanding of ethical challenges, creative accounting, and earnings management issues, and develop ethical and social responsibility.

Each chapter has specific learning objectives (LOs) and will be provided in lecture notes.

**General Approach**

We will combine a user's perspective (i.e., to understand and use accounting information) with a preparer's perspective (i.e., to prepare accounting information in the form of journal entries and financial statement presentations). Therefore, the lectures will discuss both the economic intuitions of business transactions and related accounting principles and methods.

Before each lecture, you are expected to preview the readings corresponding to the learning objectives in each chapter. Each lecture will start with concepts introduction, followed by

problem-solving, application and discussions. During the course, homework assignments will be assigned for your practice. The work after each class and the stress for exams will be greatly reduced if you prepare before class, ask for clarification questions in class and do exercise timely after class.

### Course Materials

- Required textbook: Kieso, Weygandt, Warfield. *Intermediate Accounting: IFRS Edition*, 4th edition (2020), John Wiley & Sons.
- Students may use either print copy or electronic copy of the textbook provided with New WileyPLUS. In the latter case, apart from accessing e-text and self-practice modules on computer, the e-text can also be downloaded on multiple mobile devices using Bookshelf and the purchased access code. A dedicated course website will be set up in WileyPLUS and all entitled users will receive access codes for logging into this website.
- Handouts: PowerPoint slides and/or PDF documents used in class will be posted on Canvas. You are encouraged to print the required teaching materials and bring them to class. **Please do NOT distribute the slides or post them on public websites without the instructor’s permission.**
- You are encouraged to bring a finance calculator and scratch paper/tablet to classes.

### Course Venue

Classes will be conducted in person in LSK Business School Building as noted above. Classes will be automatically recorded by the University (RVC Recording) and made accessible to those who cannot join live classes upon presentation of a valid excuse. Such excuse must be communicated to me before the beginning of the class. No recording will be released unless otherwise.

### Assessments

You will be assessed by your performance in participation, homework assignments, midterm exam and final exam, as summarized below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Grading Scheme</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Participation/attendance		5%
4 homework assignments		15%
Midterm exam (March 21, 7:30-9:30pm)		40%
<u>Final exam (non-cumulative; date TBD)</u>		<u>40%</u>
 Total		 <u>100%</u>

5% of the total grade is allocated to class participation. Every student will be assigned a baseline score of 4%. Proactive participation both in and out of the classroom will lead to a full 5% score. Distracting behaviours that limit the ability of other students to focus on course material will lead to a reduced score of 3%.

Four homework assignments will be posted on Canvas. You are expected to take the homework independently before the required deadline. The purpose of these assignments is to encourage timely review of the topic and to reward your efforts spent on studying the teaching materials. **Please remember to submit your answers to the homework assignment before the**

**submission deadline. If you fail to submit homework assignments on time for any reason, you will not receive any points.**

Midterm and final exams are to be conducted **in person**. The arrangement and details for both exams will be announced later. Both midterm and final exams are non-cumulative. **Make-up exams for midterm and final exams will be available only to those students who miss a regular exam for a valid reason. Only excuses with written documentation from a health professional or a university administrator submitted at least 24 hours prior to an exam will be considered.**

Key exam policies are:

1. You can bring an A4 “cheat” sheet (you can print/write on both sides)
2. You can bring a finance calculator; no other electronic devices will be allowed
3. Exams are closed-book

**All assessments will be graded and communicated about within two weeks (10 working days) of an assessment submission.**

### **Classroom Rules of Conduct**

- Attendance in class on time is expected.
- Students are discouraged to use laptop computers or any other electronic devices, including cell phones, during classes as this poses a distraction for other students around them. You will lose participation scores if I find you surfing internet or chatting online during classes.
- Students are expected to be courteous to your fellow students and to your instructor. Unprofessional and disrespectful conduct includes, but is not limited to, chatting among and between students outside of the context of the classroom discussion; answering or receiving phone calls, text messages, or emails; coming to class late; leaving early; eating, etc.

### **Academic Integrity**

The University places a strong emphasis on academic integrity. Please refer to <http://ugadmin.ust.hk/integrity/regulations-1.html> for school policies and regulations on plagiarism. Any academic dishonesty noted in this course will lead to a failure grade which will delay your graduation.

## Tentative Schedule (Subject to Change)

### Important dates for all students:

Date	Activity	Topic
TBD	Homework 1 due for submission (by the beginning of the class)	Ch 13, 14
TBD	Homework 2 due for submission (by the beginning of the class)	Ch 15, 16
Mar 21, 7:30pm – 9:30pm	Midterm Exam	Ch 13, 14, 15, 16
TBD	Homework 3 due for submission (by the beginning of the class)	Ch 17, 19
TBD	Homework 4 due for submission (by the beginning of the class)	Ch 20, 21
May 17-29 (TBD)	Final Exam	Ch 17, 19, 20, 21

### Dates for class meetings:

Dates	Topics
Feb 1	Chapter 13. Current liabilities, provisions and contingencies
Feb 6	Chapter 13. Current liabilities, provisions and contingencies
Feb 8	Chapter 13. Current liabilities, provisions and contingencies
Feb 13	No class (Chinese New Year/Lunar New Year)
Feb 15	Chapter 14. Non-current liabilities
Feb 20	Chapter 14. Non-current liabilities
Feb 22	Chapter 14. Non-current liabilities
Feb 27	Chapter 15. Equity
Feb 29	Chapter 15. Equity
Mar 5	No class
Mar 7	Chapter 15. Equity
Mar 12	Chapter 16. Dilutive securities and earnings per share
Mar 14	Chapter 16. Dilutive securities and earnings per share
Mar 19	Chapter 16. Dilutive securities and earnings per share
Mar 21	Makeup/Review (during regular class time) Midterm Exam (Ch 13, 14, 15, 16), 7:30pm – 9:30pm
Mar 26	Chapter 17. Investments
Mar 28	No class (Midterm Break)
Apr 2	No class (Midterm Break)
Apr 4	No class (Midterm Break)
Apr 9	Chapter 17. Investments
Apr 11	Chapter 17. Investments
Apr 16	Chapter 19. Accounting for income taxes
Apr 18	Chapter 19. Accounting for income taxes
Apr 23	Chapter 19. Accounting for income taxes
Apr 25	Chapter 20. Accounting for pensions and postretirement benefits
Apr 30	Chapter 20. Accounting for pensions and postretirement benefits
May 2	Chapter 21. Accounting for leases
May 7	Chapter 21. Accounting for leases
May 9	Makeup/Review
May 17-29 (TBD)	Final Exam (Ch 17, 19, 20, 21; Date to be determined by the University)