

The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
Department of Accounting

ACCT3020 – Financial Accounting II
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Course Outline

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Office hours:	Tuesday 16:30-17:30
Classes:	<u>LSK Business Building, Room 1007</u> L1: Tuesday 12:00-13:20, Thursday 12:00-13:20 L2: Tuesday 15:00-16:20, Thursday 15:00-16:20 L3: Tuesday 13:30-14:50, Thursday 13:30-14:50
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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:

1. Think critically and creatively and make effective decisions supported by analytical and quantitative techniques.
2. Have in-depth grasp of financial accounting frameworks.
3. Become an effective user of financial accounting information, interpret financial strategies, assess financial risk and understand financial accounting choices made by managers.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the international dimensions of accounting.
5. Understand the role played by accountants in providing and ensuring the integrity of financial and related information.
6. Demonstrate an understanding of the accounting environment in Hong Kong.
7. 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.
- 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 in public websites without the instructor's permission.**
- You are encouraged to bring a finance calculator and scratch paper to classes.

Course Venue

Classes will be conducted in person in LSK Business Building, Room 1007. Classes will be recorded and made accessible to those who cannot join live classes upon presentation of a valid excuse.

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		5%
4 homework assignments		15%
Midterm exam		40%
Final exam (non-cumulative)		<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 corresponding points.**

Midterm exam and final exam are to be conducted in person. The arrangement and details for both exams will be announced later. Both midterm and final exam are non-cumulative. For each exam, you can bring an A4 hand-written “cheat” sheet (you can write on both sides). **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 will be considered.**

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 (L1, L2, and L3):

Date	Activity	Topic
TBD	Homework 1 due for submission (by 12pm)	Ch 13, 14
TBD	Homework 2 due for submission (by 12pm)	Ch 15, 16
Mar 23	Midterm Exam	Ch 13, 14, 15, 16
TBD	Homework 3 due for submission (by 12pm)	Ch 17, 19
TBD	Homework 4 due for submission (by 12pm)	Ch 20, 21
May TBD	Final Exam	Ch 17, 19, 20, 21

Dates for class meetings:

Date (L1&L2&L3)	Topic
Feb 7	Chapter 13. Current liabilities, provisions and contingencies
Feb 9	
Feb 14	
Feb 16	Chapter 14. Non-current liabilities
Feb 21	
Feb 23	
Feb 28	Chapter 15. Equity
Mar 2	
Mar 7	
Mar 9	Chapter 16. Dilutive securities and earnings per share
Mar 14	
Mar 16	
Mar 21	Review
Mar 23	Midterm Exam (Ch 13, 14, 15, 16)
Mar 28	Chapter 17. Investments
Mar 30	
Apr 4	
Apr 6	No class (Midterm Break)
Apr 11	
Apr 13	Chapter 19. Accounting for income taxes
Apr 18	
Apr 20	Chapter 20. Accounting for pensions and postretirement benefits
Apr 25	
Apr 27	
May 2	Chapter 21. Accounting for leases
May 4	
May 9	Review
May TBD	Final Exam (Ch 17, 19, 20, 21; Date to be determined)