

The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
Department of Accounting

ACCT2010 – Principle of Accounting I

Course Outline – L16 & L17, Fall 2023

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Course Website	http://canvas.ust.hk

I. Course Objectives

Accounting is the language of business. In this course you will learn how to "speak" and "read" this new language. The course is designed to provide an overview of financial accounting so that, upon completion of the course, you will be able to read, interpret and analyze corporate financial reports. In particular, you should:

1. Develop a comprehensive and well-founded knowledge of financial accounting, including
 - a. Understand the accounting categories: assets, liabilities, equity, revenues and expenses;
 - b. Understand how an accounting system keeps track of information;
 - c. Understand how generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) influence what is recorded in the books of an entity;
 - d. Prepare a balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement;
 - e. Read, interpret and analyse a set of financial statements.
2. Understand the role of financial accounting in the decision-making process of business organizations. Apply financial accounting frameworks to business situations.
3. Be able to form critical judgment covering an ability to identify and define accounting and business problems, apply analytical and quantitative techniques, make and justify decisions;
4. Be effective in communication through collection, analysis and organization of information and ideas and their clear transmission;
5. Demonstrate teamwork, independence and creativity including working, learning and problem solving as a team and independently;
6. Demonstrate ethical and social understanding including a knowledge and respect of ethics and ethical standards in accounting and an understanding of social and civic responsibility.

II. Course Materials

- (1) Jamie Pratt. *Financial Accounting in an Economic Context*, 9th edition, Wiley. (Required)
- (2) Lecture notes: to be posted on the course website (by lecture).

III. Grading Scheme

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Attendance and Participation	5
In-class Group Exercises	10
Three In-class Quizzes @ 20 points each (drop the lowest one)	10
Mid-term Exam	35
Final Examination (non-cumulative)	<u>40</u>
TOTAL	<u>100</u>

Note: There will be no extra credit assignments under any circumstance.

IV. Conduct of This Course

1. *Attendance and Participation*. Students are required to attend all classes and arrive on time. They are strongly encouraged to participate in discussions during classes. It is the spirit of participation that is valued, and students are not penalized for saying something incorrect. On the other hand, talking among students and other behavior that can cause disturbances to the class are not permitted.

Your attendance and participation points will depend upon the following:

- Attend and arrive in classes on time and remain in class until it is finished
 - Volunteer answers and explanations to problems discussed in class; your answers need not be correct but should be explained clearly.
 - Ask thoughtful questions that further the discussion; it is the quality, not the quantity, of questions that will affect your score.
 - Pay attention to the class discussion; respond well to cold-call questions.
2. *In-class group exercises*. There are a series of group exercises to be completed in class. Six of them will be collected and students are required to submit answers in groups. Each group exercise is worth 10 marks and **only the top five** individual performances will be counted toward. If your group-mate is absent from the exercise, please do not include his/her name on the answer sheet or the whole group's mark for that exercise will be zero. No make-ups are given for in-class group exercises missed by a student or a group under any circumstances.
 3. *Grouping*: Students should organize among themselves for groups. There should be 4 members in a group. Group member list can be downloaded from canvas and **should be typed** and submitted in hard copy in week 2. Group members should be also register themselves on canvas under People then click your section tab.
 4. *Practice/HW problems*. Solving problems is the best way of mastering the material covered in class. I encourage you to solve at least the recommended problems (see **Appendix I**) but will not collect them. You are also encouraged to do additional practice while preparing for the examinations. The full set of solutions to all problems at the end of each chapter will be posted on the course website when the chapter is done.
 5. *Quizzes*. Three in-class quizzes will be given during the semester and your lowest quiz score will be excluded from your total score. No make-ups are given for quizzes missed by a student under any circumstances.
 6. *Examinations*. An evening mid-term examination is scheduled on **Oct 19, 2017 (7:30pm–10pm)**. **Venue and seating plan of the midterm will be announced later**. On the week of the mid-term examination, there will be no class during the regularly scheduled time. It is expected that all

students will take the exam at the scheduled time. There will be no make-up examination for the mid-term. If absence from the examination is caused by an unexpected medical emergency, then the marks earned on the final examination may be adjusted to replace the missing mid-term grade. A student foreseeing unavoidable absence may seek approval from the instructor for similar arrangement. Any other absent students will be assigned zero marks for the mid-term exam. The final examination is non-cumulative; that is, it will not include topics covered in the mid-term examination.

7. *Course Schedule.* The course schedule is given in **Appendix II** (the last page). Changes to the course schedule may be made, if necessary. It is the responsibility of the students to download the lecture notes from the course website and bring them to class before the start of each chapter. **It is also your responsibility to find out what has been announced during your absence from the class.** The topics which are denoted as "Skip" will not appear in the examinations and will not be covered in the class.
8. *Academic honesty.* It is important that students follow university regulations on academic integrity and honesty. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will be dealt with in accordance with university rules, which can be accessed at <http://www.ust.hk/vpaa0/integrity>.
9. *Requirement for accounting majors.* For non-accounting business majors who wish to apply for admission to accounting program in the second year, the admission is based on the following two criteria: (1) minimum C+ grade in ACCT2010 and ACCT2200; (2) the ranking of an average score covering ACCT2010 and ACCT2200; Students with same grade point of the two courses will then be ranked by Business Core Grade Average (BCGA).

V. Getting Help and Staying in Touch

Course-related information can be found at the course website on the canvas portal (<http://canvas.ust.hk>). There are pre-scheduled office hours for the course. Students are advised to either visit during these office hours or make an appointment. Students may also ask general (non-technical) questions by e-mail. For issues of general interest, I reserve the right to forward your e-mail to other students for discussion purposes. Your identity, however, will be disguised if the matters are sensitive.

Appendix I: Practice/HW Problems

(From the Textbook: *Financial Accounting*, Jamie Pratt, 9th edition, Wiley)

Chapter	Homework
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2	E2-6,7,9,13; P2-1,2,5,7; ID2-6
3	E3-5,6,7,9,10; P3-1,3,8,9,10,12; ID3-7,13
4	E4-6,10,16,21; P4-1,2,3,7,17; ID4-7 (ignore statement of cash flow preparations)
6	E6-3,5,6,7,10; P6-3,4,6,10; ID6-4
7	E7-1,3,5,6,9,12,14; P7-1,3,4,5,6,11; ID7-3
9	E9-1,4,5,6,7,9,10,14,16,18; P9-1,3,7,9,12; ID9-4
10	E10-1,3, 10; P10-1,4,5;
11	E11-2,4,6,8,10,12,13,14,15,22; P11-2,13,
12	E12-1,2,5,6,8,12,13,14; P12-2,5,7,9,12,13
14	E14-5,7,8,10,14,15,17,19,20; P14-1,16,19

Appendix II: Course Schedule
(Subject to Change)

Week	Date	Ch. No.	Topic
1	Sep 5 Sep 7	1 2	Introduction; Overview of corporate financial reporting The Financial Statements
2	Sep 12 Sep 14	3	The measurement fundamentals of financial accounting Group photos taking day & Group member list due
3	Sep 19 Sep 21	3	The measurement fundamentals of financial accounting
4	Sep 26 Sep 28	4	Accounting Equation, Journal Entries and Adjustment Entries
5	Oct 3 Oct 5	6	Cash and Accounts Receivables
6	Oct 10 Oct 12	7	Merchandise Inventory and Cost of Goods Sold
7	Oct 17 Oct 19		No Class due to Midterm Exam Midterm Exam, 7:30pm-10pm (Ch.1-4 & 6), venue TBA
8	Oct 24 Oct 26	9	Long-Term Assets
9	Oct 31 Nov 2	10	Current Liabilities and Contingencies
10	Nov 7 Nov 9	11	Long-Term Liabilities: Notes, Bonds, and Leases
11	Nov 14 Nov 16	12	Shareholder's Equity
12	Nov 21 Nov 23	14	Statement of Cash Flows
13	Nov 28 Nov 30	14	Statement of Cash Flows
	Dec		Final Exam (non-cumulative), date & venue to be announced by school