

**Advanced Accounting Topics
Summer 2017
Course Outline**

**Accounting and Financial Management Services Area
DeGroot School of Business
McMaster University**

COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course is a course that will integrate all courses taken within the accounting curriculum and other courses taken as part of McMaster’s Honours Commerce program. Students will be required to draw on technical knowledge learned in previous courses and apply it to case scenarios. Students will further develop competencies required for future professional accountants. This course is directed at students who wish to pursue an accounting designation.

INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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COURSE ELEMENTS

Credit Value:	3	Leadership:	Yes	IT skills:	No	Global view:	Yes
Avenue:	Yes	Ethics:	Yes	Numeracy:	Yes	Written skills:	Yes
Participation:	Yes	Innovation:	Yes	Group work:	Yes	Oral skills:	Yes
Evidence-based:	Yes	Experiential:	No	Final Exam:	Yes	Guest speaker(s):	Yes

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a case course. Emphasis is placed on integrating accounting topics, as well as integrating accounting topics with other areas of study, e.g. auditing, taxation and finance. Students

are taught to apply their technical knowledge and professional judgement to a variety of practical situations through the use of cases. The cases will be a combination of Comprehensive questions and Multi-Subject questions. The instructor will teach the students various techniques to address issues in each case. Students will be evaluated using a competency based ranking system.

The course will consist of readings, lectures, cases and discussions.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to complete the following key tasks:

- Identification of key issues within a case
- Critical thinking and decision making techniques
- Effective time management within each response
- Solidification of concepts in Financial Accounting, Auditing (Assurance), Information Technology, Finance, Taxation, Management Accounting and Decision Making, Governance and Strategy

RECOMMENDED COURSE MATERIALS AND READINGS

It is highly recommended that you have the following material:

- CPA Handbook: All sections. Available for free through the Innes Library.
- Canadian Income Tax Act
- Competency Map Study Notes, published by Densmore Consulting Services.

EVALUATION

Components, Weights and Due Dates

Participation	15%
Group case/facilitation	20%
Midterm exam	30%
Final exam	<u>35%</u>
Total	<u>100%</u>

NOTE: The use of any standard calculator is allowed during examinations in this course.

Conversion

At the end of the course your overall percentage grade will be converted to your letter grade in accordance with the following conversion scheme.

LETTER GRADE	PERCENT
A+	90 – 100
A	85 – 89
A-	80 – 84
B+	75 – 79
B	70 – 74
B-	60 – 69
Fail	0 – 59

Participation (15%)

Class participation is an essential part of the course. Students are expected to read the advanced preparation and be prepared to discuss them during class. Marks assigned for class participation will be based mostly on discussions of advanced accounting topics and cases as well as contribution to the learning environment. There is a significant amount of in-class group work which will contribute to your participation as well. Contributions to the learning environment will be discussed further in class. There are no marks assigned for class attendance.

Group case/facilitation (20%)

Groups (consisting of 5 students) will be asked to present a case that is assigned during class. An appropriate amount of time will be allocated during the class for groups to read the cases. The cases will only be provided in class and therefore, will not be posted on Avenue prior to class. The selected group will be asked to present a mini case response to the class. All groups must use Secureexam for the in class case work. More details of the Group case/facilitation will be provided in class.

Midterm Exam (30%)

The Midterm Test will be a 2 hour exam and it will be completed on an individual basis under normal examination conditions.

The midterm test will require students to answer a multi-subject case (s). The midterm test will incorporate not only accounting topics covered during the course, but also accounting topics covered during undergraduate studies. Furthermore, while the case will be heavily based on accounting issues, it may also incorporate topics from other areas such as (but not limited to) taxation, auditing and finance.

Students will be evaluated using a competency based marking format that will be described in detail during week one of the course. The midterm tests will be debriefed in class in detail in order for students to understand how to improve their case writing skills.

Final Examination (35%)

The final exam will be three hours and will require the students to answer several cases over a two day period (similar to the CFE exams). The exam will incorporate not only accounting topics covered during the course, but also accounting topics covered during undergraduate studies. Furthermore, the exam will also incorporate topics from other areas such as (but not limited to) taxation, auditing and finance.

Students will be evaluated using a competency based marking format that will be described in detail during week one of the course. The final exam will not be debriefed and no solution will be made available.

COMMUNICATION AND FEEDBACK

Students that are uncomfortable in directly approaching an instructor regarding a course concern may send a confidential and anonymous email to the respective Area Chair or Associate Dean:

<http://www.degroote.mcmaster.ca/curr/emailchairs.aspx>

Students who wish to correspond with instructors or TAs directly via email must send messages that originate from their official McMaster University email account. This protects the confidentiality and sensitivity of information as well as confirms the identity of the student. Emails regarding course issues should NOT be sent to the Administrative Assistant.

Instructors should conduct an informal course review with students by Week #4 to allow time for modifications in curriculum delivery. Instructors should provide evaluation feedback for at least 10% of the final grade to students prior to Week #8 in the term.

Students who wish to have a course component re-evaluated must complete the following form:

http://www.mcmaster.ca/policy/Students-AcademicStudies/Form_A.pdf

In order for the component to be re-read:

- the component must be worth 10% or more of the final grade in the course
- students pay a fee of \$50 in Gilmour Hall #209 (receipt is then brought to APO)
- the Area Chair will seek out an independent adjudicator to re-grade the component
- an adjustment to the grade for the component will be made if a grade change of three points or greater on the 12 point scale (equivalent to 10 marks out of 100) has been suggested by the adjudicator as assigned by the Area Chair
- if a grade change is made, the student fee will be refunded

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

It is the student's responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty. Please refer to the University Senate Academic Integrity Policy at the following URL:

<http://www.mcmaster.ca/policy/Students-AcademicStudies/AcademicIntegrity.pdf>

This policy describes the responsibilities, procedures, and guidelines for students and faculty should a case of academic dishonesty arise. Academic dishonesty is defined as to knowingly act or fail to act in a way that results or could result in unearned academic credit or advantage. Please refer to the policy for a list of examples. The policy also provides faculty with procedures to follow in cases of academic dishonesty as well as general guidelines for penalties. For further information related to the policy, please refer to the Office of Academic Integrity at:

<http://www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity>

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STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) offers various support services for students with disabilities. Students are required to inform SAS of accommodation needs for examinations on or before the last date for withdrawal from a course without failure (please refer to official university sessional dates). Students must forward a copy of such SAS accommodation to the instructor immediately upon receipt. If a student with a disability chooses NOT to take advantage of an SAS accommodation and chooses to sit for a regular exam, a petition for relief may not be filed after the examination is complete. The SAS website is:

<http://sas.mcmaster.ca>

POTENTIAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE COURSE

The instructor and university reserve the right to modify elements of the course during the term. The university may change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances. If either type of modification becomes necessary, reasonable notice and communication with the students will be given with explanation and the opportunity to comment on changes. It is the responsibility of the student to check their McMaster email and course websites weekly during the term and to note any changes.

COMMUNICATION

- i. Please see Avenue for any updates and course material on a daily basis.
- ii. We only respond to emails sent from students' McMaster email accounts. Ensure that your Mac account is activated and has space to receive emails. We reply to emails only once, and if it returns to us as "undeliverable mail" we do not attempt any further replies. Do not use the email provided by Avenue. We do not check Avenue for emails. We do not respond to emails asking questions to which the answer is readily available in the course outline or Avenue.
- iii. The instructor and TA will aim to respond to emails within 2 business days of having received the email (not including weekends).

COURSE SCHEDULE – SUBJECT TO CHANGE
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LECTURE	TOPICS AND READINGS*
1 Tuesday May 2	<p><i>Introduction</i> <i>Current accounting standards in Canada – IFRS, ASPE, NPO's, etc.</i> <i>Conceptual Framework, elements of financial statements and foundational principles</i> <i>Presentation of F/S and policies</i></p> <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handbook, Part I: “Introduction to Part I”, “The Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting”, IFRS 1 and IAS 1 ▪ Handbook, Part II: Sec 1000, 1100, 1400, 1500, 1505, 1508, 1520 and 1521 ▪ Cases on Avenue and in class (as applicable)
2 Tuesday May 9	<p><i>Revenue recognition</i> <i>Accounting changes and errors</i></p> <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handbook, Part I: IAS 8, 11 and 18, IFRS 15 (replacing IAS 11 and IAS 18 effective January 1, 2017, under “IFRS issued but not yet effective”) ▪ Handbook, Part II: Sec 1000, 1100, 1505, 1506, 3400 and AcG-2 (under “Accounting Guidelines”) ▪ Cases on Avenue and in class (as applicable)
3 Tuesday May 16	<p><i>Inventory</i> <i>Liabilities, provisions, contingent liabilities & assets, contractual obligations & guarantees</i> <i>Events after B/S date</i></p> <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handbook, Part I: IAS 2, 10 and 37 ▪ Handbook, Part II: Sec 1510, 3031, 3280, 3290, 3820 and AcG-14 (under “Accounting Guidelines”) ▪ Cases on Avenue and in class (as applicable)
4 Tuesday May 23	<p><i>Property, Plant & Equipment</i> <i>Capitalization of borrowing costs</i> <i>Intangible assets</i> <i>Investments properties</i> <i>Share based payments</i></p> <p>Group 1: Facilitation</p> <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handbook, Part I: IAS 16, 23, 38, 40, IFRS 2 ▪ Handbook, Part II: Sec 3051, 3061, 3064, 3850 and 3870 ▪ Cases on Avenue and in class (as applicable)
5 Tuesday May 30	<p><i>Government assistance</i> <i>Impairment of fixed assets and goodwill</i></p> <p>Group 2: Facilitation</p> <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handbook Part I: IAS 20 and 36, SIC 32 ▪ Handbook, Part II: Sec 3063, 3800 and 3805 ▪ Cases on Avenue and in class (as applicable)

LECTURE	TOPICS AND READINGS
<p>6 Tuesday June 6</p>	<p><i>Non-current assets for sale and discontinued operations</i> <i>Asset retirement obligations</i> <i>Comprehensive revaluation of assets and liabilities</i> <i>Related party transactions</i></p> <p>Group 3: Facilitation</p> <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handbook Part I: IFRS 5, IAS 24 ▪ Handbook, Part II: Sec 1625, 3110, 3475 and 3840 ▪ Cases on Avenue and in class (as applicable)
Midterm exam: TBD	
<p>7 Tuesday June 20</p>	<p><i>Non-momentary transactions</i> <i>Foreign currency translation</i> <i>Business combinations</i></p> <p>Group 4: Facilitation</p> <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handbook Part I: IFRS 3 and IFRS 10, IAS 21 ▪ Handbook, Part II: Sec 1582, 1591, 1601, 1602, 1651 and 3831 ▪ Cases on Avenue and in class (as applicable)
<p>8 Tuesday June 27</p>	<p><i>Financial Instruments</i> <i>Fair value measurement</i> <i>Leases</i> <i>Agriculture</i></p> <p>Group 5: Facilitation</p> <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handbook Part I: IFRS 9 (under “IFRS’s issued but not yet effective”, replacing IAS 39), IFRS 13, IAS 17 and IAS 41 ▪ Handbook, Part II: Sec 3065 and 3856 ▪ Cases on Avenue and in class (as applicable)
<p>9 Tuesday July 4</p>	<p><i>Statement of cash flows</i> <i>Interim financial statements</i> <i>Segment reporting</i> <i>EPS</i></p> <p>Group 6: Facilitation</p> <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handbook Part I: IFRS 8, IAS 7, IAS 33 and IAS 34, IFRIC 10 ▪ Handbook, Part II: Sec 1540 ▪ Cases on Avenue and in class (as applicable)
<p>10 Tuesday July 11</p>	<p><i>Accounting for income taxes</i> <i>Employee Benefits</i> <i>Management discussion and analysis</i> <i>Joint arrangements</i></p> <p>Group 7: Facilitation</p> <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handbook Part I: IAS 12, IAS 19 and 28, IFRS 11 ▪ Handbook, Part II: Sec 3056, 3465 ▪ MD&A guidance (under “Management’s Discussion and Analysis”) ▪ Cases on Avenue and in class (as applicable)

LECTURE	TOPICS AND READINGS
<p>11 Tuesday July 18</p>	<p><i>Comprehensive case discussion</i> <i>Financial Reporting</i></p> <p>Group 8: Facilitation</p> <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Specific items- Financial Reporting [PS 2100 – PS 2700] ▪ Cases on Avenue and in class (as applicable)
<p>12 Tuesday July 25**</p>	<p><i>Not for Profit Accounting</i> <i>Public Sector Accounting</i></p> <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handbook Part III: Sec 1001, 1101, 1401, 3032, 4400, 4410, 4420, 4431 and 4432 ▪ Public Sector Accounting (PSA) – PSA 1000-1300 ▪ Cases on Avenue and in class (as applicable)
<p>FINAL EXAM: TBD</p>	

* Part I references related to the 2016 Edition.

** The instructor has the right to move this class from Tuesday July 25th to Friday July 14th. An advance notice will be provided to students a few weeks before the class if there is a change in the above noted schedule.