

**ACC 201 - Financial Accounting**  
**Fall 2015**  
**Syllabus (updated September 27, 2015)**

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**Class Sessions:**

Class sessions will be held Tuesdays from 9 AM to 12:50 AM in room 1213 Gallagher Hall.

**Course Content:**

This course will develop your knowledge of corporate financial reporting by applying the technical standards that define the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, and stockholders’ equity. While some emphasis will be placed on the use of accounting data for decision making, the importance of financial reporting to external users will be stressed. In addition to studying current financial reporting and disclosure requirements, we will also discuss current reporting controversies and practices.

**Course Objectives:**

Students will be expected to develop and demonstrate:

- an understanding of complex financial events and their effect on financial statements, cash flows, and accounting-based contracts;
- critical thinking skills (i.e., gathering and integrating data for complex situations);
- an understanding of the interrelationships among the income statement, balance sheet, statement of cash flows, and footnotes;

**Course Materials:**

Textbook: Intermediate Accounting, 15th Edition by Donald E. Kieso, Jerry J. Weygandt, Terry D. Warfield, March 2013

Additional course materials will be provided on SmartSite under Resources. Note that electronic copies of the class notes are not a substitute for the material covered in class. They are intended to assist you in note taking during class.

### **Attendance:**

Although I do not take attendance, I strongly suggest that you attend class, as it is valuable in helping you understand the material. If you do need to miss class, you will need to rely on a classmate for any notes taken in class.

### **Classroom Etiquette and Professional Behavior:**

To foster a more professional learning environment, all participants must engage in appropriate professional behavior. Professional behavior is characterized by prompt arrival to class, courteous behavior in class (i.e., being attentive while others are speaking, dedicating your attention to this class while the class is in session, refraining from talking to or distracting your classmates, leaving class at the designated time, etc.), and professional preparation for class (i.e., reading the chapter prior to class, completing assigned problems prior to class, engaging in class discussion, etc.). I realize that circumstances may occur where you may be late to class. Please feel free to join the class late, but enter quietly and try to minimize disruption to the class.

### **Cell Phone and Laptop Policies:**

Please turn your cell phone off during class. In an unusual case where you *must* have your cell phone on during class then please turn it on vibrate and sit in an area of the class room where you can minimize disturbance should you need to leave the room to take a call. Laptops are allowed to be used in class, but only for tasks relating to the course, such as taking notes or using excel worksheets for problems. Using laptops for tasks unrelated to the course during class time, such as watching YouTube or checking email, is not allowed, as it is distracting to other students sitting around you.

### **Assessment Policy:**

Your final grade will be determined as follows:

Homework (7 @ 5% each)	35%
Quiz	10%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	<u>30%</u>
Total	<u>100%</u>

Homework should be completed on an individual basis. You may work with your classmates, but in fairness to all students, you may not seek assistance on specific homework problems from the Professor. See schedule below for homework (HW) due dates.

The quiz and exams are closed book. You are expected to take the quizzes and final exam at the scheduled times. If circumstances arise such that you will miss a quiz or the final exam for foreseeable personal or professional reasons, you must provide a written request via email to the Professor to make alternative arrangements at least one week prior to the scheduled quiz. If an emergency or last minute illness prevents you from missing a quiz or the final exam, email the Professor as soon as possible.

Requests for re-grading must be made in writing within one week from the return of the graded item. Please return the graded item to me with your request.

**Schedule:**

Date	Assessment	Chapters	Pre-Class Assignment	Post-Class Practice (Solutions on SmartSite)
Sept 29		1, 2, 3: Financial Reporting and a Review of the Accounting Cycle	Read: Chapters 1, 2, and 3; Appendix 3A Optional Reading: IFRS Insights; Appendices 3B and 3C	Chapter 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Questions: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12</li></ul> Chapter 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Questions: 1-16, 19, 21-26, 28, 29</li><li>• Brief Exercises: 4, 6, 7, 8</li><li>• Exercises: 4, 5, 6</li></ul> Chapter 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Questions: 4, 7, 10, 11, 12, 15</li><li>• Exercises: 1, 10</li><li>• Problems: 1, 4, 6, 9</li></ul>
Oct 6	HW #1 Due	4, 5: More details on the Income Statement and Balance Sheet	Read: Chapters 4 and 5 Optional Reading: IFRS Insights; Appendices 5A and 5B	Chapter 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Questions: 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 33</li><li>• Exercises: 9, 17</li></ul> Chapter 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Questions: 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 14, 19, 21, 24</li><li>• Exercises: 2, 10, 12, 13, 15</li><li>• Problems: 2</li></ul>
Oct 13	HW #2 Due Quiz (Ch 1-5)	6: Accounting and the Time Value of Money	Read: Chapter 6	Chapter 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Questions: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9</li><li>• Exercises: 3, 8, 9, 12</li></ul>
Oct 20		7: Cash and Receivables	Read: Chapter 7, Appendix 7A Optional Reading: IFRS Insights; Appendix 7B	Chapter 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Questions: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13</li><li>• Exercises: 5, 7, 18, 25</li><li>• Problems: 3, 6, 9</li></ul>

Oct 27	HW #3 Due	8: Inventory part 1	Read: Chapter 8	Chapter 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions: 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20</li> <li>• Brief Exercises: 4, 9</li> <li>• Exercises: 2, 13, 22</li> <li>• Problems: 3</li> </ul>
Nov 3	HW #4 Due	9: Inventory part 2	Read: Chapter 9 Optional Reading: IFRS Insights; Appendix 9A	Chapter 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11</li> <li>• Brief Exercises: 5, 6</li> <li>• Exercises: 1, 4, 8, 12, 13, 19</li> </ul>
Nov 10	Midterm Exam (Ch 1-9)			
Nov 17	HW #5 Due	10: Acquisition and Disposition of Property, Plant and Equipment	Read: Chapter 10	Chapter 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions: 1, 8, 9, 10, 19, 22, 23</li> <li>• Brief Exercises: 6, 11, 12, 14</li> <li>• Exercises: 4, 9, 13, 16, 23, 24, 25</li> </ul>
Nov 24	HW #6 Due	11: Depreciation, Impairments, and Depletion of Property, Plant and Equipment	Read: Chapter 11 Optional Reading: IFRS Insights; Appendix 11A	Chapter 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 19, 22, 23</li> <li>• Brief Exercises: 7, 9</li> <li>• Exercises: 1, 2, 9, 16, 18</li> </ul>
Dec 1	HW #7 Due	12: Intangible Assets	Read: Chapter 12 Optional Reading: IFRS Insights	Chapter 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22</li> <li>• Brief Exercises: 1 through 13</li> </ul>
Dec 8	Final Exam (Ch 1-12)			