

School of Accounting and Commercial Law

ACCY 111 ACCOUNTING

Trimester One 2012

COURSE OUTLINE

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Duty Tutors	A duty tutor will be available of Mondays from 2.10 to 4.00 pm in R course material. Duty Tutoring v commencing 19 th March.	Room EA 103 to h	elp you with any

RH denotes Rutherford House on the Pipitea campus. It is the high-rise building between the Railway Station and the Lambton Quay bus terminal. *EA* denotes the Easterfield Building on the Kelburn campus.

Trimester Dates

Teaching Period: Monday 5 March – Friday 8 June Study Period: Monday 11 June – Thursday 14 June Examination Period: Friday 15 June – Wednesday 4 July (inclusive)

Withdrawal from Course

- 1. Your fees will be refunded if you withdraw from this course on or before Friday 16 March 2012.
- 2. The standard last date for withdrawal from this course is Friday 18 May. After this date, students forced to withdraw by circumstances beyond their control must apply for permission on an '*Application for Associate Dean's Permission to Withdraw Late*' including supporting documentation.

The application form is available from either of the Faculty's Student Customer Service Desks.

Class Times and Room Numbers

Lecture times are:

Monday and Tuesday 16:10 – 17:00 in Maclaurin LT 103 (Kelburn Campus)

Workshop:

Thursday (only on the days specified under *Workshops* on page 4) 16:10 – 17:00 in Maclaurin LT 103 (Kelburn Campus)

In addition, there are **6** tutorials of 50 minutes each. See details under *Tutorials* on page 6.

Attendance at Lectures

This is a lecture based course. Therefore, you are strongly recommended to attend *all* lectures. Much information, which is examinable, is conveyed by the *spoken word only* and is not posted on *Blackboard* or otherwise distributed! Not all PowerPoint slides used in lectures will be distributed to students.

We in the strongest terms suggest that you plan to attend every lecture.

Course Content

A lecture outline, which lists the topics covered in the course, is shown on page 7. Further information will be provided by lecturers.

Course Learning Objectives

The objective of the course is to provide an introduction to financial accounting and management accounting concepts applicable to the preparation and use of financial statements both within organisations and for external reporting. *The course is for those students intending to continue with an accounting major.*

You will be successful in this course if at the end of it you are able, at an introductory level, to:

- 1. explain the use of accounting information;
- 2. explain financial reporting concepts;
- 3. prepare basic financial statements;
- 4. prepare internal accounting information; and
- 5. analyse accounting information for internal and external decision making.

A note regarding ACCY 001, ACCY 111 and ACCY 130.

All students enrolled in a BCA degree must pass either ACCY 111 or ACCY 130.

The major difference between ACCY 111 and ACCY 130 is that ACCY 130 provides an introduction to accounting for students not intending to continue with an accounting major, while ACCY 111 is intended for those wishing to undertake further study in accounting.

- ACCY 111 will focus on concepts applicable to the preparation of accounting information as well as on the use of that information.
- ACCY 130 will focus on the use of accounting information.

ACCY 001 covers the basics of bookkeeping. It is provided for those who intend to study 200 level ACCY or TAXN (taxation). From 2013 it will be a prerequisite to all 200 level ACCY and TAXN course. More information on ACCY 001 can be found via the ACCY 111 Blackboard site.

Students who have passed ACCY 130 with a B+ grade or better may be permitted to enrol in 200 level ACCY and TAXN courses without passing ACCY 111. Such enrolment will be subject to participating in "makeup" tutorials of material covered in ACCY 111 but not in ACCY 130 at the start of their 200 level courses.

Course Delivery

Delivery of this course entails 2 lectures per week, 5 workshops, and 6 tutorials.

Expected Workload

You should expect to spend **on average 10 hours per week** on course work (*excluding* time to study for the mid-trimester test and final examination). How this time is made up varies from week to week, but typically comprises:

- 3 hours in scheduled lectures and workshops
- 4 hours preparing for, and participating in, tutorials and completing your online assignments (referred to under *Tutorials* and *Assignments* below)
- 3 hours reading in preparation for lectures and workshops, revising lecture and tutorial notes, and revision using *MyAccountingLab*.

Unless you keep up with the course work, you are likely to face considerable problems catching up later in order to be adequately prepared for the mid-trimester test and the final examination.

Group Work

All of the assessment in this course is based on your own work. There is no group assessment of any kind and **no group work can be submitted for assessment**. See also the information at the *Academic Integrity and Plagiarism* hyperlink on page 10.

Readings

The prescribed text for this course is:

Atrill, P., E. McLaney, D. Harvey, M. Jenner and S. Weil, (2011) *Accounting – an introduction*, Pearson, 1st New Zealand edition.

Any additional reading material will be advised in lectures or provided on *Blackboard*.

Much of the course content follows the textbook. Most of the tutorial and workshop questions are taken from the textbook. You must read and understand the relevant chapters or section of the textbook that are listed in the Lecture Outline on page 7.

By enrolling in this course, you obtain free access to *MyAccountingLab*. *MyAccountingLab* is a website aligned with the text book that will be used to deliver the assignments.

We strongly recommend that you purchase the new New Zealand edition of the textbook. If you purchase second hand copies of the older Australian editions, you will need to refer to the New Zealand edition in the library to bring yourself up to date with New Zealand circumstances and to ensure that you answer the correct tutorial and workshop questions set from the textbook.

Materials and Equipment

Additional material will be posted on *Blackboard*. You will often need to print copies of course materials, and bring them to lectures. You therefore need to regularly consult *Blackboard*, particularly the *Announcements* and *Course Material* pages to ensure that you are organised for lectures. Lecturers do not hold spare copies of any course materials and hard copies are not distributed in lectures.

In the mid trimester test and final examination, calculators and non-electronic foreign language dictionaries may be used. Calculators must be battery powered and silent in operation.

Workshops

A 50-minute workshop will be held on the following dates:

Thursday 15th March 2012 (*MyAccountingLab* Introduction) Thursday 29th March 2012 Thursday 26th April 2012 Thursday 17th May 2012 Thursday 31st May 2012

Workshops generally involve the lecturer working through revision questions and examples relating to course material selected from earlier lectures. No new course content is provided in workshops. Workshops are typically interactive sessions. Depending on the topic, the exercises and examples will either be provided in advance of the workshop – in which case you need to prepare your answers *before* the workshop – or issued at the workshop. Solutions to workshop exercises are *not* provided on *Blackboard* or elsewhere (other than in the workshop).

Tutorials

The course includes 6 tutorials, *all of which you are expected to attend*. You *must* attend and actively participate in **4** of the 6 tutorials: see under *Mandatory Course Requirements* below. Actively participating in a tutorial includes preparing beforehand and participating in discussions

and questions in the tutorial. The topics/questions for the tutorials will be posted on *Blackboard* approximately one week before the tutorial.

Tutorials take place in the following weeks:

	Week beginning
Tutorial 1	19 th March 2012
Tutorial 2	26 th March 2012
Tutorial 3	7 th May 2012
Tutorial 4	14 th May 2012
Tutorial 5	21 st May 2012
Tutorial 6	28 th May 2012

Tutorial sign-up is on-line (<u>https://signups.victoria.ac.nz</u>) between 6.00 pm Tuesday 6th March and 11.00 am Monday 12th March. Instructions for signing up are on page 12. The places in each tutorial are allocated on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Tutorial groups will be posted on Blackboard by 14th March 2012.

If you have a *compelling reason* for not attending the regular tutorial group in which you are enrolled in a particular week, you may attend another tutorial group (subject to seating capacity in that group). If you do so, you must advise the "alternative" tutor of your details; also check the *My Grades* on *Blackboard* the following week to ensure your attendance has been recorded.

If you need to permanently change tutorials please contact the Course Administrator.

You are expected to contribute to the discussion in your tutorial, and to answer coherently questions put to you by the tutor. Not doing so will result in failure to meet the active participation requirement mentioned above and therefore failure to meet the *Mandatory Course Requirement*. This means that you must be properly prepared for all tutorials that you attend. Tutorial questions will be worked through in tutorials only; solutions to tutorial questions are generally not provided outside tutorials.

Assessment Requirements

To pass this course, you must obtain a weighted average mark of 50% or more from the assessment items stated below:

	Percentage of final grade	Date
Assignments (4 * 7.5%)	30%	
Mid-trimester test (60 minutes)	20%	6:00pm – 7:00pm, Wednesday 2 nd May 2012
Final examination (2 hours)	50%	During the mid-year examination period $(15^{\text{th}} \text{ June} - 4^{\text{th}} \text{ July 2011})$

Important notice regarding impaired performance

Sickness or other personal difficulties

If your performance in the assignments or mid-trimester test, or your attendance at tutorials is affected by sickness or other personal difficulties (e.g. bereavement of a close relative), you must contact the Course Administrator, in writing, as soon as possible. You must not delay this until the end of the course or when results are posted. In case of sickness, it is essential that you see a registered medical practitioner as soon as possible while you are sick and obtain a medical certificate that certifies that in the opinion of the doctor you are sick and the extent of disability suffered by you during the period of sickness.

For impaired performance relating to the final examination please contact the Student Administration Office.

IT Problems relating to the use of MyAccountingLab

In the unlikely event that you experience IT problems of such a magnitude that you are prevented from completing an assignment by the close-off time, you must immediately advise the Course Administrator of the nature of the problem in writing. If you encounter a problem with *MyAccountingLab* you must log a call with the 24/7 *MyAccountingLab* helpline; remember to take note of your call number. Do not contact the VUW helpdesk if your problem relates to *MyAccountingLab*.

If your problems relate to your computer the onus is on you to provide convincing evidence (such as a statement from a reputable computer servicing firm) that your computer was unavoidably disabled for reasons beyond your control during the relevant time. To avoid such anxiety, you should complete and submit your assignment earlier in the lodgement period, rather than later.

Please note irrespective of the nature of the impaired performance we do not offer alternative assignments and mid-trimester test nor extend the specified time limits for submission of assignments.

Lecture Outline

Week	Beginning	Topic	Readings	Lecturer
1	5 th March	<i>Financial Accounting</i> Introduction to accounting	AAI, Chp 1	KS
2	12 th March	World of Accounting Different Accounting Entities	AAI, Chp 2	KS
		WORKSHOP 1 ASSIGNMENT 1		
3	19 th March	Measuring and Reporting Financial Position	AAI, Chp. 3	KS
		TUTORIAL 1		
4	26 th March	Measuring and Reporting Financial Performance	AAI, Chp. 4	KS
		WORKSHOP 2 TUTORIAL 2 ASSIGNMENT 2		
5	2 nd April	Measuring and Reporting Cash Flows	AAI, Chp. 5 (pp. 201– 222)	KS
	9 th -20 th April	Mid Trimester Break		
6	23 rd April	Analysis and interpretation of Financial Statements	AAI, Chps 6 & 14	KS
		WORKSHOP 3 ASSIGNMENT 3		
7	30 th April	<i>Management Accounting</i> Uses and users of management accounting information Planning and control	AAI, Chps 1 (pp9- 18)&15 (pp. 692-696)	RD
Wednes	day 2 nd May	Mid-trimester test	6:00pm – 7:00pm	
8	7 th May	Cost behaviour Cost-volume-profit analysis TUTORIAL 3	AAI, Chp. 7 (pp. 318- 339)	RD
9	14 th May	Introduction to decision making	AAI, Chp. 7 (pp. 340-	RD
		TUTORIAL 4 WORKSHOP 4 ASSIGNMENT 4	345)	
10	21 st May	Capital investment decisions	AAI, Chp. 11	RD
	a oth a -	TUTORIAL 5		
11	28 th May	The planning and budgeting process TUTORIAL 6 WORKSHOP 5	AAI, Chp. 9 (pp. 400- 415)	RD
12	4 th June	The planning and budgeting process	AAI, Chp. 9 (pp. 415-	RD
		(cont) ASSIGNMENT 5	433)	
	e – 4th July late to be advised)	Final Examination (2 hours)		

This is a general lecture outline only. Some topics may be addressed in a different week from that shown here. AAI = Atrill, McLaney, Harvey, Jenner and Weil, (2011) Accounting – an introduction, Pearson, 1st New Zealand edition.

Notes: Notes: Any additional material in each of the above chapters that is not covered in the course will be advised in lectures. In order to benefit fully from lectures, you should read the relevant sections of the textbook relating to each lecture topic *before* the lectures

Assignments

There are 5 assignments to be completed online in this course.

- Each assignment is to be completed in *MyAccountingLab*. (See page 11.)
- Each assignment must be completed between 6:00 am on the Friday and 11:59 pm the • following Monday on the designated dates.
- There is no facility for submission of assignments outside these times. •
- Once you begin an assignment, you have **1 hour** to complete each attempt. •
- You have a maximum of 3 attempts at each assignment your grade for that assignment will be your highest score.
- Once you have submitted your assignment, you cannot recall it.
- The assignment questions are individually assigned to each student, i.e. different computer generated questions of equal standard are sent to each student.
- Ensure that you read the information at the Academic Integrity and Plagiarism hyperlink on page 8 before you start your first assignment.
- Your performance in the assignments counts towards your final grade for the course, as • follows:

	Available 6:00 am	Closes 11:59 pm	%
Assignment 1 Assignment 2 Assignment 3 Assignment 4 Assignment 5	Friday 16 th March Friday 30 th March Friday 27 th April Friday 18 th May Friday 8 th June	Monday 19 th March Monday 2 nd April Monday 30 th April Monday 21 st May Monday 11 th June	zero 7.5 7.5 7.5 7.5
Total value of assig	gnments		<u>30.0</u>

All students who enrol in this course must plan around the assignment times set out above.

Specific instructions on how to access the assignments will be posted on *Blackboard*.

Please see the above notice regarding impaired performance.

Mid-trimester test

The Mid-trimester test takes place on Wednesday 2 May 2012 (at 6.00 pm) and has a duration of 1 hour. It accounts for 20% of your final grade. The Mid-trimester test covers all material relating to Weeks 1 to 5 (inclusive) of the course. Further details (including rooms) will be advised in lectures and on Blackboard at least one week before the test. Refer also to Materials and Equipment above regarding what you can bring to the Mid-trimester test and Final examination.

We expect all students who enrol in this course to plan around the Mid-trimester test date. Given the number of enrolments in the course, it is not logistically feasible for us to run alternative tests. The only exceptional circumstances that are taken into account are where, at the time of the Mid-trimester Test or the Final examination, a student suffers the death of a close relative or is ill (as evidenced by a proper medical certificate). However, even in these cases, no alternative test is available.

Assessment of your ability in this course takes on a variety of forms to cater for different aptitudes of different students. The assessment methods include multiple choice questions, short-answer questions, calculation questions, and essay questions. An example of a multiple choice answer sheet is shown on page 12. Before the Mid-trimester test make sure that you look over the example to ensure that you understand how to record your name, student ID number, and answers properly.

Final examination

Students who enrol in courses with examinations are obliged to attend an examination at the University at any time during the formal examination period. The final examination for this course will be scheduled at some time during the period from Friday 15th June – Wednesday 4th July 2012.

The final examination is 2 hours long. The final examination will be comprehensive, i.e. will cover all parts of the course. More information about the content and format of the final examination will be given in lectures and posted on *Blackboard*. This examination is a standard written examination, held in traditional examination conditions.

It is a mandatory course requirement that you obtain a mark in the final examination of at least **40% to pass the course**. In other words, regardless of how well you performed in the online assignments and the mid-trimester test, if you do not get at least 40% in the final examination, you will fail the course.

Quality Assurance Note

Your assessed work may also be used for quality assurance purposes, such as to assess the level of achievement of learning objectives as required for accreditation and audit purposes. The findings may be used to inform changes aimed at improving the quality of FCA programmes. All material used for such processes will be treated as confidential, and the outcome will not affect your grade for the course.

Mandatory Course Requirements

In addition to the Assessment Requirements above, to pass the course you must:

- attend and actively participate in at least 4 tutorials,
- obtain at least 40% in the final examination.

Students that receive a mark of 50% or above based on the assessment requirements AND fail to meet one or both of these conditions will receive a fail grade of K.

Class Representative

A class representative will be elected in the first class, and that person's name and contact details made available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students.

Communication of Additional Information

This Course Outline, along with other information and materials relating to the course, is available on *Blackboard*. You are expected to have access to *Blackboard* to participate in this course. All announcements and notices are posted in the *Announcements* section of *Blackboard*. If you have problems accessing *Blackboard*, you should contact Student Computing Services or the Course Administrator. You cannot not gain access to *Blackboard* until you are fully enrolled in the course.

Additional information is also conveyed to you in the lectures, and important announcements are e-mailed to your VUW student email.

For the following important information follow the links provided:

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx

General University Policies and Statutes

Find key dates, explanations of grades and other useful information at <u>www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study</u> Find out about academic progress and restricted enrolment at <u>http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress.aspx</u> The University's statutes and policies are available at <u>www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy</u>, except qualification statutes, which are available via the Calendar webpage at <u>http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/calendar.aspx</u> (See Section C). Further information about the University's academic processes can be found on the website of the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at <u>www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic/default.aspx</u>

AVC (Academic) Website: information including: Conduct, Academic Grievances, Students with Impairments, Student Support

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic/Publications.aspx

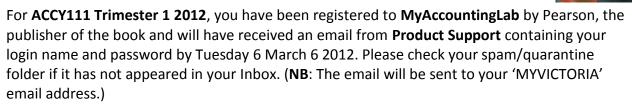
Faculty of Commerce and Administration Offices

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fca/studenthelp/

Te Putahi Atawhai Maori and Pacific Mentoring Programme http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/tpa/index.aspx



Welcome to **MyAccountingLab** where the "**I get it**" moment meets the **power of practice**. **MyAccountingLab** exercises are directly correlated to your textbook, **Atrill et al/Accounting, An Introduction 1ed** and gives you a personalized interactive learning environment, where you can learn at your own pace and measure your progress.



Please go to www.myaccountinglab.com and Log In

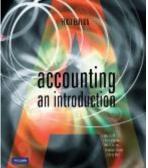
Enrolling into your course within MyAccountingLab

- 1. Choose to ENROLL IN A NEW COURSE
- 2. Choose I am taking a course that is using MyAccountingLab and need to enroll in my instructor's course
- 3. Type in your Course ID: XLOV-M11Y-201Z-8C62 (NB the 0 is the number zero)
- 4. Click ENROLL
- 5. If you are using MyAccountingLab at home, run **BROWSER CHECK** to ensure that you have the proper plug-ins

Support and More Information:

For MyAccountingLab support please visit <u>www.myaccountinglab.com</u> and choose **STUDENT SUPPORT** from the **SUPPORT** tab on the upper right hand side of the home page. Here you'll find links to:

- Getting Started with MyAccountingLab
- Tips on using the Installation Wizard
- Forgot your login and password
- Technical support 24/7



Detailed Tutorial Signup Instructions

- 1. Go to the Tutorial signup website at: <u>https://signups.victoria.ac.nz</u>
- 2. Enter your SCS username and password to login the system.
- 3. The "Signup Home" page opens. It displays all courses you are enrolled for and that use the S-Cubed Tutorial & Workshop Signup system. Click on the course you wish to sign up for.
- 4. The selected course page opens. It will show the course contact and brief details of the signup instructions. A "key" is provided at the bottom that explains all buttons and what they do.
- 5. The schedule of tutorials includes the day/time, location, maximum group size, and spaces left in the tutorial sessions.
- 6. If there are spaces left in a particular session, you will see the "ENROL" button next to it. You can click this button to enrol yourself into that tutorial session.
- 7. If there are NO more spaces left in a particular session, you will see the "JOIN WAITLIST" button, if available. You can click this button to join the waitlist for that tutorial session. Please note that you will be removed from any other waitlist you may have joined earlier. If somebody withdraws from this session, you will automatically be moved up the waitlist or enrolled into the session. In this case you are enrolled in the session; an email will be sent to you if you are enrolled into the session from a waitlist.
- 8. You can only "JOIN WAITLIST" if you have already enrolled in one of the other available sessions. In other words, "ENROL" in one session and then you can choose to join the waitlist for another preferred session.
- 9. You can choose to "WITHDRAW" from a session you have already enrolled for. You can also choose to "CANCEL WAITLIST" to remove yourself from a particular waitlist.
- 10. A "FULL" button indicates all seats and waitlist are full for that tutorial session. You must choose another session.
- 11. More details on the various buttons are available in the "Key" section at the bottom of the signup page.
- 12. You should "ENROL" in only ONE tutorial session and may "JOIN WAITLIST" for only ONE other tutorial session.
- 13. You can login and signup (or change your signup) anytime before the closing date of the tutorial signup. You will NOT be able to sign up or change your choice after the tutorial signups have closed.
- 14. You can view/confirm details of the sessions you are enrolled and waitlisted for, such as day/time and location by clicking on "My Signups" on the left hand menu.
- 15. Click on "Support" on the left hand menu if you are having problems.

This online signup system is available around the clock over the internet. Any requests after this date will need to be manually handled by the course administrator. You will need to submit a written application stating the reason why you were not able to sign up on time using the online system, along with other relevant documentation such as medical certificate etc.

Finally, you must always attend the tutorial sessions that you have signed up for. If you attend a different session, your attendance may not be recorded.

MID-TRIMESTER TEST EXAMPLE OF MULTIPLE CHOICE ANSWER SHEET

Study this example of a (partially) completed Multiple Choice Answer Sheet so that you understand how to fill out your answer sheet *before* you sit the mid-trimester test.

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