

School of Accounting and Commercial Law

MMPA 506 ADVANCED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

Trimester 1, 2014

COURSE OUTLINE

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Trimester Dates

Teaching Period: Monday 3 March – Friday 6 June

Study Period: Monday 9 June – Thursday 12 June

Examination Period: Friday 13 June – Wednesday 2 July (inclusive)

Withdrawal from Course

1. Your fees will be refunded if you withdraw from this course on or before Friday 14 March 2014.
2. The standard last date for withdrawal from this course is Friday 16 May 2014. 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

Fridays: 12.40-3.30pm

Venue: RHLT3 (Rutherford House Lecture Theatre 3), Pipitea Campus

NOTE: The lecture in week 7 will take place on Monday 14 April in RWW 501 (5.40pm-8.30pm).

Course Delivery

The course is delivered in one three-hour lecture per week. The course lecturers will assign readings and out of class work that is expected to be completed on time. A thorough understanding of all assigned materials is essential. The lecture will involve a range of activities from group work to tutorials to more conventional lecturing. Course lecturers will post material on Blackboard. It is suggested that students regularly check blackboard for updates, announcements and materials.

Group Work

Collaboration on individual assignments is not allowed beyond general discussion as to the nature of the assignment question. Please do not work together to produce any written work and do not loan out your completed assignments.

Expected Workload

As MMPA 506 is a 15-point course, it is expected that students will work for 150 hours across the course. Lectures account for 36 hours of this time. Accordingly, students are expected to allocate seven hours per week during the teaching weeks (outside of class) to prepare for lectures, review lectures, study assigned readings, and work on assignments, and a further 30 hours on preparing for the mid-trimester test and the final examination.

Prescription

The social, political and economic impact of financial accounting on contemporary business environment.

Course Learning Objectives

Students who are successful in this course will, at an advanced level, be able to:

- (a) Appreciate recent developments in financial reporting in respect of both business and the wider context of the society;
- (b) Understand the applications and implications of various financial reporting standards in complex environments;
- (c) Evaluate multifaceted contemporary issues related to financial reporting;
- (d) Describe and explain current research issues in financial reporting.

Course Content

This course focuses on selected advanced level financial reporting topics that are the source of contemporary academic and professional interest. The course emphasises key issues that face accountants in practice and will help develop an understanding of how different contexts affect accounting and financial reporting. A course programme schedule is provided on page 5.

Readings

The recommended readings are:

- Deegan, C. and Samkin, G. (2013) *New Zealand Financial Accounting, 6th edition*, McGraw Hill.
- Applicable Financial Reporting Standards (Volumes 1 and 2) – *New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards*, New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants (2012 or 2013 editions or equivalent Student editions ONLY).

Additional readings:

Lecture summaries and other handouts will be handed out and made available on Blackboard.

Materials and Equipment

Only silent non-programmable calculators or silent programmable calculators with their memories cleared are permitted in the mid-trimester test and the final examination.

Assessment

From Trimester 1, 2014, a revised Assessment Handbook will apply to all Victoria courses: see <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf>.

In particular, there will be a new grade scheme, in which the A+ range will be 90-100% and 50-54% will be a C-.

| Item | Specifications | Weighting | Due Date | Course Learning Objectives Covered |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Assignment 1 | TBA | 10% | Friday 11 April 2014, 2.00pm | a & b |
| Test | 120 minutes, closed book | 40% | Monday 5 May 2014 5.40pm in GBLT3 | b & c |
| Quiz | 30 minutes, closed book | 10% | In class on 30 May 2014 | b, c & d |
| Examination | 120 minutes, closed book | 40% | TBA (see 'Examinations' below) | b, c & d |

- **Assignment**

The assignment must be submitted in hard copy by 2pm on the due date. Please put your assignment into the relevant submission box on the Mezzanine Floor of Rutherford House.

- **Test**

The Test will examine topics to be advised in lectures. You are advised to arrive early so that you are seated and ready to begin the test on time.

- **Quiz**

This will be a 30 minute multi-choice answer quiz. It will take place at the start of the lecture on 30 May 2014. You are advised to arrive early so that you are seated and ready to begin the quiz on time. Material to be covered in the quiz will be advised in lectures.

- **Exam**

The 2-hour closed-book, comprehensive exam will cover the last six to seven weeks of materials.

Penalties

- **Assignment**

The assignment must be handed in on or before the due date and time. In fairness to other students, any assignment submitted after the deadline will not be marked.

An extension or waiver (with no penalty) will be considered on the grounds of exceptional personal circumstances. Students must complete the 'Assignment Extension/Waiver Application Form' available on Blackboard and submit the form (with the relevant supporting documentation) to Pinky Shah, preferably before the assignment due date.

Note: The submission of an application does not mean that the extension has been approved. Penalties, as detailed above, will apply if the extension is not granted.

- **Test and Quiz**

Unjustifiable absence from the test or quiz will result in a mark of 'zero' for that test or quiz and may result in a student not meeting mandatory course requirements.

Students unable to take scheduled tests due to exceptional circumstances, must complete the 'Consideration of Exceptional Personal Circumstances for Tests Application Form' available on Blackboard. Submit this form to Pinky Shah as early as possible, preferably before the test date.

Note: The submission of an application does not mean that the test requirement has been changed or waived. Penalties, as detailed above, will apply if it is not successful.

Exceptional Personal Circumstances include an impairment assessed by Disability Services, illness, bereavement, circumstances involving the health or wellbeing of a relative or close friend, compulsory attendance at court, national or international representative commitments, significant cultural commitments, or activities in which the student is representing the University.

*Note: Not being organised or failing to plan ahead are **not** exceptional circumstances.*

Use of Turnitin

Student work provided for assessment in this course may be checked for academic integrity by the electronic search engine <http://www.turnitin.com>. Turnitin is an on-line plagiarism prevention tool which compares submitted work with a very large database of existing material. At the discretion of the Head of School, handwritten work may be copy-typed by the School and submitted to Turnitin. A copy of submitted materials will be retained on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions will not be made available to any other party.

Examinations

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 following period:

Friday 13 June – Wednesday 2 July (inclusive)

Mandatory Course Requirements

In addition to obtaining an overall course mark of 50 or better, students must:

- Make a reasonable attempt at the assignment; and
- **All** items of assessment must be completed.

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat

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

Additional information concerning this course will be provided in lectures and posted on Blackboard: <http://blackboard.vuw.ac.nz>. Urgent notices will be circulated by email.

Student feedback

Any feedback is considered and followed up on.

Student feedback on University courses may be found at
www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php

Link to general information

For general information about course-related matters, go to
<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/vbs/studenthelp/general-course-information>

Note to Students

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 academic audit. The findings may be used to inform changes aimed at improving the quality of VBS programmes. All material used for such processes will be treated as confidential, and the outcome will not affect your grade for the course.

COURSE PROGRAMME

| Week | Lecturer | Topic | Readings | Other Info |
|---|----------|--|---|---|
| ACCOUNTING THEORIES | | | | |
| 1 7 Mar | Phuong | Introduction to Accounting Theory | D&S 3 | |
| INVESTMENT IN OTHER ENTITIES | | | | |
| 2 14 Mar | Phuong | Accounting for Group Structures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Accounting for Business Combinations • Concepts and Principles of Consolidation | DS 24 NZ IFRS 3, 10 & 12 NZ IAS 27 | |
| 3 21 Mar | Phuong | Accounting for Intergroup Transactions | DS 25 NZ IFRS 3, 10 & 12 NZ IAS 27 | |
| 4 28 Mar | Phuong | Accounting for Non-controlling Interest; and Accounting for Indirect Ownership Interest | DS 26 & 27 NZ IFRS 3, 10 & 12 NZ IAS 27 | |
| 5 4 Apr | Phuong | Accounting for Equity Investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investments in Associates | DS 29 NZ IAS 28 | Assignment due 2pm, Friday 11 April |
| MEASUREMENT AND DISCLOSURE | | | | |
| 6 11 Apr | Phuong | Accounting for Financial Instruments | DS 15 NZ IFRS 7 & 9 NZ IAS 32 & 39 | |
| 7 14 April | Ainul | Accounting for Foreign Currency Transactions; and Translating the Financial Statements of Foreign Operations | DS 30 & 31 NZ IAS 21 | The lecture this week is on Monday |
| MID-TRIMESTER BREAK (Friday 18 April – Sunday 4 May) | | | | |
| 8 9 May | Ainul | Accounting for Leases | DS 11 NZ IAS 17 | Mid-Trimester Test this week: date TBA |
| 9 16 May | Ainul | Accounting for Employee Entitlements and Accounting for Share-based Payment | DS 12 & 14 NZ IFRS 2 NZ IAS 19 | |
| 10 23 May | Ainul | Segment Reporting; and Earnings Per Share | DS 21 & 23 NZ IFRS 8 NZ IAS 33 | |
| 11 30 May | Ainul | Current Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting for Heritage and Biological Assets • Accounting for corporate social responsibility | DS 9 & 32 NZ IAS 41 | Quiz: 30 May (in class) |
| FINANCIAL DECISION MAKING | | | | |
| 12 6 Jun | Ainul | Analysis and Interpretation of Financial Statements | <i>Readings from</i> Business analysis and valuation - using financial statements (4 th edition) – Palepu & Healy Chapters 2- 5 | |