

School of Accounting and Commercial Law

ACCY231 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

Trimester 2, 2016

COURSE OUTLINE

Prescription

A preparer's perspective on particular areas of financial reporting, including current New Zealand GAAP and recognition of revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities.

Course Learning Objectives

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. Explain current New Zealand regulation of financial reporting;
2. Critique current international GAAP, the underlying concepts and assumptions;
3. Explain the likely motivation for, and outcomes from, asset and liability measurement and recognition according to international GAAP; and
4. Explain the differences between meeting user needs through financial reporting on profit orientated entities and public benefit entities

Course Content

A detailed course programme is provided at the end of this Course Outline.

Trimester Dates

Teaching Period: Monday 11th July – Friday 14th October

Study Period: Monday 17th October – Thursday 20th October

Examination Period: Friday 21st October – Saturday 12th November (inclusive)

Withdrawal from Course

1. Your fees will be refunded if you withdraw from this course on or before Friday 22 July 2016.
2. The standard last date for withdrawal from this course is Friday 23rd September 2016. 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 the Faculty's Student Customer Service Desks or [online](#).

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Class Times and Room Numbers

Lectures: 9.30 - 10.20am Tuesday and Thursday

Rutherford House Lecture Theatre 1 (RHLT1)

Tutorials: You will be asked to sign up online - further details to be advised on Blackboard.

Course Delivery

The formal instruction in this course consists of 24 lectures of 50 minutes each, plus eight tutorials of 50 minutes each. Before attending the lectures, you should read the assigned chapter and any associated readings in your Course. Before each tutorial, students need to work through the tutorial questions. The Test and Final Exam will be set assuming students have attended all lectures and tutorials.

Readings

Picker, Leo, Loftus, Wise and Clark (2012). *Applying International Financial Reporting Standards*, 3rd Edition.

ACCY 231 Financial Accounting Trimester 2, 2016 *Selected International Financial Reporting Standards*

The prescribed book for this course is an Australian Wiley publication, *Applying International Financial Reporting Standards*, 3rd Edition by Picker, Leo, Loftus, Wise and Clark (2012). It will also be prescribed for ACCY 308 when you undertake that course. You may purchase a digital copy of the book for AUD \$55 from <http://au.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-EHEP002599.html>. This gives you lifetime access and can be used across four devices which synchronise any notes or highlighting, and also gives you the option to print.

Relevant teaching materials, extra readings, practice examples, assignments, etc. will be provided for students on an ongoing basis, primarily on Blackboard.

Mandatory course requirements (MCR)

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of at least 50%, students must sit the Test and participate in the Group presentations at their tutorial meetings.

Any student who is concerned that they have been (or might be) unable to meet any of the MCRs because of exceptional personal circumstances, should contact the course coordinator as soon as possible.

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat

Expected Workload

It is expected that a students' workload in this course will be, on average, 10 hours a week, making a total of 120 hours. These 120 hours are comprised of 32 hours of lectures and tutorials; background reading for lectures - 30 hours; tutorial preparation including Group work - 16 hours; and review of material for the tests and examination - 42 hours.

Assessment

Students enrolled in this course are required to sit the Test that will take place during Week 4 and the Group presentations at their tutorial meetings in weeks 11 and 12. Failure to participate in the Group presentations during your tutorial, and in the group meetings as arranged by your group, may result in a zero mark for the Group presentation.

Assessment items are as follows:

| | <i>Weighting</i> |
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| Assignment One due on Thursday 28 July at 2pm | 7% |
| Assignment Two due on Thursday 22 September at 2pm | 8% |
| Group presentations in weeks 11 - 12 | 10% |
| Test (60 minutes) Thursday 4 August at 18:00-19:00 | 25% |
| Exam (Closed book, 2 hours) Date to be advised by Faculty | 50% |

Material examined in the Test will be covered in lectures, assignments and tutorials in weeks 1 – 3. The final examination will be comprehensive, covering material from week 4 to 12.

The Assessment Handbook will apply to all VUW courses: see

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf>

Assignments

To facilitate efficient processing for assignments, please use the assignment coversheets available on Blackboard. Assignments will be marked and distributed back to you in your tutorials.

Keep a copy of all your assignments before you hand them in.

The Course Administrator should be contacted in relation to any changes to scheduled tutorial attendance and other inquiries of an administrative nature. Uncollected and misplaced assignment/essay inquiries should be directed to your tutor in the first instance; if unsuccessful please contact the Course Administrator.

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 21st October – Saturday 12th November (inclusive)

Penalties

No assignment will be accepted for assessment purposes after the deadline, unless accompanied by certification by a doctor or similar. Telephone and also personally visit the relevant lecturer (not the Administrator) as soon as you are able.

In fairness to other students, any assignment submitted after the deadline will be subject to a penalty of 5% of the total marks available for every day or part of a day (including Saturdays and Sundays) that the assignment is submitted late. For example, an assignment marked out of 100 due by 2pm on Monday 1 January but submitted at 1pm on Wednesday 3 January, would be marked out of 100 and then have 10 marks deducted from the marks awarded. No marks will be awarded to any assignment submitted after the assignment has been discussed in class or marked and returned to other students or after 10 days have elapsed, whichever occurs first.

Group Work

The University recognises that group work, when used appropriately, can be a valuable teaching strategy that contributes to students' learning and the development of their communication, teamwork and leadership skills. Collaboration among students to explore and develop ideas and solutions to problems and to promote engagement is a valued activity that stimulates learning through interaction. In a Group assessment all group members are all assigned the same mark.

(i) Week 5:

You will need to check on Blackboard before Week 5 that your tutorial number is correct.

Attend your tutorial this week to set up your Group meeting times. At the start of week 5 all students will be allocated to an ACCY 231 Tutorial Table Group. You will need to exchange contact details in week 5. There will be 3-4 students in each Table Group. Groups of 5 or more are not allowed. The presentation guidelines, requirements and marking guide will be posted on Blackboard e.g. Tutorial Number 6, Table Group Number 1 will work on Topic 1, Table Group 2 will work on Topic 2.

(ii) For small tutorial groups:

If a tutorial group has a very small number of students, it might combine with another group e.g. Tutorial X will cover topics 1, 2, 3 in Week 11 and invite members of Tutorial Y to attend if they wish. Tutorial Y will cover topics 4, 5 and 6 in Week 12 and invite members of Tutorial X to attend (student timetables permitting).

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.

Materials and Equipment

Dictionaries: If you need to have a foreign-language dictionary, please sit at the front of the class during the Test or Exam so that these may easily be checked.

Calculators: Silent non-programmable calculators will be required in class, tests and the exam.

A bound copy of *Selected IFRS* is permitted in the Test and Examination.

- You **may** highlight or underline text.
- **No** writing is permitted in the book.
- You are **not** permitted to index the book by use of tabs.

Student feedback

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

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 or posted on Blackboard.

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 Victoria Business School 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 Beginning | | Lecture topic | Picker et al | Tutorial topic |
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| July 11 | Week 1 | Introduction to Financial Reporting in NZ | XRB website and materials in Course Material Book | No tutorials this week |
| July 18 | Week 2 | Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting; Elements of financial statements | Chapters 1 & 2 | No tutorials this week |
| July 25 | Week 3 | Fair value measurement (NZIFRS 13), Financial statement presentation, (NZIAS 1), accounting policies (NZIAS 8), Events after reporting period (NZIAS 10). | Chapters 3 & 18 | Tutorial 1 Introduction to Financial Reporting in NZ & Conceptual Framework |
| Assignment One due in week 3 at 2pm, Thursday, July 28 | | | | |
| August 1 | Week 4 | Revenue recognition (NZIAS 18, PBE IPSAS 23) | Chapter 4 | Tutorial 2 Chapters 3 & 18 |
| Test in Week 4, 6 pm, Thursday, August 4 | | | | |
| August 8 | Week 5 | Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets (NZIAS 37) | Chapter 5 | Tutorial 3 Chapter 4 Group organisation for Weeks 11 and 12 |
| August 15 | Week 6 | Accounting for Income Taxes (NZIAS 12) | Chapter 6 | Tutorial 4 Chapter 5 |
| Mid-Trimester Break August 22nd – September 2nd | | | | |
| September 5 | Week 7 | Inventories (NZIAS 2) | Chapter 9 | No tutorials this week |
| September 12 | Week 8 | Property, plant & equipment (NZIAS 16) | Chapter 11 | Tutorial 5 Chapters 6 & 9 |
| September 19 | Week 9 | Intangible assets (NZIAS 38) | Chapter 13 | No tutorials this week |
| Assignment Two due in week 9 at 2pm, Thursday, September 22 | | | | |
| September 26 | Week 10 | Impairment of assets (NZIAS 36, PBE IPSAS 26) | Chapter 15 | Tutorial 6 Chapters 11 & 13 |
| October 3 | Week 11 | Statement of cash flows (NZIAS 7) | Chapter 19 | Tutorial 7 Presentation topics 1-3 |
| October 10 | Week 12 | Accounting for Employee Benefits (NZIAS 19) | Chapter 10 | Tutorial 8 Presentation topics 4-6 |