

Financial Accounting

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Course description

This course provides students with an understanding of the broad accounting principles, concepts, and the role of financial information in decision-making process. The learning is useful only if knowledge can be applied to the real economic issues. In class we discuss financial statements of the famous companies, and the articles on the related topics. Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to prepare financial statements, analyze accounting information, and draw conclusions for effective business decisions.

Course requirements, grading, and attendance policies

The course grade is based on final exam, group projects, quizzes and class participation. The maximum amount of points available for each component is as follows:

In-Class Participation	10	pts
Quizzes and Group Projects	20	pts
Final Group Project (report and presentation)	20	pts
<u>Final Examination</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>pts</u>
Total	100	pts

To pass the course students have to receive at least 25 points out 50 at the final written examination, and perform all group projects. For group projects, all students are to be divided into groups up to five people. Submission deadlines are to be specified in the instructions to the group projects.

Course contents

The content of individual lecture below is tentative, possible changes can be made according to the agreement with the students.

- 1. Accounting Framework**
Key Concepts, Financial Statements, Balance Sheet
- 2. Accounting Cycle**
Income statement, Revenues, Expenses, Earnings
- 3. Cash Flow**
Cash Flow Statement, Cash vs. Earnings
- 4. Consolidated Financial Statements**
Current assets, Long-Term Investments, Goodwill
- 5. Consolidated Financial Statements**
Liabilities, Equity
- 6. Financial Analysis**
Profitability, Solvency, Liquidity
- 7. Financial Analysis. Earnings Management**
DuPont Analysis, Earnings Management

Course materials

Weygandt, J.J., Kimmel, P.D., Kieso, D.E. (2011) Financial Accounting, IFRS Edition. Wiley.

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Harrison, W.T., Horngren, C.T. (2008) Financial Accounting, 7th ed. Prentice Hall.

Stickney, C. P., Weil, R. L. (2010) Financial Accounting - An Introduction to Concepts, Methods and Uses, 13th ed. South-Western, Cengage Learning.

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