THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Syllabus for ACC 380D & ACC 326 Spring 2010

Unique Numbers: 02415 (ACC 380D) and 02295 (ACC 326)

Class Meetings: ACC380D MW 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in GSB 3.106

ACC 326 MW 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in GSB 2.122

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Become more familiar with financing, investing, and operating activities of business entities
- ✓ Understand how these activities are treated under general accepted accounting principles
- ✓ Establish the ability to rigorously evaluate financial statements

The overall objective of the course is to increase your ability to use financial statements. The first two objectives are the means to this final goal. The first step in this process is to gain an understanding of the operating and financing transactions underlying the creation of corporate wealth. The second step is to get an intuitive feel for when and how financial reports communicate the prospective and final outcomes of transactions that are either in-process or completed. Once those criteria are met, rigorous evaluation of financial reports is achievable.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required

Course Packet: Class Notes. Available at Central Duplicating, GSB 3.136 and filed under Freeman. The packet includes class notes and homework problems.

Intermediate Accounting (Fifth Edition), by Spiceland, Sepe, Nelson, and Tomassini, Irwin/McGraw-Hill, (2009). Available in campus bookstores. The syllabus lists problems from this text.

Advanced Accounting, by Bline, Fischer, and Skekel, Wiley. Chapters 2, 3, 5, and Supplement B will be available on-line later in the semester. I'll send you an e-mail with the "PackId" when it is ready for purchase.

- Go to: http://www.xanedu.com/login?PackId="insert PackId"
- Click on the "Student Registration" button under the "New Users Register Here" banner (if you have previously registered for another CoursePack, login).
- Complete the registration page, and click Continue.
- Confirm your CoursePack selection, and click Continue.
- CoursePack Title: Coursepack for ACC 380D.
- Complete your billing information, confirm and click Continue.
- After completing the purchase pages, you will be taken to your CoursePack. You should have unlimited on-line access and should be able to print one copy.

Hardcopy References

The Wall Street Journal

Electronic References

Newspaper and Magazine Articles. Recent articles from the financial press are posted to the course Blackboard site under "Course Documents." Additional articles may be posted during the semester.

EDGAR The Security and Exchange Commission's financial statement data base. Available on the worldwide web at http://www.sec.gov/.

LEXIS/NEXIS Available to all UT students over the internet. This database contains annual reports (NAARS database), SEC documents, and articles from selected business press.

HOMEWORK

Recommended Problems

There is a lot of material in the textbooks and course packet. In class, I will make every effort to emphasize what is important and will walk you through numerous illustrative transactions (and related financial statements) described in the Class Notes; but we will not cover enough problem material in class to adequately prepare you for the exams. You are strongly encouraged to work as many problems from the textbooks and Class Notes as your schedule permits. The last page of the syllabus lists textbook problems that are related to the materials I emphasize in class. The Class Notes contain problems that I have written, and most of those have appeared on prior exams. Solutions to all recommended problems are available on the course Blackboard site.

Required Problems

To encourage you to develop exam skills, selected problems from the Bline textbook and Class Notes packet will be graded (see the list below). You will receive full credit for a problem if the TA concludes that you made a reasonable effort. Detailed solutions to graded problems will be posted to Blackboard after the due dates.

Due Date	Topic	Packet Problems	Bline Problems
Friday, January 29	Income Statement	IS2, IS3	
Friday, February 5	Income Taxes	IT4, IT5, IT6	
Friday, February 12	Accounting Changes	AC2, AC6	
	Cash Flow Statement	CF2	
Friday, February 26	Debt Securities	DS5, DS6	
Friday, March 5	Equity Securities	ES2, ES3	
Friday, March 26	Earnings per Share	EPS2, EPS3	
	Mergers & Acquisitions		2-9 parts A, B, C
Friday, April 2	Post Acquisition Fin St		3-3 & 3-4 parts A, B, C
Friday, April 9	Derivatives & Hedging	DH2, DH4	
Friday, April 23	Securitizations	RS8, RS10	
Friday, April 30	Pensions	PN3, PN4	
Friday, May 7	Stock Compensation	SC2, SC3	

Several ways to submit homework:

- ➤ Hard copy solutions may be placed in the homework box on the receptionist counter in CBA 4M.202.
- Electronic solutions may be uploaded to Blackboard (see instructions on the following page).
- ➤ Give hard copy to Carter during his office hours.

Problem solutions are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on the due date. Late homework is not accepted.

<u>Instructions for electronic submissions of Required Homework</u>

- 1. **<u>Download</u>** an electronic version of the problem.
 - a. Navigate to the Assignments Page on Blackboard.
 - b. Scroll to and click on the *HW Problems* you would like to complete.
 - c. Right click and select **Save Target As** to download the file to your computer.
- 2. **Submit** your completed HW assignment.
 - a. Navigate to the Assignments Page on Blackboard.
 - b. Scroll to and click on the *HW Problems* you have completed.
 - c. Type any comments, Click **Browse** to attach your finished assignment.
 - d. Select the file to attach and Click **Open** to confirm your selection.
 - e. Click **Submit**, indicating you are ready to turn in this assignment.

 Note: If you choose Save, the file will NOT be sent to your instructor.
 - f. Click OK.

EXAMS

There will be three exams. If you miss an exam and have a valid reason for missing it, we will arrange to give you a make-up exam. If you do not have a valid reason for missing an exam, you will receive a zero on the exam (which usually results in a failing grade for the course).

Exam I

Wednesday, February 17, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Exam II

Wednesday, April 7, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Exam III

ACC 326: Thursday, May 13, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ACC 380D: Monday, May 17, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *An earlier option will also be offered.*

Exam performance is directly related to systematic preparation, which includes timely completion of suggested homework (including suggested problems that are not turned in for grading). Since this course moves quickly, you cannot afford to fall behind on readings or problems. You will have difficulty solving problems unless you complete the reading assignments, understand illustrations worked in class, and complete illustrations in the class notes that are not completed in class. *Skill in solving textbook and course-packet problems will be tested on exams*.

COURSE GRADE

Course grades are determined by the following weighted average of graded homework assignments and exams:

Homework	25
Exam I	25
Exam II	25
Exam III	25
Total	100

BLACKBOARD (HTTP://COURSES.UTEXAS.EDU/)

Grades and most course-related materials (e.g., problem solutions and WSJ articles) will be posted to Blackboard. In addition, you are encouraged to post questions to the discussion forum. For example, you might post a question about a homework problem or a question about an example that we worked in class. The TA and I will post answers to your questions.

In order to login to Blackboard, you need a current UT EID. After logging in, you will see a list of classes in which you are enrolled. Just click on SP10-Advanced Topics in Financial Reporting (for ACC 380D) or SP10-Intermediate Accounting (for ACC 326).

ACC 326 & ACC 380D - SPRING 2010 CLASS SCHEDULE

Class	Readings in Course Packet	Materials in Spiceland (S) and Bline (B)			
Dates	(and related problems, mostly from old exams)	Chapters	Recommended Exercises[E]; Problems[P]		
Review of Financial Statements: Presentation, Recognition, & Measurement					
Prerequisite	The Accounting Process & Balance Sheet	S: 1, 2, 3A&B	E2- 7, 8, 11, 14; E3- 5, 12; P3- 5, 10		
1/20	Introduction – Overview of Course				
1/20	Financial Accounting and Security Valuation	Handout			
1/25 & 27	Income Statement (IS)	S: 4A, 5A, 11B	E4- 3, 5, 6, 7; P4- 2, 8; E5- 9, 11; P5- 5		
2/1 & 3	Income Taxes (IT)	S: 16	E16- 3, 4, 7, 13, 23, 27; P16- 1, 4, 7, 10		
2/8	Accounting Changes & Error Corrections (AC)	S: 9D, 11B, 20	E11- 15, 16; P20- 2, 13		
2/10	Statement of Cash Flows (CF)	S: 4B, 7A, 21	E21- 2, 9, 14, 17, 21; P21- 6		
2/15	Catch-up and Review				
2/17	Exam I: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.				
In Depth Transaction Analysis					
2/22 & 24	Issuing and Investing in Debt Securities (DS)	S: 14, 12A	E14- 2, 17, 20, 29; P14- 9, 23; E12- 8, 10, 24; P12- 1		
3/1 & 3	Issuing and Investing in Equity Securities (ES)	S: 18, 12	E18- 3, 6, 8; E12- 13, 14; P12- 5, 6, 12		
3/8 – 3/19	Global Trip and Spring Break: No Class Meetings				
3/22	Earnings per Share (EPS)	S: 18C, 19B	E18- 13, 14, 15; P18- 9; E19- 15, 18, 19; P19- 11		
3/24	Mergers and Acquisitions (MA)	B: 2	E2- 1, 2, 7; P2- 1 parts a b c, 2 parts a b c		
3/29 & 3/31	Post-Acquisition Financial Statements (PA)	B: 3	E3- 1, 2, 11; P3- 1, 2		
4/5	Foreign Operations (FO)				
4/7	Exam II: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.				
4/12 & 14	Derivatives and Hedging (DH)	S: Appendix A	EA- 3, 4		
		B: 5	E5- 9, 10, 14, 15, 19, 20; P5- 3, 4		
4/19 & 21	Receivables, Securitizations, & SPEs (SR)	S: 7B			
		B: Supplement B			
4/26 & 28	Pensions & Other Post-Employment Benefits (PN)	S: 17	E17- 9, 11, 12; P17- 4, 9; E21- 28		
5/3 & 5	Stock-Based Compensation (SC)	S: 19A	E19- 5, 6, 7, 16, 23, 24; P19- 2, 5		
5/13 & 17	Exam III: 2:00-5:00 May 13 and 9:00-Noon May 17 (plus an earlier option to be determined)				