



**Texas A&M University Commerce
College of Business
Department of Accounting
Summer 2020 Syllabus**

**ACCT 502-01W
Financial Accounting**

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The best way to reach me is by email. All emails must contain ACCT 502 Financial Accounting in the subject line to be treated as high priority. **The syllabus is tentative and subject to change as the semester progresses.**

Course Information

Course Description

This graduate level financial accounting course is designed to a study of accounting principles and procedures essential to the preparation of financial statements with particular emphasis on the corporate form. Topics of coverage include assets and liabilities, property, plant and equipment, and investments, stockholders' equity, income recognition, leases, accounting changes and errors, and financial reporting and analysis.

Prerequisites: Acct 501 or equivalent classes. PLEASE NOTE that students who register for this course without previously meeting the prerequisite/s will have their registration cancelled.

Required Textbook: Intermediate Accounting, 10th Edition, by J. D. Spiceland, M. W. Nelson, and W. B. Thomas, McGraw Hill Education 2020. ISBN: 978-1260-31017-7, and **Connect** online access is required and must be included for this course; or ISBN: 978-12606-96325 (Loose-leaf with **Connect**).

Note: This course also requires **Connect** Online Access (access code may be purchased packaged with the text at the TAMU bookstore) OR **Connect Plus** Online Access Code (includes an eBook PLUS Connect Accounting Online Access) can be purchased separately online).

Recommended resource: May, C. and May, G., (any year) *Effective Writing: A Handbook for Accountants*.

Course Objectives

- (1) Students will be able to understand the recording of transactions and events for a business using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
- (2) Students will be able to demonstrate competency preparing, reading, understanding, interpreting and utilizing financial statements prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
- (3) Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the principles and concepts of financial accounting used in solving complex accounting issues.

Expected Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to

- (1) Demonstrate an understanding of the changing environment of accounting and the conceptual framework that provides the theoretical basis for the generally accepted accounting principles used in the U.S. for financial reporting.
- (2) Demonstrate the ability to apply theory and principles of accounting for analyzing, recording, and reporting assets and other related financial items.
- (3) Be capable of appropriately preparing comprehensive financial statements for an ongoing business enterprise and conducting basic financial statement analyses.

Learning Goal:

Students are expected to achieve the above learning outcomes and demonstrate core competence in the accounting profession.

Student Responsibilities:

- (1) Complete all assignments in a timely manner.
- (2) Devote the necessary time outside of class.
- (3) Read assigned material prior to the class.
- (4) Prepare and actively participate in class and case discussion.

Grading:

The final course grade will be based on these following components.

Grading and Assessment	Learning Outcomes Assessed	Available Points
First Exam	(1), (2), (3)	100
Second Exam	(1), (2), (3)	100
Final Exam	(1), (2), (3)	100
Quizzes Assignment	(1), (2), (3)	120
Research & Analysis Project	(1), (2), (3)	30
Total Available		450

Grades for the course will be determined by converting each student's points out of a possible 500 points into a percentage and then applying the following ranges:

90%-100%: A, 80%-89%: B, 70%-79%: C, 60%-69%: D and below 60%: F.

Exams: Since the essential knowledge of financial accounting is rich and cumulative, this class will comprise of three scheduled exams to evaluate students' performance. Exams will be assigned via **Connect**. Schedule of exams should be found in the schedule table and via D2L announcement. The format of the exams will comprise of short-problem solving questions, multiple-choice questions, true/false, matching, or essays. Make-up exams/quizzes are given **ONLY** under extenuating conditions. The following are considered extenuating conditions: hospitalization, medical emergency, physical injury, or death of an immediate family member. You **MUST** bring proof of the extenuating circumstance in order to facilitate an exam/quiz make-up. Proof of the extenuating circumstance must be received in a timely manner. For extenuating conditions make-up exams/quizzes must be taken within three days of release or recovery. A 30% late penalty may apply even if an extenuating circumstance exists. Students attending university sponsored events must provide necessary documentation in order to accommodate any make-up exam/quiz.

Quiz: Quizzes will be assigned via **Connect**. Schedule of quizzes should be found in the schedule table and via D2L announcement.

Homework Assignments: We plan to assign our homework questions weekly in **Connect**, but they will not be graded. But they are really good practice questions and will help you understand the textbook and prepare for the exams.

Accounting Research and Analysis Project: One research and data analysis project will be assigned to extract organizational data and perform analytics and organize the findings to demonstrate their analytics knowledge and application of GAAP. Students are expected to show related research literature, analyze financial evidence, demonstrate reporting procedures, and present their research findings in the class.

Late work: Assignments, exams, quizzes, etc. must be submitted no later than the date outlined in our course on D2L. Unless extenuating circumstances exist, late work is not accepted. Extenuating circumstances do **NOT** include forgetting, technical difficulties or running out of time. The evaluation of an extenuating circumstance is judged on a case-by-case basis. Documentation **MUST** be provided in a timely manner. A 30% late penalty may apply even if an extenuating circumstance exists.

Class Withdrawal: Be aware that this course is a **Time Consuming class**. Any student who is not progressing satisfactorily in the course is advised to withdraw by the academic deadline.

Note 1: Final examination for the Master's/Specialist degree

All candidates must satisfactorily pass a comprehensive examination covering all the work within their master's/specialist degree programs. The Final Examination Report for the Master's/Specialist Degree is to be submitted to The Graduate School at least three weeks prior to graduation.

Note 2: CPA Exam Candidates – For State of Texas

Candidates who desire to sit for the CPA in Texas must meet the following educational criteria: 1) Have a bachelor's degree; 2) Completed 150 semester hours of courses; 3) Included in the 150 semester hours, 30 of upper level accounting courses. You must have a minimum of 15-semester credit hours of accounting courses in the traditional format (face-to-face); 24 hours of upper level business courses; 3-semester credit hours of approved ethics; 2-semester credit hours of approved communication and 2-semester credit hours of approved accounting research. For more information visit Exam/Qualification on the State Board's website: <http://www.tsbpa.state.tx.us/>

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Browser Support

D2L is committed to performing key application testing when new browser versions are released. New and updated functionality is also tested against the latest version of supported browsers. However, due to the frequency of some browser releases, D2L cannot guarantee that each browser version will perform as expected. If you encounter any issues with any of the browser versions listed in the tables below, contact D2L Support, who will determine the best course of action for resolution. Reported issues are prioritized by supported browsers and then maintenance browsers. Supported browsers are the latest or most recent browser versions that are tested against new versions of D2L products. Customers can report problems and receive support for issues. For an optimal experience, D2L recommends using supported browsers with D2L products. Maintenance browsers are older browser versions that are not tested extensively against new versions of D2L products. Customers can still report problems and receive support for critical issues; however, D2L does not guarantee all issues will be addressed. A maintenance browser becomes officially unsupported after one year.

Note the following:

- Ensure that your browser has JavaScript and Cookies enabled.
- For desktop systems, you must have Adobe Flash Player 10.1 or greater.
- The Brightspace Support features are now optimized for production environments when using the Google Chrome browser, Apple Safari browser, Microsoft Edge browser, Microsoft Internet Explorer browser, and Mozilla Firefox browsers.

Desktop Support

Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)	Maintenance Browser Version(s)
Microsoft® Edge	Latest	N/A
Microsoft® Internet Explorer®	N/A	11
Mozilla® Firefox®	Latest, ESR	N/A
Google® Chrome™	Latest	N/A
Apple® Safari®	Latest	N/A

Tablet and Mobile Support

Device	Operating Systems	Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)
Android™	Android 4.4+	Chrome	Latest
Apple	iOS®	Safari, Chrome	The current major version of iOS (the latest minor or point release of that major version) and the previous major version of iOS (the latest minor or point release of that major version). For example, as of June 7, 2017, D2L supports iOS 10.3.2 and iOS 9.3.5, but not iOS 10.2.1, 9.0.2, or any other version. Chrome: Latest version for the iOS browser.
Windows	Windows 10	Edge, Chrome, Firefox	Latest of all browsers, and Firefox ESR.

- You will need regular access to a computer with a broadband Internet connection.

The minimum computer requirements are:

- 512 MB of RAM, 1 GB or more preferred
- Broadband connection required courses are heavily video intensive
- Video display capable of high-color 16-bit display 1024 x 768 or higher resolution

- You must have a:

- Sound card, which is usually integrated into your desktop/laptop computer
- Speakers or headphones.
- For courses utilizing video-conferencing tools and/or an online proctoring solution, a webcam and microphone are required.

- Both versions of Java (32 bit and 64 bit) must be installed and up to date on your machine. At a minimum Java 7, update 51, is required to support the learning management system. The most current version of Java can be downloaded at: JAVA web site

<http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp>

- Current anti-virus software must be installed and kept up to date.

Running the browser check will ensure your Internet browser is supported.

Pop-ups are allowed.

JavaScript is enabled.

Cookies are enabled.

- You will need some additional free software (plug-ins) for enhanced web browsing. Ensure that you download the free versions of the following software:
 - Adobe Reader <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
 - Adobe Flash Player (version 17 or later) <https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>
 - Adobe Shockwave Player <https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/>
 - Apple Quick Time <http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/>

- At a minimum, you must have Microsoft Office 2013, 2010, 2007 or Open Office. Microsoft Office is the standard office productivity software utilized by faculty, students, and staff. Microsoft Word is the standard word processing software, Microsoft Excel is the standard spreadsheet software, and Microsoft PowerPoint is the standard presentation software. Copying and pasting, along with attaching/uploading documents for assignment submission, will also be required. If you do not have Microsoft Office, you can check with the bookstore to see if they have any student copies.

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Brightspace Support Need Help? Student Support

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support



If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778 or click on the Live Chat or click on the words "click here" to submit an issue via email.

System Maintenance

D2L runs monthly updates during the last week of the month, usually on Wednesday. The system should remain up during this time unless otherwise announced in advance. You may experience minimal impacts to performance and/or look and feel of the environment.

ACCT 502 Course Objectives Rubric

Course Objectives	3 Exceeds Expectations	2 Meets Expectations	1 Does Not Meet Expectations
Understand the business transactions and events and demonstrate an understanding of GAAP.	A student demonstrates great understanding of how business transactions and GAAP concepts work.	A student demonstrates partial understanding of how business transactions and GAAP concepts work.	A student does not demonstrate the understanding of how business transactions and GAAP concepts work.
Demonstrate competency preparing, reading, understanding, interpreting and utilizing financial statements with GAAP.	A student demonstrates great competency on methods of preparing, interpreting, and utilizing financial statements with GAAP.	A student demonstrates partial competency on methods of preparing, interpreting, and utilizing financial statements with GAAP.	A student does not demonstrate the competency on methods of preparing, interpreting, and utilizing financial statements with GAAP.
Demonstrate knowledge of the principles and concepts of financial accounting used in solving complex accounting issues	A student demonstrates an excellent ability to apply financial accounting knowledge to solve complex issues.	A student demonstrates some ability to apply financial accounting knowledge to solve complex issues.	A student does not demonstrate the ability to apply financial accounting knowledge to solve complex issues.

University Policies and Procedures:

Students with Disabilities:

The Americans with Disabilities act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring accommodation, please contact:

**Office of Student Disability Resources
and Services Texas A&M University -
Commerce
Gee Library - Room 132
Phone (903) 886-5150
or (903) 886-5835 Fax (903)
468-8148
StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu**

Ethics: Integrity is the hallmark of the accounting profession and will be stressed throughout the course. Any type of student breach of ethics, including but not limited to: illegal activity, dishonest conduct, cheating, plagiarism, or collusion, will result in failure of assignment or exam (F) and/or further academic sanction (i.e. failure of course (F), dismissal from class and/or referral to Dean of the College of Business and Technology. All students are required to read, sign and submit the Academic Honesty Policy form via the drop box the first week of class.

"All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment." (See Student's Guide Handbook, Policies and Procedures, Conduct).

Non-discrimination: A&M-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Other: University policy will be followed in regards to withdrawals during the semester. It is the student's responsibility to conform with the university rules relating to dropping or withdrawing from the course.

Concealed Carry Policy

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to

(<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>) and/or consult your event organizer). Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

NOTE: THIS SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NEEDED TO MEET THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE OR TO AID IN COURSE ADMINISTRATION AT THE DISCRETION OF THE INSTRUCTOR.

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Readings & Assignments Tentative Schedule: subject to change with an advanced notice.

Week of	Topic	Activity
June-1	Overview of Class Chapter 2 & Chapter 3 Accounting process & balance sheet/financial disclosures	Academic honesty form and prepare, get familiar with Connect features Chap HWs Quiz #1 (include Chapter 1- Self-Study: Accounting environment)
June-8	Chapter 4 & Chapter 5 Income statement/cash flow statement & time value of money	Chap HWs Quiz #2
June-15	Chapter 6 & Chapter 7 (Part B and 7A) Revenue recognition & cash and receivables	Chap HWs Quiz #3
June-22	Chapter 8 (Part A) & Chapter 9 (Part A) Inventories: measurement & issues	Chap HWs
June-26/27/28	Exam I (TBA) Chap 3--Chap 9	
June-29	Chapter 10 & Chapter 11 PPE and intangible assets	Chap HWs Quiz #4
July-6	Chapter 12 & Chapter 13 Investment & current liability and contingencies	Chap HWs Quiz #5
July-13	Chapter 14 Bonds/L-T Notes	Chap HWs Quiz #6 Research & Analysis Project Assigned
July-20	Chapter 15 & Chapter 16 (Part A and B) Leases & Income tax accounting	Chap HWs Quiz #7
July-24/25/26	Exam II (TBA) Chap 10--Ch15	(Chapter 17- Not Cover)
July-27	Chapter 18 & Chapter 19 (Part B) SHE & Compensation & EPS	Chap HWs Quiz #8
July-31	Accounting Research & Analysis Project Due	
Aug-3	Chapter 20 & Chapter 21 Accounting change and errors & Statement of cash flows	Chap HWs Quiz #9
August-5/6	Exam III (TBA) Chap 16--Chap 21 (No Ch17)	