



South Central College

ACCT 1810 Financial Accounting

Course Outcome Summary

Course Information

Description	This course covers the fundamental accounting concepts and principles which are used in a business environment. Topics include an introduction to accounting and business, completing the accounting cycle, inventories, internal controls, receivables, cash flow statements and financial analysis. (Prerequisites: None)
Total Credits	4
Total Hours	64

Types of Instruction

Instruction Type	Credits/Hours
Lecture	4/64

Pre/Corequisites

None

Institutional Core Competencies

Critical and Creative Thinking - Students will be able to demonstrate purposeful thinking with the goal of using a creative process for developing and building upon ideas and/or the goal of using a critical process for the analyzing and evaluating of ideas.

Course Competencies

1. Describe accounting and business.

Learning Objectives

Describe the nature of a business and the role of ethics and accounting in business.

Summarize the development of accounting principles and relate them to practice.

State the accounting equation and define each element of the equation.

Describe and illustrate how business transactions can be recorded in terms of resulting change in the basic elements of the accounting equation.

Describe the financial statements of a proprietorship and explain how they interrelate.

2. Analyze transactions.

Learning Objectives

Describe the characteristics of an account and record transactions using a chart of accounts.

Describe and illustrate the posting of journal entries to accounts.

Prepare an unadjusted trial balance and explain how it can be used to discover errors.
Discover and correct errors in recording transactions.

3. Describe the adjusting process.

Learning Objectives

Describe the nature of the adjusting process.
Journalize entries for accounts requiring adjustment.
Summarize the adjustment process.
Prepare an adjusted trial balance.

4. Complete the accounting cycle.

Learning Objectives

Describe the flow of accounting information from the unadjusted trial balance into the adjusted trial balance and financial statements.
Prepare financial statements from adjusted account balances.
Prepare closing entries.
Describe the accounting cycle.
Illustrate the accounting cycle for one period.
Explain what is meant by the fiscal year and the natural business year.

5. Describe accounting systems.

Learning Objectives

Define an accounting system and describe its implementation.
Journalize and post transactions in a manual accounting system that uses subsidiary ledgers and special journals.
Describe and give examples of additional subsidiary ledgers and modified special journals.
Apply computerized accounting to the revenue and collection cycle.
Describe the basic features of e-commerce.

6. Describe accounting for merchandising businesses.

Learning Objectives

Describe the nature of merchandising businesses.
Describe the financial statements for a merchandising business.
Perform merchandising transactions.
Describe the adjusting and closing process for a merchandising business.

7. Describe inventory systems.

Learning Objectives

Describe the importance of control over inventory.
Describe three inventory cost flow assumptions and how they impact the income statement and balance sheet.
Determine the cost of inventory under the perpetual inventory system, using the FIFO, LIFO, and average cost methods.
Determine the cost of inventory under the periodic inventory system, using the FIFO, LIFO, and average cost methods.
Compare and contrast the use of the three inventory costing methods.
Describe and illustrate the reporting of merchandising inventory in the financial statements.
Estimate the cost of inventory, using the retail method and gross profit method.

8. Describe Sarbanes-Oxley, internal control, and cash.

Learning Objectives

Describe the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and its impact on internal controls and financial reporting.
Describe and illustrate the objectives and elements of internal control.
Describe and illustrate the application of internal controls to cash.
Describe the nature of a bank account and its use in controlling cash.
Describe the accounting for special-purpose cash funds.
Describe and illustrate the reporting of cash and cash equivalents in the financial statements.

9. Define receivables.

Learning Objectives

Describe the common classifications of receivables.

Describe the nature of and the accounting for uncollectible receivables.
Describe the direct write-off method of accounting for uncollectible receivables.
Describe the allowance method of accounting for uncollectible receivables.
Compare the direct write-off and allowance methods of accounting for uncollectible accounts.
Describe the nature, characteristics, and accounting for notes receivable.
Describe the reporting of receivables on the balance sheet.

10. Describe the Statement of Cash Flows.

Learning Objectives

Summarize the types of cash flow activities reported in the statement of cash flows.
Prepare a statement of cash flows, using the indirect method.
Prepare a statement of cash flows, using the direct method.

11. Analyze financial statements.

Learning Objectives

List basic financial statement analytical procedures.
Apply financial statement analysis to assess the solvency of a business.
Apply financial statement analysis to assess the profitability of a business.
Describe the content of corporate annual reports.

12. Discuss a corporate organization.

Learning Objectives

Define the characteristics of corporations.
Describe the basics of capital stock.
Describe and record common stock.
Describe and record preferred stock.
Record dividends transactions.

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