

ACCT 7350 International Financial Reporting and Analysis Spring 2016

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Objective of Course:

The world of financial reporting has seen unprecedented change in the last decade. All entities listed in the EU, and a growing number of other countries, are now issuing financial statements under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The US FASB and the IASB, for a few years now, are on a path of convergence, but still many differences exist between both standard systems. The objective of this course is to introduce accounting students in a graduate level to international financial reporting standards, the IASB and its framework, and to the US GAAP/IFRS convergence efforts. The course is directed at students who already have graduate level knowledge of US GAAP, and therefore will concentrate on the main differences between US GAAP and IFRS.

Learning Goals:

- 1) Knowledge - an understanding of the technical differences between the rules of IFRS and GAAP
- 2) Conceptual - an understanding of the broad principles of IFRS and GAAP, and the reasons for differences between them.
- 3) Global environment - an understanding of the effect of accounting standards (IFRS, US GAAP, and their convergence) on the global economic environment in which a company operates.

This course includes projects and assignments to meet the Texas Board of Public Accountancy's CPA eligibility requirement of two semester hours of accounting research and analysis. This course also incorporates the Goals of the Master of Science in Accountancy to provide graduates with (a) oral communication skills (through group and individual classroom presentations), (b) written communication skills (with submitted written research solutions), (c) research skills (through assigned technical research questions), (d) global awareness (with discussion of the status of IFRS), (e) analytical problem solving skills.

Class Notes:

The class notes presented in class will be posted to the Blackboard course web site before each class. This syllabus is also posted on Blackboard.

Textbook:

The course has no required textbook.

Grading and Exams

Attendance	9
Homework assignments	25
Project	16
Exam I	25
Exam II	<u>25</u>
	100

Grade cutoffs: A (93 and up), A- (90-92), B+ (87-89), B (83-86), B- (79-82), C+ (76-78), C (72-75)

- 1) Attendance: attendance will be required and checked every class (excluding the first class, exam days, and project presentation day). Emergencies sometimes happen, and so I do not expect you to never miss a class. Missing up to 2 classes will not lower your grade. However missing 3 or more classes will lower your attendance grade in a gradual way. Please notice: the 2 classes you can miss are for those emergency circumstances. However, if you miss 3 classes during the semester not due to any emergency and then an emergency occurs, no special accommodation for the emergency will be given unless you show that **all** your missed classes were due to emergencies.
- 2) Homework assignments: 5 homework assignments will be given throughout the course. Each assignment will be worth 6 points. You collect points up to 25 (no bonus for additional points above 25). You should turn-in the homework in class, as noted in the course calendar. Homework should be individual work.
- 3) IFRS project: assigned to groups of 3 students. The requirement is to prepare a presentation and an accompanying paper due on the last class of the semester. Detailed instruction will be provided during the course.
- 4) The first exam will cover the material until the date of the exam (see date of exam in course calendar). The exam will be held during regular class time.
- 5) The second exam will cover just the material that was not covered in the first exam (see date of exam in course calendar). The exam will be held during regular class time.

6) There is no final exam for the course.

POSSIBLE THOUGHTS FOR NEXT SEMESTER: COMBINE 2 FIRST CLASSES INTO ONE LIKE I DID AFTER BIRTH. MOVE HOMEWORKS 1,2,3 ONE WEEK BACK. THE 6TH CLASS WILL BE HOMEWORK #3 PLUS CONTINGENT LIABILITIES PLUS SUBSEQUENT EVENTS. THIS WAY, THE 1ST EXAM WILL BE WITHOUT HOMEWORK. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WILL BE EXPANDED TO COVER SOME LOST MATERIAL ON TAXATION (THE LITTLE PART OF FIN INST FROM HW4 SHOULD MOVE TO HW5).

Course Calendar

Date	Topic Covered	Assignments
1/21	Evolution of IFRS, Adoption of IFRS in the US, US Convergence	
1/28	IASB Framework, Financial Statements Presentation, Small and Medium Sized Entities	
2/4	Long-lived Assets, Revaluation, Depreciation	Homework assignment 1 due in class
2/11	Intangible Assets, PP&E Impairment	
2/18	Goodwill impairment, Investment property	Homework assignment 2 due in class
2/25	Inventory, Leases, Contingent Liabilities	
3/3	Exam I	Homework assignment 3 due in class
3/10	Revenue Recognition, Interim Reports, EPS, Stock Option Compensation,	
3/17	NO CLASS: SPRING BREAK	
3/24	Oil and Gas Accounting, Debt/equity classification, Equity Method Investments, Joint Arrangements, Financial Instruments	
3/31	Taxation	Homework assignment 4 due in class
4/7	Employee benefits, Business combination, consolidated financial statements,	
4/14	Subsequent Events, First time adoption of IFRS	Homework assignment 5 due in class
4/21	Exam II	

4/28

IFRA project: presentation and paper due

Optional (not required) Resources:

Good Web resources:

- 1) Full access to IFRS standards through membership in IAAER (student rate is \$20 a year):
http://www.iaaer.org/pages/ifrs_resources
- 2) AICPA web resources for IFRS: www.IFRS.com
- 3) Deloitte IFRS web site: <http://www.iasplus.com/en>
- 4) PWC IFRS web site: <http://www.pwc.com/us/en/issues/ifrs-reporting>
- 5) E&Y IFRS web site: <http://www.ey.com/GL/en/Issues/IFRS>
- 6) KPMG IFRS web site: <http://www.kpmginstitutes.com/ifrs-institute/>
- 7) The IASB home page (includes summaries of all publications and standards, and a summary of convergence projects): <http://www.iasb.org/Home.htm>
- 8) FASB web site (includes description of convergence projects' status): www.fasb.org
- 9) An SEC document comparing IFRS and US GAAP from November 2011:
<http://sec.gov/spotlight/globalaccountingstandards/ifrs-work-plan-paper-111611-gaap.pdf>

Suggested books (not required, just for expansion of knowledge):

- 1) Intermediate Accounting, Kieso et al 15ed. The 14th and 15th editions have greatly expanded IFRS sections at the end of each chapter comparing it to US GAAP (was not available in the 13th edition). Other intermediate textbooks may be helpful as well.
- 2) CPA Preparation books (Gleim, Becker, etc.) have IFRS material needed for CPA exam.