

# Lassen Community College Course Outline

## BUS-1A Accounting Principles - Financial

3.0 Units

### I. Catalog Description

A comprehensive course in financial accounting covering accounting information systems, the measuring and reporting of business transactions, and financial statement preparation under generally accepted accounting principles. Emphasis is placed on balance sheet valuation, quality of earnings, cash flow measurement, ethics and internal controls. This course has been approved for correspondence, online and hybrid delivery. This course may use a free Open Education Resources textbook.

**Recommended Preparation:** Successful completion of ENGL105 and Elementary Algebra or equivalent multiple measures placement.

Transfers to both UC/CSU

*C-ID ACCT 110*

51 Hours Lecture

Scheduled: Fall

### II. Coding Information

Repeatability: Not Repeatable, Take 1 Time

Grading Option: Graded or Pass/No Pass

Credit Type: Credit - Degree Applicable

TOP Code: 050200

### III. Course Objectives

#### A. Course Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of accounting to business and society (with emphasis on ethics and social responsibility).
2. Complete an accounting cycle and compile financial statements given general business transactions.

#### B. Course Objectives

1. Describe the accounting profession and the nature of work accountants perform.
2. Explain the need for accounting information systems and identify stakeholders who use and rely on financial reporting.
3. Explain the nature and purpose of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Explain and apply the components of the conceptual framework for financial accounting and reporting, including the qualitative characteristics of accounting information, the assumptions underlying accounting, the basic principles of financial accounting, and the constraints and limitations on accounting information.
4. Describe the accounting cycle from analysis and capture of economic business activities to the preparation of the four primary financial statements.
5. Explain and apply generally accepted accounting principles to the measurement, recording and reporting of current and long-term assets including inventories, receivables, fixed assets and investments.

6. Explain and apply generally accepted accounting principles to the measurement, recording and reporting of current and long-term liabilities including valuation and issuance of common long-term debt financing.
7. Explain and apply generally accepted accounting principles to the measurement, recording and reporting of stockholders' equity including stock issuance and repurchase, cash and stock dividends and basic earnings per share determination.
8. Explain and prepare a Statement of Cash Flows using good form and proper activity classifications.
9. Identify and explain common internal controls, ethical considerations and the management of a company's risk.
10. Interpret company activity, profitability, liquidity and solvency through selection and application of appropriate financial analysis tools.

#### **IV. Course Content**

- A.** Cash and accrual basis accounting
- B.** The accounting cycle
- C.** Financial accounting rules and disclosure (including GAAP and IFRS)
- D.** Current and long lived assets
- E.** Current and long term liabilities
- F.** Stockholders' equity
- G.** Revenue recognition and quality of earning
- H.** Measuring and reporting cash flow
- I.** Financial statement preparation and disclosure
- J.** Financial statement analysis
- K.** Ethical issues and internal controls

#### **V. Assignments**

##### **A. Appropriate Readings**

Recommended readings include:

1. Wall Street Journal
2. Business Week
3. Money
4. U. S. News and World Report
5. Accounting Review

##### **B. Writing Assignments**

1. Analysis of Financial Statements

##### **C. Expected Outside Assignments**

1. Case Studies
2. Accounting Exercises
3. Preparation of Financial Statements

##### **D. Specific Assignments that Demonstrate Critical Thinking**

1. Analysis of case studies
2. Accounting Exercises
3. Financial Statement Analysis



## **VIII. Representative Texts and Supplies**

Warren, Reeve, and Duchac, *Accounting*, 26<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2016, Cengage Learning, ISBN 9781285743615

Or

Open Educational Resource Textbook: *Principles of Financial accounting*, Christine Jonick, ISBN#9781940771151. Available in class canvas section (free), online (free at <https://www.oercommons.org/courses/principles-of-financial-accounting/view> or LCC Bookstore (minimal cost for printing)

## **IX. Discipline/s Assignment**

Accounting, Business

## **X. Course Status**

Current Status: Active

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