



Introduction to Financial Accounting - Evening

An in-depth introduction to accounting basics. Accounting theory and financial statements are discussed in detail and real-life applications are reviewed through practical examples and exercises.

Also available as a Virtual (Instructor Led Online) Class. The virtual session runs concurrent with the classroom sessions, but you attend from your own home or office! All you need is an internet enabled computer with sound capabilities.

Targeted Audience

Financial managers, investors, research analysts, credit and financial analysts.

Special Offer

Clients who register for this course will receive a complimentary 4-month subscription to FT.com. The Financial Times is the world's most respected financial newspaper, providing a broad assessment on finance, business and the industrial sector. The move to the electronic version follows an ongoing review of our environmental responsibilities as a global business and as part of the Pearson group. FT.com also has features that are not available in hard copy, such as: Special Reports, Alphaville, editor blogs, education sections and much more! Subscriptions will start within 6-8 weeks of the start of class and are limited to one subscription per client. (Please note: as of May 1, 2011, the electronic subscription replaces the hard-copy 3-month Financial Times subscription.)

Advance Preparation

No advance preparation required.

Prerequisites

A financial calculator is required.

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- . Explain how accounting information assists in making decisions;
- . Account for cash dividends and prepare a statement of retained earnings;
- . Analyze and journalize transactions;
- . Prepare an income statement;
- . Identify the purposes of the statement of cash flows;
- . Recognize revenue items at the proper time on the income statement;
- . Link inventory valuation to gross profit

Alumni Comments

"This course gave a good overview of Financial Accounting and of the accounting field in general. The instructor's real-life examples were interesting and educational."

"The instructor is very knowledgeable, and he explains things in a clear & practical fashion that's very accessible to students."

"The instructor focused on getting the basics right for the participants. Great instructor!"

"The instructor has structured the class in a way that makes it easy to follow. Good instructor and good examples!"

"Michael Parks is a great teacher and made the material very engaging and practical. He is spectacular!"

Level: Basic

CPE Credits: 25.0

Instructional Method: Group-Live

Detailed Outline

Session 1

Session 2

Introduction to Financial Accounting and Core Concepts

- . Explain how accounting information assists in making decisions
- . Describe the components of the balance sheet
- . Analyze business transactions and relate them to changes in the balance sheet
- . Explain how accountants measure income
- . Determine when a company should record revenue from a sale
- . Use the concept of matching to record the expenses for a period
- . Prepare an income statement and show how it is related to a balance sheet
- . Account for cash dividends and prepare a statement of retained earnings
- . Explain how the following concepts affect financial statements: entity, reliability, going concern, materiality, cost-benefit and stable monetary unit.

Recording Transactions and Financial Statements

- . Use double-entry accounting
- . Analyze and journalize transactions
- . Post journal entries to the ledgers
- . Prepare and use a trial balance
- . Close revenue and expense accounts and update retained earnings
- . Understand the role of adjustments in accrual accounting
- . Make adjustments for the expiration or consumption of assets
- . Make adjustments for the recognition of unearned revenues
- . Make adjustments for the accrual of unrecorded expenses
- . Make adjustments for the accrual of unrecorded revenues
- . Prepare a classified balance sheet and use it to assess short-term liquidity
- . Prepare an income statement

Session 3

Statement of Cash Flows

- . Identify the purposes of the statement of cash flows
- . Classify activities affecting cash as operating, investing or financing activities
- . Compute and interpret cash flows from financing activities
- . Compute and interpret cash flows from investing activities
- . Use the indirect method to explain the difference between net income and net cash provided by (used for) operating activities
- . Understand why we add depreciation to net

Session 4

Accounting for Sales & Accounts Receivable

- . Recognize revenue items at the proper time on the income statement
- . Account for cash and credit sales
- . Compute and interpret sales returns and allowances, and sales discounts
- . Estimate and interpret uncollectible accounts receivable balances
- . Assess the level of accounts receivable

income when using the indirect method for computing cash flow from operating activities

Session 5

Inventories & Cost of Goods Sold

- . Link inventory valuation to gross profit
- . Use both perpetual and periodic inventory systems
- . Calculate the cost of merchandise acquired
- . Compute income and inventory values using the four principal inventory valuation methods
- . Use the lower-of-cost-or-market method to value inventories
- . Evaluate inventory turnover

Session 6

Long-Lived Assets & Depreciation

- . Distinguish a company's expenses from expenditures that it should capitalize
- . Measure the acquisition cost of tangible assets such as land, buildings and equipment
- . Compute depreciation for buildings and equipment using various depreciation methods
- . Recalculate depreciation in response to a change in estimated useful life or residual value
- . Account for the impairment of tangible assets
- . Account for various intangible assets
- . Explain the reporting for goodwill

Session 7

Liabilities & Interest

- . Account for current liabilities
- . Measure and account for long-term liabilities
- . Account for bond issues over their entire life
- . Value and account for long-term lease obligations
- . Interpret deferred tax liabilities
- . Compute and interpret present and future values (APPENDIX - Ch. 9)

Session 8

Stockholders' Equity

- . Describe the rights of shareholders
- . Differentiate among authorized, issued and outstanding shares
- . Contrast preferred stock and common stock
- . Identify the economic characteristics of and accounting for stock splits
- . Account for both large-percentage and small-percentage stock dividends

. Explain and report stock repurchases and other treasury stock transactions

Session 9

Intercorporate Investments & Consolidations

- . Account for short-term investments in debt securities and equity securities
 - . Contrast the equity and market methods of accounting for investments
 - . Prepare consolidated financial statements
 - . Incorporate minority interests into consolidated financial statements
 - . Explain the economic and reporting role of goodwill
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Session 10

Final Exam

Schedule Note

There will be no class on Monday, October 08, 2012.

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