

UGRD_SOA_2610_ACCT101_RICHARD CROWLEY

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Code & Title ACCT101 - Financial Accounting	Effective Start Date 17/08/2026
Offering Unit / Department / School SOA	Course Career Undergraduate
Course Units CU: 1	Grading Basis GRD - Graded

Course Description

This course provides the student with a basic understanding of accounting as \"the language of business\". It introduces students to the basic concepts, principles, procedures and approaches underlying the accounting process. This basic understanding facilitates the interpretation of financial information, which is necessary for making business decisions.

Standard Learning Outcomes (for SOA only)

LO1.1: Our students can recognize, develop, measure, record, validate and communicate financial and other related information., LO1.2: Our students can analyze, synthesize and evaluate financial and other related information for decision making in a management context.

Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

SMU Graduate Learning Outcomes

Critical thinking & problem solving, Collaboration and leadership, Communication, Understanding of sustainability issues

Competencies

Accounting Standards, Financial Analysis, Financial Reporting, Valuation, Internal Controls

Course Area(s)

AREA - 2nd Major Only - Entrepreneurship, AREA - 2nd Major Only - Strategic Management, AREA - Accounting Core (Intake 2018 and earlier), AREA - Accounting Core (Intake 2019 onwards), AREA - Actuarial Science Core, AREA - Business Core (Intake 2018 and earlier), AREA - Business Core (Intake 2019 onwards), AREA - Business-Oriented Electives, AREA - Econ Major Rel/Econ Options, AREA - IT Solution Management Core, AREA - Law Related Electives, AREA - Social Sciences/PLE Major-related, ENRL - SS Enrolment: Open from BOSS 2, RQCX - ACCT103, RQCX - ACCT105, RQCX - ACCT111, TRCK - Actuarial Science Major: Actuarial Analyst Track, TRCK - Actuarial Science Major: Risk Analyst Track, TRCK - Law: Corporate Transaction Track, ENRL - Not Applicable for BAcc

Requisites: Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, Mutually Exclusive Courses

ACCT101/111/105 - Mutually Exclusive
Type Antirequisite
Enroll in the following Courses: - ACCT111 - Financial Accounting - ACCT105 - Financial Accounting for Law

CLASS SECTION INFORMATION

Instructor(s)
RICHARD CROWLEY - (rcrowley@smu.edu.sg)

Instruction Mode
In Person

Office Location
SOA Level 4, Room 4044

Assessment Components (New)

Category*	Weightage*	Assessment/Submission Period*	
Final Exam	50	Week 15	
Description	Individual or Group?*	With Writing Component?*	With Oral Component?*
Final Examination	Individual	Yes	No

Category*	Weightage*	Assessment/Submission Period*	
Projects/Assignments	15	Week 13	
Description	Individual or Group?*	With Writing Component?*	With Oral Component?*
Group project	Group	Yes	Yes

Category*	Weightage*		
Class Participation and Activities	10		
Description	Individual or Group?*	With Writing Component?*	With Oral Component?*
Homework	Individual	Yes	No

Category*	Weightage*	Assessment/Submission Period*	
Proctored Assessments	15	Week 5, Week 10	
Description	Individual or Group?*	With Writing Component?*	With Oral Component?*
Quiz 1 & 2	Individual	Yes	No

Category*	Weightage*		
Class Participation and Activities	10		
Description	Individual or Group?*	With Writing Component?*	With Oral Component?*
Participation	Individual	No	Yes

Instructional Methods and Expectations

Class sessions will be held in person at seminar rooms in SOA as per university requirements. To facilitate your learning experience, class sessions will be recorded and streamed on Zoom. You may access it on Zoom in real time (if on an excused absence) or access the video recordings at any time after class at your convenience. The link to the online classes will be posted on eLearn.

- Class sessions will consist of lecture, class discussion, problem solving, and group work
- Electronic device usage (laptops, tablets, etc.) is encouraged where/when it enhances learning
- All important announcements will be made on eLearn and in class (time permitting)

Weekly Lesson Plan

Class sessions are of 3.25 hour duration per session and twelve sessions in total. The following is a tentative lesson plan. Note that this schedule is subject to change. Alternative times or activities will be arranged should they become necessary.

Session	Topic
1	Welcome to class/Syllabus; Introduction to Financial Accounting (Chapter 1)
2	Bookkeeping (Chapter 2); Accrual accounting and adjusting entries (Chapter 3)
3	Accounting statements (Chapter 3); Capital structure (Chapter 10)
4	Control systems (Chapter 4); Receivables (Chapter 5)
5	Quiz 1; Discounts (Chapter 5); Inventory (Chapter 6)
6	Long term assets (Chapter 7);
7	Current liabilities (Chapter 8); Time value of money; Sustainable reporting;
8	Bonds (Chapter 9)
9	Quiz 2; Financial Analysis (Chapter 12)
10	Operating cash flows (Chapter 11)
11	Cash flows (Chapter 11); In class project preparation time
12	Group project presentations

Recommended Textbooks and Readings

Spiceland, Thomas and Herrmann (2025), Financial Accounting (International Student Edition), Evergreen edition, McGraw Hill.

Alternatively, you may choose to use: Spiceland, Thomas and Herrmann (2022), Financial Accounting (International Student Edition), 6th edition, McGraw Hill

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All work (whether oral or written) submitted for purposes of assessment must be the student's own work. Penalties for violation of the policy range from zero marks for the component assessment to expulsion, depending on the nature of the offence.

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Responsible Use of AI

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Digital Readiness for Teaching and Learning (DRTL)

As part of emergency preparedness, instructors may conduct lessons online via the Zoom platform during the term, to prepare students for online learning. During an actual emergency, students will be notified to access the Zoom platform for their online lessons. The class schedule will mirror the current face-to-face class timetable unless otherwise stated.