



ACC 251 Managerial Accounting and Controls

Course Description

- This course will cover in-depth the cost and management accounting concepts that will enable you to make decisions, including interpreting business situations, identifying available options, interpreting their impacts on financial statements and stakeholders, and clearly and articulately recommending a course of action.
- As an essential part of the MPAc program, this course will prepare you effectively for relevant elements in the CPA exam, with integrated data analytics and visualization.
- More generally, this course will teach you real-world business insights/ethics/tools/skills that you will find helpful in your personal lives and careers.
- To achieve these objectives, this course examines the internal creation/use of accounting information in planning, controlling, and decision-making. In addition, it incorporates data analytics and visualization tools like Excel and Tableau.

Course Materials

Farmer, Karen Congo, and Fredin, Amy (FF hereafter). *Cost Accounting: With Integrated Data Analytics*, 2022, Wiley. ISBN: 9781119731863

You are required to use WileyPlus to complete chapter-end homework. Please purchase WileyPlus (for homework) and get the access to the electronic version of the textbook (e-Book) through UC Davis Equitable Access Program.

UC Davis Equitable Access Program:

- a. Chapter-end problems of this course will be completed in WileyPlus, an online platform which includes the required textbook (as an e-book).
- b. Access for WileyPlus is provided through the UC Davis Equitable Access Program and will be billed to your student account.
- c. You can access all WileyPlus homework from ACC 251 Canvas site.

Course Assessments

Assignment/Assessment	Weight Per Assessment on Final Grade	Number of Assessment	Total Weight on Final Grade
Ten homework sets	1.5%	10	15%
Two data analytics problem sets	2.5%	2	5%
Ten in-class exercises	2%	10	20%
Midterm exam (week 6 in class)	30%	1	30%
Final exam (finals week)	30%	1	30%

Graded Assignment and Assessment Information

- There are ten homework assignments, one per week, to review most of the weekly learning objectives. You are to complete and turn in answers to all these questions via Canvas the day before the next class.
- There are two data analytics problem sets that focus on costing and budgeting, respectively. We will use Excel for the data analytics problem sets.
- There are ten in-class exercises. You are to submit the exercise in class.

Midterm and Final Exams

There will be a midterm exam and a final exam. The midterm will be taken during your sixth-class session. The final will be taken during finals week. The final exam will only include material on chapters covered since the mid-term exam (i.e., the final is not intended to be cumulative, but the material does build on itself to some degree).

Un-Graded Assignment and Assessment Information

Textbook Readings:

Each weekly lecture generally follows the material in your textbook as outlined below in the weekly schedule. I strongly encourage you to read the textbook material before viewing the weekly lecture, as you will get much more out of the lectures if you read the book chapters first.

Course Schedule

Week 0 – Course Preparation

Readings: FF Chapter 0: A Refresher of Managerial Accounting

Week 1 – Cost Accounting Concepts

Readings: FF Chapters 1-2: Cost Accounting Has Purpose; Refresher on Cost Terms

Week 2 –Cost Behavior and Cost-Volume-Profit Relationships

Readings FF Chapter 3- 4: Cost Behavior and Cost Estimation; Cost-Volume-Profit Analysis

Week 3– Job Order Costing

Readings: FF Chapter 8: Job Costing Visualized

Week 4 – Process Costing and Variable Costing

Readings: FF Chapter 11-12: Process Costing; Absorption versus Variable Costing

Week 5 – Activity-based Costing

Readings: FF Chapter 9: Activity-Based Costing

Week 6 –Midterm Week

Week 7 – Decision Making: Relevant Costs and Joint Costs

Readings: FF Chapters 5 and 15: Relevant Costs for the Decision Maker; Joint Costs and Decision Making

Week 8 – Master Budgeting & Capital Budgeting

Readings: FF Chapters 6 and 7: Mastering the Master Budget, Capital Budgeting Choices and Decisions

Week 9 - Flexible Budgets and Performance Analysis

Readings: FF Chapters 10 and 17: Variance Analysis and Standard Costing (Covering Flexible Budgets); Management Control Systems and Transfer Pricing (Covering Performance Analysis)

Week 10 - Performance Measurement in Decentralized Organizations

Readings: FF Chapter 18: Business Strategy, Performance Measurement, and the Balanced Scorecard

Finals Week - Final Exam

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1. It is expected that all class members will treat each other with respect and dignity.
2. It is not acceptable behavior to insult, harass, or demean any member of the class.
3. Professional business behavior should be modeled in the classroom, including the use of appropriate language, jokes, or stories.

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