

**ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL
REPORTING**

**ACCT 101
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Course Objectives:

This course provides an introduction to financial accounting as the “language of business.” It emphasizes the analysis and evaluation of accounting information from the perspective of both investors and managers in the processes of planning, decision-making, and control. The objective of the course is to provide an overview of financial accounting and external reporting, including the basic accounting concepts and principles, as well as the structure of the income statement, balance sheet, and statement of cash flows. The course covers the accounting for and the analysis of the most common and significant business transactions of a firm, such as credit sales, delivery of products and services, manufacturing processes and procurement, creation of operating infrastructure including production facilities, intellectual property, and goodwill, debt and equity financing, as well as other (potential) obligations towards customers, suppliers, or tax authorities.

We recommend this course for students who will be using accounting information for investment decisions, who will be considering strategy choices in manufacturing and service operations, or who are simply seeking a broad understanding of accounting and financial information as it relates to shareholders, creditors, managers, and other stakeholders in the firm. The content of this course will be essential if you want to pursue a career in investment banking, financial analysis, consulting, or general management and to those thinking of starting their own business.

Course Website:

The website for this course is on Canvas. To access the course website, go to

<https://canvas.upenn.edu> and choose ACCT 101 – Summer 2020. Each enrolled Penn student can use their PennKey username and password for access.

Course Textbook (optional):

Dyckman, T., M. Hanlon, R. Magee, and G. Pfeiffer, *Financial Accounting for Undergraduates*, 1. Ed., Wharton Custom Edition, 2018, Cambridge Business Publishers. ISBN: 978-61853-347-0.

This textbook is especially customized for our course and covers all the chapters in the class. The textbook is available as both an ebook and a hardcopy. The ebook can be purchased at the following link: <https://mybusinesscourse.com/book/wharton2ndedition#purchase>. The hardcopy can be purchased from the Penn Bookstore webpage.

Grading Policy:

The course grade is based on **relative performance evaluation** (i.e., a curve), but we use no forced grade distribution. In past years, approximately 80% of students received A's and B's.

Final grades are determined using the following weights:

Quizzes (Each quiz is 30%)	90%.
Homework	10%.

Please note that the above weighting scheme will be strictly adhered to. There is no possibility of earning extra credit or of changing the above weights.

Students taking the class pass/fail must achieve a grade of "D" or higher to get a "Pass".

Quizzes:

Quizzes are administered **during class time (2PM – 4PM ET)**. The contents of the quizzes are **NOT cumulative**. Quizzes are open-book. However, quizzes must be completed individually, and you may **NOT** consult with anyone else on the quiz.

To accommodate students that live in different time zones, we offer the option to take the quiz at 2AM – 4AM ET. Students must let me know through email at least 3 days prior to EACH quiz if they want to take the quiz at this time.

There are four quizzes for this course. For quiz dates, times, and the topics covered, see the class schedule below.

The quizzes will take place through Canvas. The quizzes will be graded electronically. There will be no regrades.

We will take the best 3 out of 4 scores on your quizzes to determine your overall quiz grade.

This is meant to help accommodate situations where students may be unable to attend class during the day of a quiz, have internet problems, etc. Because we have this policy in place, there will be no makeup quizzes, and no excuses will be accepted for missing a scheduled quiz.

Homework:

There will be four homework assignments to be completed during the semester. The homework assignments will be posted on Canvas and announced in class. Homework assignments can be completed as part of a group but **all homework must be submitted individually.**

Homework assignments must be submitted electronically through Canvas by 9 a.m. EASTERN TIME on the due date. Directions for submitting homework will be distributed via Canvas, and I strongly encourage you to submit your homework answers well in advance of the 9 a.m. deadline. Late submissions, multiple submissions, and hard-copies are not accepted.

Because these homework assignments will be graded electronically, it is important that you submit the answers in the form indicated by the question. In particular, make sure that you submit the answers in the denomination requested (e.g., thousands of dollars or millions of dollars, etc.) and in the precision requested (e.g., rounded to the nearest third decimal, etc.).

Withdrawal from the Course:

In order to withdraw from the course, the student must meet the university deadline and requirements regarding withdrawals. If a student wishes to withdraw after the deadline, he/she will be required to submit a petition to the Wharton Undergraduate Division to obtain approval. Please obtain the School's approval before you ask your instructor.

Class Schedule

#	Date	Topic	Homework	Textbook Chapter
1	Tue, 5/26	Introduction		1
2	Wed, 5/27	Balance Sheet		2
3	Thu, 5/28	Transaction Analysis		2
4	Mon, 6/1	Income Statement		3
5	Tue, 6/2	Adjusting Entries		3
6	Wed, 6/3	Accounting Cycle		
7	Thu, 6/4	Quiz #1 (Topics 1-6)	Homework #1 Due on 6/4 by 9am ET	
8	Mon, 6/8	Statement of Cash Flows		4
9	Tue, 6/9	Statement of Cash Flows		4
10	Wed, 6/10	Revenue Recognition		6
11	Thu, 6/11	Accounts Receivable		6
12	Mon, 6/15	Quiz #2 (Topics 8-11)	Homework #2 Due on 6/15 by 9am ET	
13	Tue, 6/16	Inventory		7
14	Wed, 6/17	Inventory		7
15	Thu, 6/18	Long-Lived Assets		8
16	Mon, 6/22	Long-Lived Assets		8
17	Tue, 6/23	Quiz #3 (Topics 13-16)	Homework #3 Due on 6/23 by 9am ET	
18	Wed, 6/24	Liabilities		9
19	Thu, 6/25	Liabilities		9-10
20	Mon, 6/29	Shareholders' Equity		11
21	Tue, 6/30	Equity Investments		12
22	Wed, 7/1	Quiz #4 (Topics 18-21)	Homework #4 Due on 7/1 by 9am ET	