COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to the assumptions, principles, and practice of financial accounting as per IFRS. The class presents a thorough analysis of the income statement, the balance sheet, and the statement of cash flow. The emphasis is on using financial statement information for equity valuation and risk analysis. The heavy reliance on estimates in constructing financial statements is highlighted.

COURSE MATERIALS


COURSE STRUCTURE

This course consists of lectures, problem solving, and projects and is designed to help students develop an understanding of the major elements of financial accounting and their importance in the business world. A tentative course schedule including assigned textbook readings is attached at the end of the syllabus. The course covers a large part of the material in the textbook. Students apply what they are learning by analyzing the financial statements of publicly traded firms.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

I do NOT tolerate cheating. Students are responsible for understanding the RU Academic Integrity Policy (http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/)

I will strongly enforce this Policy and pursue all violations. On all examinations and assignments, students must sign the RU Honor Pledge, which states, “On my honor, I have neither received nor given any unauthorized assistance on this examination or assignment.” I will screen all written assignments through SafeAssign or Turnitin, plagiarism detection services that compare the work against a large database of past work. Don’t let cheating destroy your hard-earned opportunity to learn. See business.rutgers.edu/ai for more details.

ATTENDANCE AND PREPARATION POLICY
Given the intense nature of the class, I expect students to attend each class. I also expect students to come to class prepared, having read the assigned class material ahead of time. I expect students to actively participate in class discussions.

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**GRADING POLICY**

The assessment policy for this course is specified in the following paragraphs. Please read it carefully.

The course grade will be computed based on the following weights:

1. **Class participation** 10% of your final grade
2. **Daily in class quizzes (online):** 30% of your final grade
3. **Financial statement project:** 30% of your final grade
4. **Take home final exam:** 30% of your final grade

**Extra credit work is not available in the class.**

**Daily quizzes:**
The daily quizzes will cover all material covered and discussed in class. Quizzes will be 10 to 15 minutes long, at the start of the class, and will be done online. Each student will have a different set of questions.

**Financial statement project:**
Students will analyze the financial statements of a large publicly traded company (to be assigned). Students will prepare and submit a brief report of their findings. The project is open book & open notes, and must be completed individually.

**Take home final exam:**
Students will have one week after our last class to complete a take-home exam covering everything we learn in the class. The exam is open book & open notes, and must be completed individually.

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**COURSE SCHEDULE**

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| 11  | Reporting and Analyzing Shareholders’ Equity  
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| 12  | Reporting and Analyzing Financial Investments  
Read: Chapter 12 |
| 4   | Reporting and Analyzing Cash Flows  
Read: Chapter 4  
Financial Statements Project Due |
|     | Take home exam due |

**SUPPORT SERVICES**


[Rutgers University-New Brunswick ODS phone (848)445-6800 or email dsoffice@echo.rutgers.edu]

[Rutgers University-Newark ODS phone (973)353-5375 or email ods@newark.rutgers.edu]

If you are *pregnant*, the Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance is available to assist with any concerns or potential accommodations related to pregnancy.

[Rutgers University-New Brunswick Title IX Coordinator phone (848)932-8200 or email jackie.moran@rutgers.edu]
If you seek religious accommodations, the Office of the Dean of Students is available to verify absences for religious observance, as needed.

If you have experienced any form of gender or sex-based discrimination or harassment, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, relationship violence, or stalking, the Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance provides help and support. More information can be found at http://vpva.rutgers.edu/.

If students who have experienced a temporary condition or injury that is adversely affecting their ability to fully participate, you should submit a request via https://temporaryconditions.rutgers.edu.

If you are a military veteran or are on active military duty, you can obtain support through the Office of Veteran and Military Programs and Services. http://veterans.rutgers.edu/

If you are in need of mental health services, please use our readily available services.

[Rutgers University-Newark Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance phone (973)353-1906 or email TitleIX@newark.rutgers.edu]

[Rutgers University-New Brunswick Dean of Students phone (848)932-2300 or email deanofstudents@echo.rutgers.edu]

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If you are in need of **physical health** services, please use our readily available services.

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Students experiencing difficulty in courses due to *English as a second language (ESL)* should contact the Program in American Language Studies for supports.

[Rutgers–Newark: PALS@newark.rutgers.edu]

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[Optional items that many faculty include:

- Students must sign, date, and return a statement declaring that they understand the RU Academic Integrity Policy.

- Students must sign, date, and return a statement declaring that they understand this syllabus.]