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ACCOUNTING

ACCT201	Title	Fundamentals of Financial Accounting.
	Prerequisites	ENWR 105 or HONP 100. For Accounting Majors only except by permit from the Department Chair.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This is an introductory course in financial accounting from a preparer perspective. The theoretical foundation and basic accounting terminology is addressed. The course will enable the students to perform the entire accounting cycle from analyzing basic accounting transactions to the preparation of the basic financial statements including the balance sheet, income statement, statement of stockholders' equity and statement of cash flows. The course will enable students to critically analyze accounting information.
ACCT202	Title	Fundamentals of Managerial Accounting.
	Prerequisites	ACCT 201. For Accounting Majors only except by permit from the Department Chair.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	The course covers the use of accounting information for internal planning, controlling and decision making. The course introduces basic concepts of management accounting including cost classifications, product costing, cost-volume-profit analysis, operational budgeting, standard setting and performance evaluation, decentralization, relevant costs and decision making.
ACCT204	Title	Fundamentals of Accounting.
	Prerequisites	ENWR 105 or HONP 100; Not open to BS Accounting Majors.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course provides a foundation for non-accounting business majors. Topics covered include both financial and managerial accounting from a user perspective. Students will be exposed to the four financial statements and ethical issues in accounting along with other accounting reporting issues in the financial accounting phase of the course. Managerial accounting focuses

on generating accounting data for internal business decision-making in today's increasingly competitive and complex business world. Students need to become familiar with the use of accounting data for both investment and credit decisions as well as strategic decision making for firms' operation. Major topics covered include financial statement analysis, budgeting, accounting-based decision making, and performance evaluation.

ACCT301	Title Prerequisites Special Fee Number and type of credits Course Description	Intermediate Accounting I. ACCT 201; Accounting major students only except by permit from the Department Chair. Special fee. 3 hours lecture. This course builds on material presented in Fundamentals of Financial Accounting. Students acquire an improved understanding of the composition and significance of various segments of income statements and balance sheet, particularly related to current assets and various income statement revenue and expense items leading to an improved understanding of the preparation of various aspects of the financial statements as well as an enhancement of their ability to critically evaluate financial statements.
ACCT302	Title Prerequisites Corequisites Special Fee	Intermediate Accounting II. ACCT 301; Accounting major students only except by permit from the Department Chair. ACCT 304 with permission from the Department Chair. Special fee.
ACCT302	Number and type of credits Course Description	3 hours lecture. Continuation of Intermediate Accounting I. Students acquire an improved understanding of the composition and significance of various segments of the income statement and the balance sheet, particularly non-current assets, liabilities, owners' equity, and earnings per share leading to an improved understanding of the preparation of various aspects of the financial statements as well as an enhancement of their ability to critically evaluate accounting and its impact to the international community.
ACCT304	Title	Contemporary Issues in Intermediate Accounting.

	Prerequisites	ACCT 302 (ACCT 302 may be taken concurrently with the approval of the Department Chairperson). Accounting major students only except by permit of the Department Chairperson.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	In-depth discussion and analysis of traditional intermediate financial accounting topics as well as recent developments in accounting valuation and reporting practices. Course builds on topics discussed in Intermediate Accounting I and II leading to an improved understanding of the preparation of various aspects of the financial statements as well as enhancement of their ability to critically evaluate financial reporting. This course is designated as the writing requirements course for the department.
ACCT305	Title	Taxation for Individuals.
	Prerequisites	ACCT 201; Accounting major students only except by permit from the Department Chair.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	The purpose of this course is to introduce students to a broad range of tax concepts and types of taxpayers to emphasize the role of taxation in the business decision-making process. Coverage includes on a broad basis the taxation of individuals and a brief introduction to corporate taxation.
ACCT307	Title	Cost Accounting.
	Prerequisites	ACCT 202; Accounting major students only except by permit from the Department Chair.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course examines the development of theory, concepts and techniques for providing, using and reporting cost information within the organization. Topics discussed include process costing, activity-based costing and management, cost allocation, inventory management and capacity analysis, Theory of Constraints management and control of quality costs, transfer pricing, profitability analysis, tactical decision making and corporate social responsibility.
ACCT309	Title	Accounting Information Systems.

	Prerequisites	INFO 173 and ACCT 201; Accounting major students only except by permit from the Department Chair.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture, 1 hour lab.
	Course Description	Accounting information system development will be studied with emphasis on systems analysis and design, form design, internal controls, and proper documentation. The course will expand on several typical AIS application systems including the revenue cycle, the procurement cycle, and others.
ACCT310	Title	Taxation of Business Entities and Advanced Tax Concepts.
	Prerequisites	ACCT 305; Accounting major students only except by permit from the Department Chair.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
ACCT310	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	The purpose of this course is to follow the ACCT 305 tax course, Taxation for Individuals. This course will introduce students to a broad range of tax concepts dealing with the taxation of corporations, partnerships, and S corporations and will emphasize the role of taxation in the business decision-making process. Coverage includes on a broad basis the taxation of corporations and their shareholders, the tax treatment of pass through entities such as partnerships and S corporations and their owners, tax consequences influencing the choice of business entity, income taxation of estates and trusts, and estate and gift taxation.
ACCT312	Title	Principles of Corporate Controllershship.
	Prerequisites	ACCT 202, ACCT 302, FINC 321. Accounting major students only except by permit from Department Chair.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Connects the Controller's responsibilities as operating officer and management accountant with the management of the firm's working capital. Topics covered in detail include working capital components; managing cash, receivables, payables and inventory; cash budgeting; short-term financial planning; managing bank relations and cash transactions; basic risk management of credit

		and foreign currency.
ACCT400	Title	Auditing Theory and Practice.
	Prerequisites	ACCT 302; ACCT 309 may be taken as a prerequisite or corequisite; Accounting majors (ACCT/AABM) only except by permit from the Department Chair.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	The course is the first of two courses that focus on various types of audits performed by accountants in public practice. Specifically the requirements for audits, compilations, reviews and other type of engagements are addressed. The role of the auditor and related professional responsibilities are discussed. The content of this course is structured for individuals who wish to enter the public accounting profession.
ACCT401	Title	Advanced Accounting.
	Prerequisites	ACCT 304. (ACCT 304 may be taken concurrently with approval of Department Chairperson.) Accounting major students only except by permit of the Department Chairperson.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Advanced Accounting is an upper level course in the undergraduate accounting curriculum. It is an in-depth study of accounting problems for affiliated business enterprises and multinational corporations. It deals with business combinations of two or more business entities. It involves combination and consolidation of financial statements for multi-affiliated corporations. It concerns intercompany transactions between parent and subsidiary companies. The aim is to measure the operating results and financial position for these complex operations. The course further investigates the accounting problems associated with foreign transactions, translation of foreign currencies and hedging activities of an international business enterprise. A high level of knowledge and sophistication in accounting techniques is required for understanding the course material. Relevant pronouncements of the authoritative accounting profession are greatly emphasized.
ACCT403	Title	Advanced Auditing.
	Prerequisites	ACCT 400. Accounting major students only except by permit from Department Chair.

	Special Fee	Special fee.
ACCT403	Number and type of credits Course Description	3 hours lecture. This course is a continuation of ACCT 400, Auditing Theory and Practice. Auditing sampling and internal controls in a computerized environment will be discussed. The course will then focus on the application of auditing techniques to transaction cycles such as revenues, warehousing, property, plant and equipment, etc. using a generalized auditing software package and a comprehensive case. Techniques to complete the audit and the other assurance services such as internal, operational and compliance auditing will be the other topics covered in this course.
ACCT404	Title Prerequisites Special Fee Number and type of credits Course Description	Senior Seminar in Accounting. ACCT 400; ACCT 401 (may be taken as prerequisite or corequisite.) Accounting majors only except by permit from Department Chair. Special fee. 3 hours lecture. This course is a comprehensive course in accounting integrating concepts from different functional areas such as Financial & Managerial Accounting, International Accounting, Taxes, Auditing and Accounting Information Systems. The course will require students to apply their analytical skills to research and recommend solutions to unstructured and open-ended problems closely based on current issues facing businesses. This course will utilize cases from various sources, involve oral and/or written presentations, and will emphasize the importance of working as an effective team member.
ACCT475	Title Prerequisites Special Fee Course Description	Independent Study in Accounting. ACCT 302 or ACCT 304 or ACCT 310 or ACCT 312 may be taken as prerequisite or corequisite. Special fee. Independent Study consists of research, readings, or other scholarly investigation work at the advanced level. Scope, depth, area of concentration and credit to be arranged upon entry into course. Offered by arrangement.
ACCT502	Title	May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Managerial Accounting.

	Prerequisites	ACCT 530, MBA degree students only, not open to any student with an undergraduate accounting degree.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course examines the development of theory, concepts and practices of providing information for use within the organization. Cost concepts and classifications schemes, the use of accounting information for internal decision making, static and flexible budgeting for managerial control and activity based costing techniques are among the topics covered.
ACCT506	Title	Internal Auditing.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This is an introductory course in internal auditing. Emphasis is placed on introducing the importance of the internal audit function in today's business environment. Different types of internal audits are presented with an emphasis on operational audits, risk assessment and assisting management in achieving its objectives. Career opportunities for internal auditors are explored.
ACCT508	Title	Governmental and Not For Profit Accounting.
	Prerequisites	M.B.A. or M.S. in Accounting degree students only.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course reviews the accounting and reporting concepts, standards and procedures applicable to the Federal government, state and local governments
ACCT508	Course Description	and not-for-profit institutions such as universities and hospitals.
ACCT510	Title	Accounting Information Systems.
	Prerequisites	ACCT 530; or undergraduate degree with concentration in accounting; M.B.A. or M.S. in Accounting degree students only.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Examines the theory and practice of developing and maintaining accounting based information systems. Systems development techniques, system control and

		documentation are emphasized. Transactional, data-based distributive and electronic data exchange concepts are developed. The auditing of computer based systems is structured.
ACCT512	Title	Fundamentals of Federal Taxation.
	Prerequisites	M.B.A. degree students only.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	The purpose of this course is to introduce students to a broad range of tax concepts for the individual and to emphasize the role of taxation in the business decision-making process. Coverage includes on a broad basis; the framework of the tax system, factors in selecting a choice of entity, type of income, deductions and losses, types of distributions to owners including their tax effect, tax impact of shifting ownership, different types of corporate compensation and professional responsibilities.
ACCT514	Title	Advanced Taxation for Accountants.
	Prerequisites	Undergraduate degree with concentration in accounting; M.B.A. or M.S. in Accounting students only.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	The purpose of this course is to further expand on the basic concepts presented in "Basic Taxation for Accountants." Formation, operation and dissolution of sole proprietorships, C Corporations, S Corporations, and Partnerships are discussed. Coverage also includes limited liability entities, alternative minimum tax calculations for individuals and corporations related party transactions, estate and gift tax, fiduciary accounting, tax planning and ethics.
ACCT520	Title	Contemporary Issues in Financial Accounting I.
	Prerequisites	Open to MBA degree students by permission only.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	The course builds on material presented in the financial accounting course ACCT 530. Students should gain an improved understanding of the techniques and underlying rationale of methods used to accumulate financial and operating data. Also improves skill in analyzing information provided in annual

		financial reports.
ACCT521	Title	Contemporary Issues in Financial Accounting II.
	Prerequisites	ACCT 520. Open to MBA degree students by permission only.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Continuation of Contemporary Issues in Financial Accounting I. Enables students to acquire an improved understanding of the composition and significance of various segments of the balance sheet, especially noncurrent assets, noncurrent liabilities, stockholders' equity, and the statement of cash flows.
ACCT523	Title	Financial Statement Analysis.
	Prerequisites	ACCT 501 and ACCT 530 or undergraduate degree with concentration in Accounting, MBA or MS in Accounting degree students only. Starting Fall 2016:
ACCT523	Prerequisites	ACCT 530 or undergraduate degree with concentration in Accounting, MBA or MS in Accounting degree students only.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	From an accounting perspective, an in-depth discussion and analysis of financial statements as a basis for valuation of the firm. The real performance of the companies under consideration will be determined as students learn to decode information contained in corporate annual reports. The course leads to the ability to evaluate critically the key issues affecting a company's valuation and operations utilizing accounting information. In addition, the valuation techniques introduced provide the opportunity for statistical modeling and empirical testing of the valuation procedures with accounting data.
ACCT524	Title	Auditing Concepts and Techniques.
	Prerequisites	ACCT 520; Not open to any student with an undergraduate degree in Accounting.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	A course in auditing principles, theory, design, and techniques. Theory, practice, and techniques are integrated through the use of current auditing

		problems and student performance of a simulation audit of selected financial statement data.
ACCT525	Title	International Taxation and International Management Accounting.
	Prerequisites	ACCT 530 or undergraduate degree with concentration in Accounting; M.B.A. or M.S. in Accounting degree students only.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course deals with the impact of international taxation on U.S. multinational corporations doing business abroad, foreign corporations doing it in the U.S., the U.S. residents working abroad, and nonresident aliens working in the U.S. It further concerns the tax rules for controlled foreign corporations and foreign sales corporations. The course also studies the aspects of international management accounting. It investigates the inflation accounting system in the world and the performance evaluation in multinational corporations. In addition, it covers the transfer pricing methods and investment analysis for multinational corporations. Related professional pronouncements and Internal Revenue Codes are integrated into the course content.
ACCT526	Title	Fraud Examination.
	Prerequisites	Undergraduate degree in Accounting.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	The course will cover the principles to be followed and techniques to be adopted to detect and prevent fraud especially in corporate context. Students will gain knowledge and ability to decipher the presence of fraud. Students will learn how to analyze and implement various types of fraud prevention and detection procedures. The course will provide a broad understanding of several major related topics such as skimming, larceny, billing schemes, check tampering, payroll schemes, corruptions and fraudulent financial statements, interviewing witnesses and occupational fraud and abuse.
ACCT527	Title	Forensic Accounting.
	Prerequisites	Undergraduate degree in Accounting.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.

	Course Description	The roles, responsibilities, and requirements of a forensic accountant in the litigation environment. Emphasis on how to review, detect, and investigate
ACCT527	Course Description	possible financial statement concerns of public and private companies. Topics covered include: elements of financial statement fraud; management's and auditor's responsibilities, financial statement red flags, earnings management, and investigative strategies. Actual litigation and fraud cases will be discussed to highlight the evolving roles of forensic accountants.
ACCT528	Title	Business Valuation.
	Prerequisites	Undergraduate degree with concentration in Accounting; MBA or MS in Accounting degree students only.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course provides an in-depth discussion and analysis of the financial statements of companies in order to determine the fair market value of a firm. The fair market value of the companies studied will be estimated by students as they learn to de-code information contained in financial statements. The course focuses on the ability to critically evaluate the key drivers affecting a company's value utilizing accounting information. In addition, the business valuation techniques introduced provide the opportunity for empirical testing of the valuation procedures using accounting data.
ACCT530	Title	Financial Accounting.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course is a study of basic accounting concepts and their significance to the financial analyst and manager. Problems relating to income determination, valuation, reporting and analysis are stressed. Alternative conceptual foundations of reporting standards are presented and information evaluated. Previous course ACCT 501 effective through Spring 2012.
ACCT540	Title	International Accounting and Auditing.
	Prerequisites	ACCT 530 or undergraduate degree with concentration in Accounting; M.B.A. or M.S. in Accounting degree students only.
	Special Fee	Special fee.

	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course deals with the measurement of operating results and financial position of multinational corporations involving transactions with foreign currencies. It focuses on the system of foreign exchange markets and the transaction gains or losses due to changes in foreign exchange rates. It teaches the techniques of foreign currency translations. It concerns the foreign exchange risk management in hedging activities. The course specifically investigates the risk aversion tool of forward exchange contracts. It also explores international accounting standards and accounting systems in other countries and the current developments in the harmonization process. Finally the course will focus on the role of internal and external auditing in the international context.
ACCT542	Title	Comprehensive Issues in Public Accountancy.
	Prerequisites	Baccalaureate degree in accounting.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course is an overall and extensive review of the current development in the accounting profession, particularly in the financial accounting area. It is an in-depth study of financial accounting standards to date and deals with other contemporary issues in public accountancy. The course is intended to update the knowledge required for the uniform Certified Public Accountants (CPA) examination in the area of financial accounting and reporting. The course is very broad in scope and yet intensive in specifics, with an objective of reviewing a wide range of topics, such as pensions, leases, financial derivatives, comprehensive income, income tax allocation, bonds
ACCT542	Course Description	payable, cash flow statements, earnings per share, consolidation of financial statements, and other contemporary areas in financial accounting that are covered in the uniform CPS exam.
ACCT560	Title	Accounting for Business Managers.
	Prerequisites	ACCT 530.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.

	Course Description	This course examines the use of accounting information for effective management of organizations in today's complex world of increased business competition and globalization. Managers in this context need to be proficient in using accounting information to monitor and control their organizations' performance. Major topics in the course will include designing and using accounting data for internal decision making and analyzing and using financial statements. Students will also learn a variety of techniques and tools for financial management processes including budgeting, cost analysis, performance management, and performance measurement and evaluation.
ACCT575	Title	Independent Study in Accounting.
	Prerequisites	Departmental approval, MBA degree students only.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Course Description	Under faculty guidance and supervision, this tutorial course is open to students who wish to pursue individual study and research in a particular discipline. Written permission of the appropriate department chair and the MBA director must be secured prior to enrolling in this course.
ACCT577	Title	Selected Topics in Accounting.
	Prerequisites	M.B.A. Degree students only.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	1 - 3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	An in-depth study of a selected topic, issue, problem or trend in accounting. The specific subject matter is not offered as an existing regular course or deserves more time-emphasis than is possible in a regular course. When offered, topics and prerequisites are announced in the course schedule book.
ADVS198	Title	Pathways to Success.
	Course Description	One-credit course that assists students who are in academic jeopardy in developing strategies and life-skills that will increase their academic and personal success. Through focused discussions and activities, students will identify their areas of strength and areas in need of development. Based on these discoveries, students will develop individualized action plans that map out their personal paths to improvement. Students in ADVS 198 will actively work to improve their academic standing by completing self-assessments, using Canvas and other forms of technology, and working with their instructor and academic coaches. Areas to be addressed on a macro level include: