

ACCT 201: Principles of Financial Accounting (November 2010)

Course Catalog Description:

A study of the nature and purpose of accounting in modern business organizations with emphasis on business income and financial position measurement.

General Course Objectives:

The general course objectives are

- 1) To develop an understanding of the principles, practice and terminology of accounting;
- 2) To portray accounting as an information system that is an integral part of all business disciplines; and
- 3) To acquaint students with ethical and global issues in financial accounting.

Specific Course Objectives:

The student who successfully completes this course should be able to:

- 1) State the basic accounting equation and describe its elements;
- 2) Describe the elements, format and purpose of each of the financial statements;
- 3) Prepare an income statement, statement of retained earnings, and balance sheet for a firm;
- 4) Describe the importance of ethics in business decision-making and financial reporting;
- 5) Identify national and international financial accounting and reporting standard-setting and regulatory bodies;
- 6) Analyze and prepare journal entries to record business transactions;
- 7) List in order and describe the steps in the accounting cycle;
- 8) Prepare period-end adjusting and closing entries for a firm;
- 9) Prepare the journal entries to record purchases and sales of merchandise and related payments and collections;
- 10) Apply inventory cost flow methods to determine the value of ending inventory and cost of goods sold;
- 11) Describe the internal controls related to cash;
- 12) Prepare a bank reconciliation;
- 13) Prepare the journal entries to record bad debts and other transactions affecting accounts and notes receivable;
- 14) Compute depreciation expense for the plant assets of a firm;
- 15) Prepare the journal entries to record the acquisition, depreciation, and disposal of plant and intangible assets;
- 16) Identify and describe the major types of current liabilities;
- 17) Prepare the journal entries to record transactions related to current liabilities and bonds;
- 18) Describe the components of stockholders' equity; and
- 19) Prepare the journal entries to record transactions related to a firm's stocks.