



ACCOUNTING 1306 – FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING & REPORTING

Stern School of Business, New York University
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Course Objective

Accounting produces much of the information used within corporations. Accounting information is used in valuation, in contracting, by investors, by creditors, by managers and by the government. A good understanding of accounting is one of the basic building blocks of business education.

Accounting 1306 is the first course in the accounting sequence. The course provides an overview of the financial accounting and reporting process. The primary focus will be on the analysis of economic events and their effect on the major financial statements (balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows). The course will familiarize students with the format and contents of financial statements and will provide the students with the necessary rigor to be successful in future accounting courses.

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Class Times

Section 11: Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., KMC 3-50.

Section 12: Mondays, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., KMC 3-50.

Important: Please make sure that you are attending the section to which you are registered.

Contact

Email: The most efficient means to contact me is through email: rshalev@stern.nyu.edu. **When you email me, please write '1306' somewhere in the subject line.**

Office hours: Monday 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
And by appointment

Required Course Materials

Textbook: Financial Accounting, Seventh Edition, Libby, Libby, & Short, McGraw-Hill Companies, 2010. The book is available at the bookstore. The study guide is not required, but is available at the bookstore.

Exams and Grading

Course points will be allocated as follows. Final grade will be the higher of option A and option B.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>% of Total Grade A</u>	<u>% of Total Grade B</u>
In-class Quizzes	See schedule	15%	15%
Case Study	See schedule	10%	10%
Midterm	Week 7	20%	30%
Final Exam	Last day of class	50%	40%
Class Participation	Throughout the semester	5%	5%
Total		100%	100%

Quizzes:

There will be 3 in-class closed book/closed note quizzes. All quizzes will be held at the beginning of the class period and will take approximately 20-25 minutes. Your 2 highest quiz scores will count toward your final grade. Thus, you may miss one quiz without penalty. No make-up quizzes will be given.

Case Study:

The case study is designed to enhance your understanding of financial accounting. In the case you will analyze financial statements of real companies and interpret real events that have taken place in the accounting world recently. The case will be assigned during the semester. The cases will be completed in groups of 2-4 people. The case assignment along with supplemental reading materials will be posted on Blackboard.

Exams:

There will a mid-term exam and a final exam. All exams will be closed book/closed notes and the final exam will be cumulative. The mid-term exam will be given during regular class time and the **final exam** will be on **Last day of class**. Make-up exams will be given in the event that an exam is missed for a legitimate reason. A legitimate reason includes permission from the student office or a medical professional. Permission must be obtained from me at least one day prior to the exam unless there is an emergency.

Class Participation:

Five percent of the grade will be determined by me. This portion will summarize my impression of your overall participation, attendance, effort and attitude towards the course.

Homework:

Suggested homework problems are provided in the assignment schedule. Homework will not be collected. However, students are encouraged to complete all homework problems to ensure detailed knowledge of the

course material. Further, students with more free time are invited to solve other problems as well. Solution to chapter problems will be posted on Blackboard.

Re-grading Policy

Any re-grade requests must be turned in within 7 days from the day the quiz or exam in question was returned to you. Please note that I will re-grade the exam in its entirety, which may result in a loss or addition of total points.

Class Meetings

Students should read the assigned material and attempt the homework prior to class meetings. Lecture notes will be available on Blackboard at least one day prior to the class meeting. Students are encouraged to print out the lecture notes to assist them in following class discussion and taking notes. Students are requested to arrive to class on time and remain for the entire class period. You should attend the section to which you are registered. **During class, please turn off all audible technology (i.e. phones, pagers, pocket PCs, iPod's iPad's etc.) as well as laptop computers.**

Students with Disabilities

Students whose class performance may be affected due to a disability should notify the professor immediately so that arrangements can be made in consultation with the Henry and Lucy Moses Center for Students with Disabilities to accommodate their needs. Please see www.nyu.edu/csd for more details. Please contact me as soon as possible if you have a disability that requires some modification of seating, testing, or other class requirements so that appropriate arrangements can be made. In addition, please contact me if you have a conflict with any of the scheduled meeting times or the final exam.

Academic Integrity

The Stern School of Business is a community of individuals with diverse backgrounds and interests who share certain fundamental goals. Primary among these goals is the creation and maintenance of an atmosphere conducive to learning and personal growth for everyone in the community. Becoming a member of the Stern community is a privilege that brings certain responsibilities and expectations. The success of Stern in attaining its goals and in maintaining its reputation of academic excellence depends on the willingness of its members, both collectively and individually, to meet their responsibilities. All individuals associated with Stern should conduct themselves with the utmost integrity in all aspects of their life, both on and off campus.

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A student's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- A duty to acknowledge the work and efforts of others when submitting work as one's own. Ideas, data, direct quotations, paraphrasing, creative expression, or any other incorporation of the work of others must be clearly referenced.
- A duty to exercise the utmost integrity when preparing for and completing examinations, including an obligation to report any observed violations.

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