**FAQs: Acct 152 Homework Matters (v 8-1-23)**

**As stated in the syllabus, you will need to be actively involved in the learning process to enhance what you learn and increase the chance of you passing the course, i.e. limit your use of gaming and social media in the classroom and do the homework timely.**

**1. There will be three types of Connect homework:** i) Pre class homework worth 7.5% of your course grade, a couple times a week due at 10am of the class day; ii) Post class homework worth 7.5% of your course grade, usually two a week with one due on Tues nts midnight, and one due Sunday nights midnight; and Data Analytic type homework involving basic Excel skills and Tableau visualizations also worth 7.5% of your course grade and due usually Sunday nts. (Exceptions from Sunday night due dates would be if there is an exam for our course scheduled the next day, in which case, the due date for the post class work and Excel assgts would be Friday nt before that weekend starts in order to allow you to complete that work and see the solutions in time to properly master it before Monday.

**2. The types of assignments and their due dates will be viewable in Connect well ahead of time, and at least a week in advance.** You should not wait until the last day to do these as: i) that would be too much to complete in one day, ii) you will not be able to retain the material, and iii) you will not be able to participate effectively in class as I discuss those topics. *There are times when due dates may change to accommodate the academic schedule of breaks, exams, weather disruptions, some chapters taking longer or shorter than expected, and other unforeseen events. So, check CS and Connect often for the possibility of changing due dates****.***

**3. All Connect assignments will have 3 attempts and each attempt will have 3 tries (for a total of 9 tries per question).** Only the highest score of all 3 attempts is used in calculating your score for this component of your course grade.

**4. You are allowed and encouraged to collaborate and work in groups.** However, you are still required to submit your own version of the Connect assignment. **NOTE-I cannot stop you from using an online service to get the answers, but it will surely increase your chances of you having to retake the course as it may result in you not understanding the material as well as you need to pass the exams.**

**5.There Can Be No Extensions: There are NO extensions allowed since:**

**a) I cannot practically audit each reason and apply extensions all semester for over 100 students across my 4 classes;**

**b) it would be unfair to everyone else; and**

**c) Connect does not allow extensions anyway if anyone in class has started a study attempt.**

**However, to accommodate the occasional missed homework for any reason including your own Connect or Wi-Fi glitches**, slept in, or medical absences, travel reasons, athletic conflicts, etc., (i.e., almost everyone will miss a few homework for any of these reasons**), I will drop 20% of all pre class assignment scores including the zeros for missed assignments, and 20% of all post class assignment scores including the zeros for missed assignments.** Therefore, because only the top 80% scores count toward your course grade, this is effectively a built-in allowance for not completing an assignment on time for any reason.

**6. Homework Feedback:**  The feedback settings will be:

• **After Attempt 1**, Connect will show: Question scores, correct or incorrect indicators, and total scores (This way, after your first attempt, you get to see specifically what you got wrong in the problem, **but without solutions being given.)**

• **After Attempt 2** Connect will show: Total scores before the due date, **and all detailed solution feedback after the due date.** Although it will no longer indicate exactly where you went wrong, you will be allowed Attempt 3.

• **After Attempt 3** on the same data set, or scoring 100% with any attempt, it will show: Detailed feedback with solutions.

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**Therefore, to see solutions before the exams, you must complete at least 2 attempts by the due date since Attempt 2 provides solutions after the due date for both correct and incorrect answers and Attempt 3 (or scoring 100%) gets you solutions immediately. In other words, if you only do 1 attempt, the system will NOT provide explanations, so if you want to see them before the exams, you will have to do study attempts.**

If any solution to a homework assignment is not clear to you after seeing the Connect-provided steps, please email me, post to the Discussion Forum, or bring it up in class. Also, take advantage of my office hours as early in the course as possible.

You will be able to view your homework grade average in Connect throughout the semester. However, it will be prior to the final “top 80%” calculations for your final course grade. I will not know that until the end of the semester.

**7. I cannot cover most of the homework in class due to the amount of material I must teach during class time, and besides, you can see the solutions in Connect as long as you did at least 2 attempt**s. However, feel free to email me or come to office hours regarding any questions you have about the solutions.

**8. The more homework assignments we have per chapter, the better you will learn the material** just covered in class, and it is less burdensome than once a week with 30 or so questions on all the different concepts of the week.

**9. Homework content vs Exams: UNFORTUNATELY, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO WELL IN THIS COURSE IF YOU ONLY STUDY THE HOMEWORK WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING THE CONCEPTS SINCE WE ARE REQUIRED TO ASSESS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONCEPTS BY APPLICATION TO DIFFERENT SETS OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND DIFFERENT WAYS OF ASKING THE QUESTIONS AND WITH DIFFERENT DATA SETS BEING ASSUMED.**

**Specifically, due to the amount of material in this course, the homework may not cover all topics and rules in the textbook (since that would be too much homework), and therefore the exams may have questions not specifically covered by homework, but they would have been covered in the textbook. Also, even if exam questions were covered in the homework, they would be worded differently in order to assess the critical thinking that employers demand in our exams.** **See separate FAQ memo on more exam guidelines.**

**10. Pre-Class Assignments (Specifics):**

**i) Each week, you must read the chapter and complete any pre-class homework assignments before class.** This approach is consistent with the Lehigh Learning Method philosophy of our business school. ***Reading the chapter and attempting to solve exercises before a topic is discussed in class will seem challenging at first, but you will find that it leads to a higher level of learning and enhances your ability to learn on your own.***

**ii) The pre-class homework assignments are designed with the more basic early portion of the chapters, e.g., usually the first LO of the chapter, and some terminology, and help you be better prepared to ask questions about the more complex LO s that come up later.**

**iii) These assignments will typically consist of 3 to 5 MC Questions or Exercises.**

**iv) These should take 2 to 4 hours per week total and will be due by 10AM on most Mondays and Wednesdays.** This requirement replaces the normally required Smart book tutorials and serves to reduce the amount of post class homework that would otherwise be needed. (Optional Smart book tutorials will still be viewable in your Connect home page as additional practice resources.)

**11. Post Class Chapter Assignments (Specifics):**

**i) After class: There will be post class homework assignments, usually Exercises and Problems with more rigor than pre class assignments.**

**ii) These assignments are intended to have you test your chapter knowledge from textbook reading and in-class learning.**

**iii) These assignments are due in Connect after the topic is discussed in class, usually Tues nt and Sundays at 11:59 pm,** depending on the length of the chapter and which LOs we would have covered during the week.

**iv) The post-class assignments will consist of about 5 to 10 Exercises, Problems, or Comprehensive Problems that are more rigorous than pre class homework. These may take 4 to 6 hrs a week.** *However, I often have time to do at least one, or two, or several of the more difficult ones in the chapter’s second class prior to the due date, especially if there are not sufficient examples in the author’s slides to reinforce how to solve certain topics. For several chapters, I and prior students have found that going through some of the homework is more effective as a way to teach and apply concepts at the same time, all dependent on the type of topic and its complexity. So, remember to bring your laptops to class for this purpose as well as for the poll question participation.*