

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO
College of Business Administration
Department of Accounting

Accounting 326 – Cost Accounting
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Prerequisite:

For accounting majors: an average of B or higher in Accounting 210 and 211, or a passing grade in the departmental Accounting Qualifying Exam. For other majors: a grade of C or higher in both Accounting 210 and 211.

From the Accounting Department Mission Statement:

The accounting department is committed to quality educational programming, research pursuits and community service. We significantly contribute to the College of Business Administration's mission to create new knowledge, new business, new value and new leaders for Chicago and the world beyond. Students admitted to our degree programs must show the potential and demonstrate proficiency in contemporary management skills such as information technology, communication techniques and teamwork. The program will promote a prospective of the global economy and cultural diversification necessary for the knowledge worker of the 21 century.

Course Objectives:

The main objective of this course is for each student to gain an understanding of the role of managerial accounting in supporting managers in making resource allocation decisions. Additionally, the course will examine in depth the production, analysis and interpretation of managerial accounting information. It will be broadly divided into the following three sections:

- Accounting for Planning and Control including Performance Evaluation.
- Accounting for Cost Management and identification of actual product costs.
- Accounting for non-routine managerial decision making.

Catalog Description:

Design of cost accounting systems; alternative cost methods; costing for decision making; budgeting and performance evaluation.

Required Text:

Cost Accounting: A Managerial Emphasis, 14th edition, By Horngren, Datar, and Rajan: Prentice-Hall, 2012.

Recommended Texts:

Study Guide and Student Solution Manual Accompanying ***Cost Accounting: A Managerial Emphasis***, Prentice-Hall, 20012.

Course Website:

<http://blackboard.uic.edu/>

All materials pertaining to the course will be posted to the above site. You should also visit the Publisher's website for the text at <http://www.pearsonhighered.com> for additional support.

Teaching Method:

I consider learning to be a joint endeavor. It is my job to facilitate learning. It is your job to read the assigned materials and work the assigned exercises and problems before they are discussed in class. This calls for a lot of effort on your part. However, it is the only way you can successfully learn the course material and realistically develop the set of skills needed to become an accountant.

The classes are lecture, discussion, and problem solving oriented. You are encouraged to ask questions and provide comments as considered appropriate. Every student will be called on in class to discuss assigned material and problems. Some problems may be solved in small groups during class, with one or more groups presenting their answers.

Grading:

Course final grades will be determined based upon the following criteria:

First Exam	25%	100 points.
Second Exam	25%	100 points
Third Exam (Final)	35%	140 points
Quizzes	<u>15%</u>	<u>60</u> points
Total	<u>100%</u>	<u>400</u> points.

Final grades will be based on a straight 90, 80, 70, 60, scale for an A, B, C, D, etc. The scale may be lowered if deemed necessary.

Note: For satisfactory progress in the accounting major, students must receive a grade of C or better in Accounting 326. This course may be repeated only once.

Incomplete:

Incompletes will be granted only in documented cases of undue hardship or clearly extraordinary circumstances, and according to university policies.

Quizzes:

Seven quizzes will be administered throughout the semester, with the lowest quiz grade being dropped. Each quiz is worth ten points. There will be no make-up quizzes.

Homework:

Each student is responsible for reading the assigned material and doing all of the assigned problems before class. Homework should be done as assigned but will not be collected. Instead, the quizzes will serve as an indicator of homework progress. Written homework solutions will be available on blackboard shortly after the assignments due date.

Exams:

Exams will consist of multiple choice questions and problem solving. They are to be taken as scheduled in the course calendar. There will be **no make-up exams**.

Attendance:

Regular class attendance is essential and expected. There is a direct correlation between attendance and success in the course. If you miss a class session due to sickness or emergency, it is your responsibility to obtain the class notes from a classmate. You are responsible for everything covered in all class sessions.

Academic Integrity:

In all courses, you are expected to conduct yourselves in a manner that is consistent with the university standards of academic honesty. Any student who cheats on an assignment or exam will receive a grade of "F" for the course and may also be dismissed from the university.

General:

Every effort will be made to adhere to the information and schedule set forth in this syllabus. Any changes, which are necessitated as the semester progresses, will be announced on a timely basis. Regular attendance will insure that you are aware of any modification made.

**Accounting 326
COURSE CALENDAR**

#	Date	Day	Activity and Assignment (Skip Appendices Unless Specified)
1	Aug 27	Mon	Course Introduction, policies and resources (Blackboard)
2	Aug 29	Wed	<u>Ch 1: The Manager and Management Accounting.</u> HW: 1- 20, 23, 27
3	Aug 31	Fri	<u>Ch 2: An Introduction to Cost Terms and Purposes.</u>
	Sep 3	Mon	Labor Day (No Class)
4	Sep 5	Wed	<u>Ch 2: Continued.</u> HW: 2- 20, 22, 26, 31, 34
5	Sep 7	Fri	<u>Ch 4: Job Costing.</u>
6	Sep 10	Mon	HW: 4- 17, 20, 21, 28, 35, 36
7	Sep 12	Wed	<u>Ch 5: Activity-Based Costing and Activity-Based</u>
8	Sep 14	Fri	Management.
9	Sep 17	Mon	HW: 5- 21, 24, 29, 30, 31, 39
10	Sep 19	Wed	<u>Ch 3: Cost-Volume-Profit Analysis.</u>
11	Sep 21	Fri	
12	Sep 24	Mon	HW: 3- 23, 25, 30, 35, 37, 38, 49
13	Sep 26	Wed	Exam 1 (Chapters 1 – 5)
14	Sep 28	Fri	<u>Ch 6: Master Budget and Responsibility Accounting,</u>
15	Oct 1	Mon	including the appendix on the Cash Budget.
			HW: 6- 23, 28, 30, 31, 37
16	Oct 3	Wed	<u>Ch 7: Flexible Budgets, Variances, and Management</u>
17	Oct 5	Fri	Control I.
			HW: 7- 19, 22, 24, 30, 32, 36, 39
18	Oct 8	Mon	<u>Ch 8: Flexible Budgets, Variances, and Management</u>
19	Oct 10	Wed	Control II.
			HW: 8- 18, 19, 24, 29, 33, 38
20	Oct 12	Fri	<u>Ch 9: Inventory Costing and Capacity Analysis.</u>
21	Oct 15	Mon	HW 9- 18, 21, 22, 28
22	Oct 17	Wed	<u>Ch 10: Determining How Cost Behave, including the</u>
23	Oct 19	Fri	appendix on Regression Analysis.
24	Oct 22	Mon	HW: 10- 23, 24, 31, 32, 33
25	Oct 24	Wed	Exam 2 (Chapters 6 – 10)

26 27 28	Oct 26 Oct 29 Oct 31	Fri Mon Wed	Ch 11: Decision Making and Relevant Information, including appendix on Linear Programming. HW: 11- 19, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31
29 30 31	Nov 2 Nov 5 Nov 7	Fri Mon Wed	Ch 12: Pricing Decisions and Cost Management. HW: 12- 17, 18, 23, 32, 33, 35
32 33 34	Nov 9 Nov 12 Nov 14	Fri Mon Wed	Ch 15: Allocation of Support Department Costs, Common Costs, and Revenues. HW: 15- 16, 19, 20, 21, 27, 30, 31
35 36 37	Nov 16 Nov 19 Nov 21	Fri Mon Wed	Ch 16: Cost Allocation: Joint Product and Byproducts.
	Nov 23	Fri	Thanksgiving Holiday (No classes)
38	Nov 26	Mon	Ch 16: Continued. HW: 16-19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28, 34
39 40 41	Nov 28 Nov 30 Dec 3	Wed Fri Mon	Ch 21: Capital Budgeting and Cost Analysis, including the appendix on Inflation. HW: 21- 17, 21, 24, 27, 28, 31, 33
41 42 43	Dec 3 Dec 5 Dec 7	Mon Wed Fri	Ch 22: Management Control Systems, Transfer Pricing, and Multinational Considerations. HW: 22- 19, 20, 21, 23, 28, 32
			Third Exam (Final): Chapters 11, 12,15, 16, 21, and 22 Date, time, and place to be announced

Best Wishes