



The University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business

Department of Accounting ACC 152 – Distinguished Speaker Lyceum (unique # 02395) Spring 2019 Syllabus

Course Description

The MPA Distinguished Speaker Lyceum, at The University of Texas at Austin is a hallmark of the MPA Program. Its purpose is to develop leading professionals by integrating graduate accounting studies with current issues in accounting practice, business, and society.

Course Requirements

Students are required to attend eight professional speaking events this spring and, on one typed page, submit via Canvas, a summary of the discussion at each talk you attend (themes, speaker's points, etc.) within one week of hearing a speaker. It is each student's responsibility to select and attend the talks.

Not all of the talks you might attend are published at this time, but they will start appearing on the web as the spring semester gets under way. Likely talks include those in the McCombs VIP Distinguished Speaker Series, the Faculty Research Series for students sponsored by the Undergraduate Council, and talks sponsored by other groups around McCombs or on campus – for example, the Energy Management and Innovation Center will have talks, as will sustainability, computer and other groups in McCombs and around campus. Of course, the talks you select should be related (or relatable) to business in some way.

Grading

This is a pass/fail course. Grades will be determined based on satisfactory completion of the course requirements.

E-mail and Canvas

The use of email and Canvas are required for this course. I will communicate with the class with announcements and guidance and I will answer questions via email. I will check e-mail each weekday and somewhat less regularly over weekends. I will use the email addresses on Canvas. They are the email addresses that you have given the University for directory purposes. If you need to update your email address with the University go to your UT Direct page and, under personal info/all my addresses, change your email address. It is your responsibility to regularly check both your e-mail and the class website on Canvas.

Electronic Class Rosters & Privacy in Canvas

A recent opinion from the US Department of Education states that the University must inform students in advance if their name will be appearing on an electronic class roster: Web-based,

password-protected class sites are available for all accredited courses taught at The University. Class e-mail rosters are a component of the sites. Students who do not want their names included in these electronic class rosters must restrict their directory information in the Office of the Registrar, Main Building, Room 1. For information on restricting directory information see: <http://www.utexas.edu/student/registrar/catalogs/gi00-01/app/appc09.html>.

Information in Canvas is protected by your UTEID login. If you have any concerns, please contact the ITS Help Desk at 475-9400 for help removing your name from view of other students.

Dropping the Course

Students must go through the official procedures to drop the course. A student who stops attending the class and fails to officially drop will receive a failing grade. Consult the Academic Calendar on the Registrar's website (<http://registrar.utexas.edu/calendars/>) for specific deadlines.

Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities may request appropriate academic accommodations from the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, Services for Students with Disabilities, 512-471-6259, <http://diversity.utexas.edu/disability/>.

Religious Holy Days

By UT Austin policy, you must notify me of your pending absence at least fourteen days prior to the date of observance of a religious holy day. If you must miss a class, an examination, a work assignment, or a project in order to observe a religious holy day, you will be given an opportunity to complete the missed work within a reasonable time after the absence.

Policy on Scholastic Dishonesty

The McCombs School of Business has no tolerance for acts of scholastic dishonesty. The responsibilities of both students and faculty with regard to scholastic dishonesty are described in detail in the BBA Program's Statement on Scholastic Dishonesty at <http://my.mcombs.utexas.edu/BBA/Code-of-Ethics>. By teaching this course, I have agreed to observe all faculty responsibilities described there. By enrolling in this class, you have agreed to observe all student responsibilities described there. If the application of the Statement on Scholastic Dishonesty to this class or its assignments is unclear in any way, it is your responsibility to ask me for clarification. Students who violate University rules on scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and/or dismissal from the University. Since dishonesty harms the individual, all students, the integrity of the University, and the value of our academic brand, policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced. You should refer to the Student Conduct and Academic Integrity website at <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/conduct/> to access the official University policies and procedures on scholastic dishonesty as well as further elaboration on what constitutes scholastic dishonesty.

Campus Safety

Please note the following recommendations regarding emergency evacuation, provided by the Office of Campus Safety and Security, 512-471-5767, <https://preparedness.utexas.edu/>:

- Occupants of buildings on The University of Texas at Austin campus are required to evacuate buildings when a fire alarm is activated. Alarm activation or announcement requires exiting and assembling outside.
- Familiarize yourself with all exit doors of each classroom and building you may occupy. Remember that the nearest exit door may not be the one you used when entering the building.
- Students requiring assistance in evacuation should inform the instructor in writing during the first week of class.
- In the event of an evacuation, follow the instruction of faculty or class instructors.
- Do not re-enter a building unless given instructions by the following: Austin Fire Department, The University of Texas at Austin Police Department, or Fire Prevention Services office.

Behavior Concerns Advice Line (BCAL): 512-232-5050 or [on-line](#).

In case of emergency, further information will be available at: <http://www.utexas.edu/emergency>.