

Diploma in Accounting & Finance (519) – Forensic Accounting

Prerequisites: Knowledge of accounting	Corequisites: A pass or higher in Diploma in BA
terminology.	& Computer Systems or equivalence.

Aim: This course will cover a variety of facets related to Information Technology (IT) Auditing and Forensic Accounting especially fraud audits, from simple to complex computer systems. The course will present tools, concepts, and techniques necessary to properly audit IT. Learners will look at key legal principles and courtroom procedures relevant to forensic accounting, and survey of related topics - criminology theories, evidence management, and litigation services.

Forensic accounting is the application of accounting principles, theories, and techniques to facts or hypotheses at issue in a legal dispute. Forensic Accounting is one of the fastest growing areas in the profession today. Because forensic accountants must look beyond the numbers to grasp the underlying substance of business activities, they have been described as private investigators with a financial sixth sense.

The course will cover the basic concepts of forensic accounting. Course content includes examining documents, using sources of information, testifying in court as an expert, writing reports, identifying high-risk signs, and how to prevent fraud, the principles of law related to forensic accounting. It will cover criminology theories, forensic evidence, and how to be an expert witness in court. In general, help to prepare learners understand the advanced forensic accounting concepts with a primary focus on occupational fraud and abuse - its origins, perpetration, prevention, and detection.

Required Materials: Recommended Learning	Supplementary Materials: Lecture notes and
Resources.	tutor extra reading recommendations.

Special Requirements: The course requires a combination of lectures, demonstrations and discussions.

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Intended Learning Outcomes:	Assessment Criteria:		
1 Explore the Forensic Accounting	1.1 Define forensic accounting		
profession, knowledge, skills, opportunities and	1.2 Outline basis and characteristics of ethics		
international forensic accounting organisations.	in Accounting		
	1.3 Analyse Accountants code of conduct		
	1.4 Describe how forensic accounting differs		
	from other types of accounting		
2 Analyse the forensic accounting legal	2.1 Illustrate the process of civil and		
environment. Outline the importance of	criminal investigations		
understanding the UK legal systems.	2.2 Describe the UK legal system and		
	jurisdiction		
	2.3 Compare and contrast civil vs criminal cases		
	2.4 Explore the main players in investigations and legal cases		
	2.5 Outline the arrest and pre-trial processes		
	2.6 Demonstrate the rules of evidence		
	2.7 Discuss common law financial crimes		
	2.8 Define moral intent		
3 Outline the implementation of	3.1 Explore an organisation's internal		
Information Systems in forensic accounting.	control system		
Explore the use of computer forensics in today's	3.2 Analyse the types of Business		

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digital world.	Information Systems 3.3 Describe the Financial Supply Chain
	3.3 Describe the Financial Supply Chain Management
	3.4 Describe the Procurement and
	Inbound/Outbound logistics
	3.5 Describe the Produce Manufacturing and
	Deployment processes
	3.6 Analyse Sales and Services processes
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4 Analyse the relationship between	4.1 Describe the objectives of audit
forensic accounting and auditing. Explore the	4.2 Discuss why auditors are not asked to do
similarities between the work of the auditor and	forensic audit
that of the forensic accountant.	4.3 Describe Benford detection analysis
5 Explore the importance of compliance.	5.1 Analyse the UK governance regulations
Outline the UK Corporate Governance Code.	5.2 Describe the UK Corporate Governance
	Code
	5.3 Describe the U.S. Sarbanes-Oxley Act
	5.4 Compare and contrast rules vs
	principles-based approaches
	5.5 Outline the COBIT framework
	5.6 Describe ISO/IEC 27002 framework
6 Explore the subdivisions of forensic	6.1 Analyse the part played by forensic
science. Explore the controversies, questions and	science today
assumptions behind forensic science disciplines.	6.2 Outline the steps in forensic
	investigation
	Explore the forensic law enforcement
	6.4 Discuss forensic databases and networks
7 Outline the role of the Information	7.1 Describe the objectives of ISMS
Security Management System (ISMS) and the	7.2 Illustrate asses and risk assessment
emphasis on security factors including	7.3 Describe threats in information security
confidentiality, integrity and availability	7.4 Outline Information Technology security
tomachining, mogney and availability	assurance
8 Explore the ways companies mislead the	8.1 Define Financial Statement Fraud
public and investors by publishing fraudulent	8.2 Demonstrate fictitious revenue and sales
financial statements.	schemes
	8.3 Explore schemes involving overstating
	of assets
	8.4 Explore schemes involving improper
	accounting treatment
	8.5 Describe the prevention of Financial
	Statement fraud
	8.6 Outline indications of possible financial
	statement fraud
	8.7 Define earnings management
	8.8
9 Explore how poor compensation.	9.1 Explore cash processing frauds
9 Explore how poor compensation, corporate financial problems, hostile work	9.1 Explore cash processing frauds 9.2 Describe accounts receivable frauds
environment, excessive pressure to perform and	9.3 Explore expenditure cycle frauds
bad management leads to corporate fraud.	9.4 Explore vendor frauds
out management leads to corporate fraud.	9.5 Explore information system employee
	frauds
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10 Outline how the HM Revenue &	10.1 Research current cases of suspected
Customs carry out fraud investigations	serious fraud
	10.2 Describe the statute of limitations on the

	assessment and collect	ction of tax
11 Analyse various bankruptcy, divorce and	1.1 Research on bankrupt	cy frauds
identity theft frauds	1.2 Describe the UK bank lay	cruptcy/insolvency
	1.3 Describe the U.S. ban	kruptcy law
	1.4 Describe divorce vs b	
	1.5 Analyse why identity fastest growing crime	
	1.6 Describe problems in	
12 Explore the challenges facing forensic accounting regarding organised crime, money laundering and terrorism investigations.	2.1 Analyse the problems financial records relations	
	2.2 Explore the problems transactions through the banking system	_
	2.3 Describe the problems	
	2.4 Explore the problems compliance in identif	of witness
	crime	-
	2.5 Outline the UK Mone Regulations 2007	ey Laundering

Methods of Evaluation: A 2½-hour written examination paper with five essay questions, each carrying 20 marks. Candidates are required to answer all questions. Candidates also undertake project/coursework in Forensic Accounting with a weighting of 100%.

Recommended Learning Resources: Forensic Accounting

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Text Books	 Fraud Auditing and Forensic Accounting by Tommie W. Singleton, Aaron J. Singleton, G. Jack Bologna and Robert J. Lindquist. ISBN-10: 0471785911 Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination by William Hopwood, George Richard Young and Jay Leiner. ISBN-10: 0071289321 Forensic Accounting and Fraud Investigation for Non-Experts by Howard Silverstone. ISBN-10: 0471784877
Study Manuals	BCE produced study packs
CD ROM	Power-point slides
Software	None