

Moravian College
Accounting 157 – Financial Accounting
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Catalog Description

Introduction to accounting, the language of business. This course provides an introduction to financial reporting. Topics include reporting of business transactions, application of accounting theory, standards, and principles, and analysis of financial information.

Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of Financial Accounting, students should be able to:

- Understand accounting terminology
- Use accounting information in decision making
- Understand basic financial statements, their underlying concepts, and their relationship to each other.
- Complete the basic processes underlying the accounting cycle
- Understand the various elements of internal control and the regulatory process
- Analyze an organization's financial statements using financial ratios

Required Materials

J. Williams, S. Haka, M. Bettner, and J. Carcello. (2008). *Financial Accounting*. McGraw/Hill Irwin.

McGraw Hill *Homework Manager*. <http://mh7.brownstone.net/classes/acc157moravian/>
You must purchase access (\$15) before you can login. Details can be found in Blackboard under the External Links tab.

Additional text resources are available at www.mhhe.com/williamsfinancial13e

Attendance, Participation and Preparation

Your attendance and participation are vital to the success of the course; therefore, *active participation is welcomed and encouraged!* Participation includes attending class, reading the assignments prior to attending class, completing homework assignments, and participating in class discussions. Many of the concepts covered in this course build upon concepts covered earlier in the course. For this reason, it is crucial that students keep up with the readings and assignments. Please ask questions and seek help as soon as possible to avoid falling behind.

If a situation arises that would cause you to miss a class, please notify the instructor via email as soon as possible. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements for any missed materials or assignments.

Blackboard Course Site

Many of the materials for this course can be accessed through Moravian's Blackboard course management system. Items included on the Blackboard site include instructor prepared materials such as electronic copy of the syllabus, class notes, and selected solutions to problems.

Class communications including course updates, email messages, and other important announcements will be communicated in class and through Blackboard. Students should log in to the course Blackboard site at least weekly. *Students should register for the Blackboard site as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the second week of class.* Instructions will be distributed in class.

Examinations

*All students are expected to take examinations when scheduled. Make-up exams will only be given if the instructor is **notified in advance** and will only be granted for legitimate reasons.* Please refer to the Schedule of Assignments on the last page of this syllabus for the exam dates.

In Class Team Assignments

During each class period, several textbook problems and exercises will be assigned for completion during the class period. At the beginning of the term, students will be assigned to teams. Student teams will turn in one set of assignments for credit during each class. Only students in class on the day of the assignment will receive credit for that day's assignment. You can drop your three lowest team assignment grades. Note that team assignments missed due to other commitments such as athletics, doctor appointments, etc. are included in the three dropped assignments.

Take Home Assignment

This assignment is designed to give the student a comprehensive review of the accounting cycle from recording transactions to summarizing results in the form of financial statements. Students will complete Susquehanna Equipment Rentals parts a, b, c, d (trial balance only), e, and i. Details of the assignment will be discussed in class.

Annual Report Project

This project is designed to expose students to the use of accounting information in a real business setting. Student teams will complete a series of assignments relating to the annual report of a company. Details of the assignment will be distributed in class.

Homework

Homework assignments will be completed and turned in via McGraw Hill Homework Manager. Students can purchase access to the software online. Detailed instructions can be found under the External Links tab in Blackboard.

Grade Determination

The final grade for the course will be determined as follows:

In class exams (3)	60%
Take home assignment	10%
In class team assignments	10%
Annual report project	10%
Homework	10%

Grading Scale:

94& above: A; 90 - 93 : A-; 87 – 89: B+; 84 – 86: B; 80 - 83: B-; 77 – 79: C+; 74 – 76: C; 70-73: C-; 60-69:D; < 60:F

Please note that while there is no specific grade for participation, the instructor will consider the quality of the student’s participation and class preparation for students whose grade falls on the borderline between letter grades.

Academic Honesty

“Academic integrity is the foundation on which learning at Moravian College is built. Moravian expects its students to perform their academic work honestly and fairly. In addition, a Moravian student should neither hinder nor unfairly assist the efforts of other students to complete their work successfully.” (Moravian College 2005/2006 Student Handbook, Academic Honesty). Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to plagiarism, cheating, helping or hindering others, and false testimony. The College’s expectations and the consequences of the failure to meet those expectations are outlined in the Student Handbook.

Disability Support Services

“Moravian College adheres to the principles and mandates of the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990) and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.” “The College will provide reasonable accommodation, upon request, to students whose condition meets the legal definition of a disability under the ADA and who are considered otherwise qualified for College admission. Special classroom setups, alternate testing, physical plant alterations (on campus), and other accommodation for students with documented disabilities are available on a case-by-case basis. It is the responsibility of students with disabilities to identify themselves and request accommodation through the appropriate office.”

“Students must provide documentation of disabilities and a rationale for the requested accommodation from a professional with expertise in the condition. It is the responsibility of students to request accommodation well in advance of need in order to give the College a reasonable amount of time to evaluate the documentation and implement the request. Classroom accommodation requiring notification to faculty must be requested for each semester it is needed.” (Moravian College 2005/2005 Student Handbook)

Any student who wishes to disclose a disability and request accommodations under the ADA for this course first must meet with either Mrs. Laurie Roth in the Office of Learning Services (for learning disabilities and ADD/ADHD) or Dr. Ronald Kline in the Counseling Center (all other disabilities.) The Learning Services Office and Counseling Center are located at 1307 Main Street (610) 861-1510.

Tentative Schedule of Topics and Assignments^a

	Date	Topic	Reading Assignment^b	Assignment Due
M	Aug 27	Welcome and Introduction		
W	Aug 29	Accounting Information for Decision Making	Ch 1	
M	Sept 3	LABOR DAY – NO CLASS		
W	Sept 5	Basic Financial Statements	Ch 2	
M	Sept 10	Basic Financial Statements (cont'd)		HW1 ^c
W	Sept 12	The Accounting Cycle: Capturing Economic Events	Ch 3	
M	Sept 17	The Accounting Cycle: Capturing Economic Events		HW2
W	Sept 19	The Accounting Cycle: Accruals and Deferrals	Ch 4	
M	Sept 24	The Accounting Cycle: Accruals and Deferrals (cont'd)		HW3
W	Sept 26	The Accounting Cycle: Accruals and Deferrals (cont'd)		
M	Oct 1	Exam 1 Ch 1,2,3,4		
W	Oct 3	The Accounting Cycle: Reporting Financial Results	Ch 5	
M	Oct 8	FALL RECESS – NO CLASS		
W	Oct 10	The Accounting Cycle: Reporting Financial Results		HW4
M	Oct 15	Merchandising Activities	Ch 6	Susquehanna Equipment Rentals due
W	Oct 17	Merchandising Activities (cont'd)		
M	Oct 22	Financial Assets	Ch 7	
W	Oct 24	Financial Assets	Ch 7	HW5
M	Oct 29	Inventory and Cost of Goods Sold	Ch 8	
W	Oct 31	Inventory and Cost of Goods Sold (cont'd)		HW6
M	Nov 5	Exam 2 Ch 5,6,7,8		
W	Nov 7	Plant Assets and Intangibles	Ch 9	
M	Nov 12	Plant Assets and Intangibles		HW7
W	Nov 14	Liabilities	Ch 10	
M	Nov 19	Financial Statement Analysis	Ch 14	HW8
W	Nov 21	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – NO CLASS		
M	Nov 26	Financial Statement Analysis	Ch 14	
W	Nov 28	Stockholders' Equity: Paid in Capital	Ch 11	HW9
M	Dec 3	Stockholders' Equity: Paid in Capital	Ch 11	
W	Dec 5	Income and Changes in Retained Earnings	Ch 12	HW10
M	Dec 10	Project discussion; Course wrap-up and review		
	TBA	Exam #3 Chapters 9,10,11,12, and 14		

^a This is a tentative schedule of assignments; exact dates assigned to each topic may change depending on the pace of class discussion. Changes to the schedule will be announced in class. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that he or she is aware of all changes.

^b Text readings in Williams 13th Edition.

^c All homework must be submitted through Homework Manager.