

SYLLABUS

Course Title: **Financial Management**

Course Index: **ACC 301**

Duration: 1 Semester/45 hours

Credits: 3

Lecturer:

Email:

Unit: Financial Awareness for Managers

Unit: 5

Unit Code: K/602/1440

Course Prerequisites: ACC 101

Course Description:

This course provides the students with knowledge, understanding and skills relating to the financial information used in the management and decision making process in an organisation and to meet the demands of stakeholders. Organisations need to ensure that they comply with a wide range of regulations to survive, including those that regulate the financial information an organization needs to produce. In the case of profit-making organisations, a manager needs to understand the importance of this information not only for survival but also because of the need to be competitive by controlling costs and maximising income. In the case of public sector organisations or charities, this financial information is important in order to maximise their efficiency and provide value for money for the service or charity they offer. Managers need to know the limitations of this information and how to interpret it to enhance decision making.

Course Objectives:

This course is designed to introduce students to the nature, role and importance of financial information in organisations. Students will have the opportunity to look at the communication and interpretation of the financial information needed to manage organisations, its regulation, structuring and use in decision making.

Students will also have the opportunity to look at the principles of accounting, expected standards, and the concepts and conventions that influence the presentation of financial information.

Students will, through the examination of financial information, learn about the important issues relating to the measurement of efficiency, profitability and solvency, and the different demands different stakeholders make on organisations. Students will also explore the extent to which external confidence is determined by financial performance.

Students will examine how financial information can be interpreted through ratio analysis, analysed and evaluated, how costs in an organisation can be monitored and controlled, and how the concept of contribution aids decision making.

Textbook: required

Financial Management for Decision Makers, 5th Edition. Prentice Hall 2007

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Supplementary Text

Financial Accounting 5th Edition. copyright

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COURSE OUTLINE: Week One to Week Fifteen Lessons

Lesson 1	International Reporting Standards (IFRS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to IFRS. • Background and rationale of IFRS • Application of IFRS • Financial statements under IFRS: • Statement of financial position; • Income statement; and statement of cash flows
Lesson 2	Preparation published financial statement: Statement of financial position and income statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The statement of financial position • The income statement • Comparison of statement of financial position and balance sheet.
Lesson 3	Preparation published financial statement: Statement of Cash Flows and statement of Changes in Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The statement of cash flows • The statement of changes in equity • Comparison of cash flow statement and statement of cash flow.
Lesson4	Group financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of group, parent, subsidiary • Rationale for group accounts • Group financial statements
Lesson 5	Interpretation Financial Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use and Limitations of ratio analysis • Key ratios and formula • Calculation of Key ratios • Interpretation of ratios
Lesson 6	Corporate Governance and Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of corporate governance • Background of why corporate governance and ethics are important. • Ethical decisions • Corporate Governance Code • Remuneration and audit committees
Lesson 7	Standard Costing and Variance Analysis (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of standard costs. • Types of standard • Calculation and interpretation of material and • Labour variances.
Lesson 8 MIDTERM EXAMINATION		
Lesson 9	Standard Costing and Variance Analysis (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculation of variable and fixed overhead variances. • Investigation of variances • Practical application of variance analysis
Lesson 10	Performance Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performances reporting • Benchmarking • Balanced scorecard • Behavioral aspects of performances evaluation
Lesson 11	Capital Investment Appraisal (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of capital investment appraisal • Payback method • Accounting rate of return
Lesson 12 RESEARCH PRESENTATION		
Lesson 13	Capital Investment Appraisal (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment appraisal using net present value and Internal rate of return methods • Mutually exclusive projects
Lesson 14	Business Strategy and Management Accounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of strategy • Strategic management accounting • Value chain analysis • Total quality management • Business process re-engineering
Lesson 15 FINAL EXAMINATION		

