

ECON 136A, Mon & Weds, 9:30-10:45am, North Hall 1110
Winter quarter 2012
Syllabus

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Instructor Availability: The instructor quickly responds to e-mails and to calls received.

Week No.	Date	Day	Topic(s)	Chapter	Assignment(s)
1	1/9/12	M	Course Intro. & Begin Ch 3		
1	1/11/12	W	The accounting information system	3/4	
2	1/16/12	M	<i>UCSB HOLIDAY, NO LECTURE</i>		
2	1/18/12	W	Income statement & retained earnings <i>Research Project assigned</i>	4	Ch.3 & 4 WileyPlus due
3	1/23/12	M	Balance sheet	5	Ch.5 WileyPlus due
3	1/25/12	W	Balance sheet & Intro Ch.6	5/6	
4	1/30/12	M	Time value of money	6	Ch. 6 Homework from class webpage due
4	2/1/12	W	Midterm (Chapters 3,4,5, and 6)		EXAM
5	2/6/12	M	Cash & Receivables	7	Ch. 7 Quiz
5	2/8/12	W	Cash & receivables	7	
6	2/13/12	M	Valuation of inventories	8	Ch. 8 WileyPlus due
6	2/15/12	W	Valuation of inventories	8	
7	2/20/12	M	<i>UCSB HOLIDAY, NO LECTURE</i>		
7	2/22/12	W	Inventories: Additional valuation issues	9	Ch. 9 WileyPlus due
8	2/27/12	M	Inventories: Additional valuation issues	9	
8	2/29/12	W	Midterm #2 (Chapters 7,8, and 9)		EXAM
9	3/5/12	M	Acquisition & disposition of property, plant & equipment	10	Ch. 10 Homework due from class webpage
9	3/7/12	W	Acquisition & disposition of property, plant & equipment, Begin Chapter 11	10	RESEARCH PROJECT DUE
10	3/12/12	M	Depreciation, impairments, and depletion	11	Ch. 11 Quiz
10	3/14/12	W	IFRS and information on final exam	IFRS	
FINAL	3/21 9-11am	W	Final- (Chapters 10, 11 & Comprehensive problem)	FINAL EXAM	EXAM

COURSE GRADE:

Your grade will be based upon the total points you earn during the quarter. The point breakdown follows:

Grade Component	Description	Points
Midterm #1	Text chapters 3-6	250
Midterm #2	Text chapters 7-9	250
Final	Text chapters 10&11 and 25% cumul. Prob.	300
Quizzes & Homework	Quiz or H/W per above course schedule (135 points possible, max earned will be 100)	100
Research Project	Handed in hard-copy due no later than beginning of the class on date due on page 1	100
TOTAL POINTS		1,000

WEB-PAGE

The class webpage is available at econ.ucsb.edu/~anderson. You can access all class presentations at the web-page and printout for taking notes on in class. ALL homework assignments, this syllabus and important announcements, etc. can be found at the web-page.

NOTE: Some of the content at the class webpage is password protected. The username and password are provided only during lecture. If you miss the announcement, see the instructor in person.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND READINGS:

WILEYPLUS is an online feature which is *required* to complete most of the homework assignments. It is for the textbook: Kieso & Weygandt, Intermediate Accounting, FOURTEENTH EDITION, Wiley. When you register for WileyPlus you will be able to access the textbook electronically through WileyPlus (as well as homework and additional online content). Hardcopies of the text are available on reserve at the library. Therefore a hardcopy of the text is not a required purchase. However if you prefer having a hardcopy of your own, they are available at the UCSB bookstore.

You may obtain your registration code for WileyPlus in one of three ways:

- Purchase a card at UCSB bookstore with the registration code on it;
- Skip purchasing the card and purchase directly from Wiley while you register online (generally the least expensive option);
- If you want a hardcopy of the text, purchase the package at the UCSB bookstore for about \$144 which will provide BOTH the WileyPlus registration code as well as the Hardcopy of the text.

Here is a link to an online tutorial about WileyPlus <http://www.wileyplus.com/studentfdoc>.

YOU MUST FOLLOW THE APPROPRIATE LINK BELOW FOR THE SPECIFIC CLASS YOU ARE ENROLLED IN TO REGISTER.

<http://edugen.wileyplus.com/edugen/class/cls251609/>

SOFTWARE TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

The instructor is not qualified to address technical difficulties with WileyPlus. Should you encounter problems with WileyPlus, the online chat feature accessible through WileyPlus will likely prove more helpful- in past quarters the few students who have needed it, found the online chat very timely, responsive and effective.

QUIZZES & HOMEWORK:

Quizzes & Homework will be given/ due as scheduled on the syllabus, unless otherwise stated during class. There are no “make-ups”. There are 135 points possible and only a maximum of 100 points are given (equivalent to dropping 2 lowest scores- and a few more bonus points); if you miss a quiz/ homework ***for any reason*** it will be considered one of your two drops.

Most of the homework is completed online using WileyPlus and some is pulled from the class webpage. Be sure to register for WileyPlus as soon as possible and to acquaint yourself with the class webpage and this syllabus to be sure you know what is due, when it is due and to be able to access the assignments. Homework which is not completed on WileyPlus is available at the class webpage in the “homework and handouts” link. Handed in assignments must be turned in at the beginning of class on the scheduled due date for credit.

RESEARCH PROJECT:

The FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) is required to complete the research project. There are links to the ASC including username and password credentials which make this powerful tool available to all of you- FREE OF CHARGE.

EXAMS:

The format of the exams may include multiple-choice, short-answer, exercise or problem type questions. You should pay close attention to the topics covered in lecture and for homework. Use your textbook to reinforce topics covered. Additionally, prior exams are available at the class webpage. The final exam will be cumulative containing approximately 75% untested material and a cumulative problem which counts for 25% of the total exam points.

There are NO make-up exams allowed. Please ensure that your schedule allows for attending all exams and turning in all assignments **WITH THE CLASS YOU ARE ENROLLED IN.**

For the midterms and final you will need the following:

- Scantron (small green)
- Pencil for scantron. Pen for other questions. Blue-books completed in pencil will not be able to be re-graded.
- Basic Calculator.

PROGRAMABLE CALCULATORS (INCLUDING GRAPHIC CALCULATORS, CELL PHONES, or ANY TYPE OF ELECTRONIC ORGANIZER) WILL NOT BE ALLOWED DURING THE TESTS.

PREPARATION:

Students should read the applicable chapter before attending the scheduled lecture. In-class lectures will assume that students have read the chapters and will focus on expanding upon information contained in the textbook and answering students' questions. Not reading the chapters before attending class will significantly reduce the benefit which students may obtain by attending lectures.

COURSE APPROACH:

The major source of information will come from the lectures, homework, and textbook readings. However, we will include additional material as appropriate.

REGRADE POLICY

After your exams are graded you are encouraged to compare your answers with the solution key to confirm your exam was scored correctly. If you wish to question the grading of an exam you must do so BEFORE handing in the next exam. Scores will only be changed on the last exam taken. Review of your final needs to be completed within the first two weeks of the following quarter. Any question may be posed to the instructor for re-grade and that problem will be graded by the instructor "from scratch". Such total could result in less points than initially assigned.

ADDITIONAL STUDY MATERIALS:

Along with all of your homework assignments accessed via WileyPlus, there is an assignment titled "136A_Practice_Set". This is not graded and therefore has no due date. It provides many additional questions and solutions to assist students who desire additional practice problems.

EXTRA CREDIT:

There is no extra credit available in this course.

ATTENDANCE:

You are responsible for all that is said and done in class.

STUDENTS WITH TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT DISABILITIES:

If you are a student with a disability and would like to discuss special academic accommodations, please contact me during my office hours.

SCHOLASTIC DISHONESTY:

Instances of scholastic dishonesty will be handled in the most extreme fashion, as prescribed by University policy.