

Financial Accounting Theory (Intermediate Accounting)  
Accounting 352 - Winter 2001

CRN 25888 Prerequisites: Accounting 350, Finance 316  
Class Meets: 332 Gilbert, T TH 8 - 9:50

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### **1. Introduction**

This course builds upon Accounting 350 and Finance 316 to fulfill two major learning objectives. Students should develop the knowledge base required to become successful accountants and the skills necessary to successfully apply that knowledge to real-world problems.

The knowledge base consists of two components. In this class we will spend a substantial amount of time covering the economic concepts underlying various transactions, such as the valuation of debt and the incentive effects of stock options. At the same time, we will cover the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles relating to those transactions. In my opinion, one cannot understand the logic underlying the accounting principles without first understanding the economic concepts relating to the transaction.

The knowledge base is covered in the lectures and textbooks, supplemented by projects and in-class discussions. The extent to which you have accumulated the knowledge will be evaluated through the individual projects and examinations. However, given today's economic environment and labor market, knowledge is not sufficient. Successful accountants also need to analyze the information, and communicate their findings to facilitate decisions. Students will develop these skills through their completion of the various projects and assignments in the class.

### **2. Course Materials**

**A) Textbook:** Intermediate Accounting, 10th Edition, Kieso, Weygant and Warfield.

**B) Annual Report:** At the beginning of class a company will be assigned to you. You need to obtain a copy of the 1999 financial statements for the company (including footnotes) from the web. During the term you may need to obtain additional information on your company from the web. Plan on bringing the statements with you to class.

**C) Course Notes:** Course notes will be placed on my web page prior to each class session. These notes are not intended to represent comprehensive notes, but will be useful for guiding class discussion.

**D) Solutions Manual:** You will be provided with check figures for each of the textbook problems. In addition, a full solutions manual is available in the Knight Library, or can be borrowed from my office.

### **3. Textbook Problems**

I have selected problems from the textbook to illustrate the concepts discussed in class and listed the problems on the chapter notes on my web page. Although I will not collect or grade the assignments, you are expected to complete the problems on a timely basis.

#### **4. Graded Assignments**

There are two **individual** assignments. The assignments are due at the beginning of class on the assigned day. Any papers received after that time will receive a penalty (minimum of 5%). There are **no** exceptions.

#### **5. Course Grades**

Your grade is determined by a weighted-average of your scores on each exam and assignment:

	<u>%</u>
Participation	10
Individual Assignment	20
Individual Assignment	15
Interim Exam	20
Final Exam	35

There is one interim exam and one final exam. The final exam is comprehensive. No make-up exams will be given. Cases of extreme emergency will be handled on an individual basis. You may appeal the grading of any problems on the interim exams as long as the appeal is submitted in writing on the day the exams are returned. Your course grade will be based upon your weighted-average **relative** to the class distribution. Any "close-calls" in grading will be determined by the extent of the student's class participation.

#### **Tentative Schedule**

Date	Ch	Pages	Topic	Assignments
T 1/09	-		Introduction	
TH 1/11	14	712-725	Long-term debt	
T 1/16	14	737-749	Long-term debt	
TH 1/18	22	1190-1217	Leases	
T 1/23	22		Leases	
TH 1/25	13	656-661, 671-679	Current Liabilities	
T 1/30	-		Catch-up & Review	
TH 2/01			Interim Exam	
T 2/06	21	1120-1150	Pensions	I Distributed
TH 2/08	21		Pensions	
T 2/13	21		Pensions	
TH 2/15	20	1058-1072, 1089-1096	Deferred Taxes	
T 2/20	20		Deferred Taxes	I Statements Due
TH 2/22	17	864-872, 886-891	Stock Options	I Analysis Due
T 2/27	15 & 16	781-786, 820-824	Treasury Stock & Equity Transactions	II Distributed
TH 3/01	17	872-884, 892-897	Earnings per share	
T 3/06			Earnings per share	
TH 3/08	24	1310-1346	Statement of Cash Flows	
T 3/13	24		Statement of Cash Flows	II Due
TH 3/15	-		Catch-up & Review	
W 3/21			Final Exam 8:00am	