

MODULE CODE: LCBB4001
TITLE: Accounting Fundamentals
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LEVEL: 4
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AIM(S)

- To gain a broad understanding of the concepts, techniques, and methods, of modern cost accounting and the role it plays in business organisations.
- To enable the student to gain an understanding of the significance and use of financial information in business, and to provide the student with an understanding of the basic principles of accounting.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- explain the nature, behaviour, and purpose of cost accounting, and apply cost accounting concepts, techniques, and methods to business transactions;
- review the basic principles of accounting, including the use of appropriate software;
- prepare financial statements from initial data, dealing with both routine and non-routine transactions, and analyse financial statements with confidence.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Accounting as a means of communication.
- Fundamental concepts of accounting.
- Accounting information systems.
- Introduction to double entry bookkeeping and the trial balance.
- The main financial statements – balance sheet, profit and loss account.
- Accounting for VAT, stocks, depreciation, disposals of fixed assets, accruals, and prepayments.
- The nature and purpose of cost accounting. Cost centres and cost units. Relationship between cost accounting and financial accounting.
- Cost classification, behaviour, and purpose. Elements of production and non-production costs. Nature of costs: fixed and variable; direct and indirect.
- Cost accounting techniques. Accounting for materials, labour, and overheads. Marginal and absorption costing. The concept of contribution. Breakeven point, margin of safety. Inventory valuation and profit determination.

LEARNING AND TEACHING STRATEGY

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	50	25%
Independent learning	150	75%
Placement learning	0	0%
TOTAL	200	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1 (Tick one)

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Essay	2500 words	50%

Assessment Component 2 (Tick one)

☒ Written exam ☐ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Written Exam: essay	120 minutes	50%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	50%
Coursework	50%
Practical	0%
TOTAL	100%

READING LIST

Module Code	LCBB4001	
Module Title	Accounting Fundamentals	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Wood, F., (2015) MyAccountingLab with eText - Instant Access - for Frank Wood's Business Accounting, 13 th Edition.	☐
Essential	Dyson, J., (2010) Accounting for Non-Accounting Students, London, 8th Edition, FT Pitman Publications	☐
Essential	Ward A., Thomas, A., (2012) Introduction to Financial Accounting, 7th Edition, Mc Graw Hill Higher Education	☐
Further	Drury J., (1998) Costing: An Introduction, 4 th Edition London: Chapman Hall	☐
Further	Horngren C., Forster, G., (2014) Cost Accounting, a managerial emphasis, 15th Edition, London: Prentice Hall International	☐