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AIM(S)

The module generally aims to give non-specialist students a broad perspective on accounting and finance and its importance in organisations together with an introduction to some of the practical skills involved in the interpretation and usage of financial information and reports. More specifically, the course seeks to provide a non-technical, but balanced and thorough introduction to accounting and finance, with a particular focus on critically examining the main functions and decisions of accountants and financial managers. In other words, the module aims to introduce the uses of financial and management accounting, and to the financial management of organizations. It is designed for non-specialists (i.e., those who will use financial reports rather than prepare them). This will generally cover an analysis of the major accounting and financial decisions, including the financial accounting, cost and management accounting, and financial management (investment, financing and working capital management) decisions.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Having successfully completed the module, you will be able to:

- Discuss who might be the main users of financial statements and their needs
- Understand the basic principles underlying financial statements
- Recognise the measurement problems arising in financial accounting
- Appreciate the significance of the choices of accounting policies
- Interpret simple financial statements
- Use a set of financial statements to value an organisation for investment purposes
- Understand basic concepts of cost measurement and their relevance for decision making and control
- Apply the most common forms of capital investment appraisal to simple examples

Module Overview

The course seeks to provide an introductory, but comprehensive overview of financial accounting, management accounting, and financial management to non-specialist students. The course is delivered with particular emphasis on helping students of management to develop the ability and skills in critically evaluating and appreciating the importance of the accounting and finance function within organisations in connection with decision making, control and corporate performance management. As an introductory course, students do not need to have prior knowledge in accounting and/or finance.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Topics covered in this module will include Financial Accounting, Management Accounting and Fundamentals of Finance

Specifically

- Financial accounting
 - Forms of business organisations and accounting information
 - Double entry bookkeeping
 - Basic accounting model: income statement and balance sheet
 - Estimates and judgement in preparing accounts
- Cost and Management accounting
 - Cost classification
 - Breakeven analysis
 - Budgeting
- Financial management
 - Analysing and interpreting financial statements
 - Capital investment appraisal techniques

LEARNING AND TEACHING STRATEGY

- Weekly lectures will serve to provide the students an understanding of the concepts, principles and practices.
- Throughout the module, tutorials and seminars will introduce practical examples which will be used to support the application, discussion, and critical evaluation of techniques of accounting learned which will provide them the requisite knowledge, understanding and critical awareness that will enable them be successful in this module.
- Teaching plan is as follows:

Lecture (Weekend starting)	Lecture Topic (2 hours)	Seminar Exercises (2hours)
1	A. Introduction • Explain the module assessment • Advise on information sources and textbook availability. B. Introduction accounting and finance • Forms of business organisation. Users of accounting information. C. Accounting Regulation • Qualities of accounting information. Accounting regulations • Corporate governance Main Reading: Atrill and McLaney Chapter 1 Supplementary Reading: Jones Chapters 1, 2, 7 & 10	Seminar 1

2	A. Double entry bookkeeping B. Balancing-off accounts C. Trial balance Main Reading: Wood and Sangster Chapter 2, 5 & 6	Seminar 2
3	Main financial statements The basic accounting model: the balance sheet and the income statement. Main Reading: Atrill and McLaney Chapter 3 Supplementary Reading: Jones Chapters 4 & 5	Seminar 3
4	Recording and preparing financial statements Estimates and judgements in preparing accounts Main Reading: Atrill and McLaney Chapter 2 Supplementary Reading: Jones Chapters 3 & 6	Seminar 4
5	Ratio analysis Analysing and interpreting financial statements. Main Reading: Atrill and McLaney Chapter 6 Supplementary Reading: Jones Chapter 9	Seminar 5
6	REVISION of Assessment Part 1 - Financial Accounting	Seminar 6 (REVISION)- Questions/ Answers session
7	Costing Cost classifications. Break-even analysis. Short-term decision-making. Main Reading: Atrill and McLaney Chapters 7 and 8 Supplementary Reading: Jones Chapters 15-16, & 19	Seminar 7
8	Budgeting Budgeting: Planning, control and performance: Main Reading: Atrill and McLaney Chapter 9 Supplementary Reading: Jones Chapter 20	Seminar 8
9	Capital investment appraisal Investment appraisal techniques Main Reading: Atrill and McLaney Chapter 10 Supplementary Reading: Jones Chapter 21	Seminar 9

10	REVISION of Assessment Part 2 - Management Accounting	Seminar 10 (REVISION)- Questions/ Answers session
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The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	40	20%
Independent learning	160	80%
Placement learning	0	0%
TOTAL	200	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1

(Tick one)

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Weighting
Coursework	50%

Assessment Component 2

(Tick one)

☒ Written exam ☐ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Weighting
Written Exam	50%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Written exam 2	50%
TOTAL	100%

READING LIST

Module Code	LCBB4001	
Module Title	Accounting Fundamentals	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	McLaney and Atrill, (2016) Financial accounting for decision makers, 10th edition, FT Prentice Hall.	☒
Supplementary	Jones, M., (2013) Accounting, 3rd Edition, Wiley	☐
Supplementary	Wood, F., (2015) Frank Wood's Business Accounting, 13 th Edition. Pearson Education Limited.	☒
Supplementary	John R. Dyson (2017) Accounting for non-accounting students, 8th edition, Financial Times Prentice Hall.	☐
Further	Dyson, J., (2010) Accounting for Non-Accounting Students, London, 8th Edition, FT Pitman Publications	☐
Further	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	☐