Summer 2024 Course Syllabus

MOS 3360A Section 001
Intermediate Accounting 1
(In – Person)

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1. Course Information:

1.1 Class Location and Time:
Section 001, UCC 41, 6:30pm – 9:30pm

1.2 Course Description:

Theory and concepts of financial accounting with particular emphasis on financial statements, revenue recognition, and current and long-term assets.

Antirequisite(s): Business Administration 4417A/B.

Prerequisite(s): Business Administration 2257, or MOS 2227A/B, and enrolment in 3rd or 4th year of BMOS or Music Administrative Studies (MAS).

Pre-or Corequisite(s): MOS 2310A/B or MOS 3310A/B.

1.3 Accessibility:

DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies strives at all times to provide accessibility to all faculty, staff, students and visitors in a way that respects the dignity and independence of people with disabilities.

Contact Academic Support & Engagement at http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/ for information about Western’s Accessible Education.

More information about “Accessibility at Western” is available at: http://accessibility.uwo.ca
1.4 Land Acknowledgement:
We acknowledge that Western University is located on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapēewak and Attawandaron peoples, on lands connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum.

With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers. We acknowledge historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples (e.g. First Nations, Métis and Inuit) endure in Canada, and we accept responsibility as a public institution to contribute toward revealing and correcting miseducation as well as renewing respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through our teaching, research and community service.
https://indigenous.uwo.ca/initiatives/docs/indigenous-land-acknowledgment.pdf

1.5 Senate Regulations
Senate Regulations state, “unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.”

This regulation is in regard to the PREREQUISITE COURSES required.

Students not in BMOS are permitted to enroll in up to 1.0 MOS courses, per the Academic Timetable. The requirement that states you must be in BMOS is lifted during registration on the priority lift dates as noted in the Timetable.

2. Course Materials

Western Bookstore

- Option 2: WileyPLUS Stand Alone with access to the e-textbook for the duration of the course, Volume 1. ISBN: 9781119740421

WileyPLUS Website

- WileyPLUS Stand Alone with permanent access to the e-textbook, Volume 1.

If you are registered in the Accounting module and plan to continue in Accounting, it is recommended you purchase either the hard copy of the textbook (Loose Leaf Print set) or WileyPLUS Stand Alone with permanent access to the e-textbook.

CPA Canada Handbook: online access is available on campus through the following link:
https://edu-knotia-ca.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/

3. Course Objectives and Format
The DAN Department of Management and Organizational Studies as a whole draws upon an evidence-based management approach. Evidence-based management is the systematic process of gathering evidence from multiple sources, critically appraising the evidence, and using that evidence in making and evaluating management decisions to improve organizational performance.
3.1 Course objectives

This course provides students with a foundation in financial reporting. Students evaluate the appropriate treatment of accounting transactions associated with assets and revenue, apply accounting principles under Accounting Standards for Private Enterprises (ASPE) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), and prepare financial statements.

3.2 Course format

This course will be delivered in-person.

Class time: The scheduled class time will be used by the course instructor in a variety of ways to support the student's learning. Class time may consist of lectures, hands on application, problem solving, group work, and discussion. Class discussion is expected so it is anticipated students are be prepared for class.

Assigned Problems: Each week students will have assigned questions to apply what they have learned through the lectures and chapter readings. To perform well in this course, students must spend time completing accounting problems and debriefing their answers to check their understanding.

Self-Study Problems: Self-study problems will provide the student with the opportunity to further practice the course material. The problems need not be submitted and will not be graded.

Solutions: Official solutions to the assigned and self-study problems will be made available on the OWL course site after the relevant material is covered by all sections, so that students can check their own solutions and thereby determine their understanding of the material. It is expected that students will attempt the question prior to reviewing the solution. The course instructor should be consulted if the student has difficulty in understanding the suggested solution.

WileyPLUS Homework Assignments: Students will complete homework assignments for each chapter to allow students to practice and check their understanding of the course material. These assignments will be submitted and graded and contribute to the student's final grade.

Assignments and Examinations: The assignments and examinations will test the student's comprehension of both the technical and conceptual aspects of the course.

Mastery of intermediate accounting concepts will require considerable time reading the textbook, CPA Handbook, and attempting assigned accounting problems. To perform well in this course, students must spend time completing accounting problems and reviewing the answers to check their understanding. To maximize learning, students should make an honest attempt at the accounting problem before reviewing the solution.

This is not a course to register in if you are seeking an easy credit. For many students, this course is a difficult one. The difficulty arises from a challenging subject matter as well as failing to devote enough time to the course content, including preparing for class, working through accounting problems, and completing the weekly assignments. Students will find that there is likely to be a direct correlation between the number of accounting problems they prepare, the adequacy of their debrief of those problems, their attendance in class, their completion of the weekly assignments and their course grade.

4. Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the Canadian financial reporting environment.
2. Explain the components of a conceptual framework for financial reporting and apply the conceptual framework.


4. Properly account for the issues associated with revenue recognition.

5. Assess the accounting issues associated with current and long-term assets, and apply the appropriate approach for recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure.

6. Use data analytics to ask and answer accounting questions.

5. **Evaluation**

   Students are **REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ALL COMPONENTS of this course** to receive a passing grade in this course. There are no exceptions to this. Extra assignments to improve grades will not be allowed. **Students MUST PASS the midterm and final exams in order to pass the course.**

   Grades will not be adjusted on the basis of need. It is important for students to monitor their performance in the course. Remember: You are responsible for your grades in this course.

   The DAN Department of Management and Organizational Studies has a grade policy which states that for courses in 3000 range, the class average must fall between 70% and 77% for all sections of a course taught by the same instructor. In very exceptional circumstances only, class averages outside this range may be approved by the Undergraduate Chair or Chair. Class averages are not grounds for appeal.

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<td>WileyPLUS Assignments</td>
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<td>Midterm Exam</td>
<td>June 4, 2024, 3.0 hours</td>
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<td>Final Exam</td>
<td>July 29 or 30- Scheduled by the Registrar</td>
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5.1 **Participation**

   Participation will be assessed on a **weekly** basis according to the following rubric.

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<td>Student attends class and contributes by asking/ answering questions and making comments. Preparation for class is evident. Questions/comments are primarily factual in nature.</td>
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<td>Student demonstrates good preparation for class, contributing content-based questions/ answers in class. Student offers insights and adds significant value to the discussion, contributing several times.</td>
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5.2 WileyPLUS Homework Assignments
The WileyPLUS homework assignments are an integral part of the learning process in this course, and are intended to supplement the lectures, chapter readings, and assigned practice problems. All students must register with WileyPLUS at https://www.wileyplus.com/go/login in order to qualify for the homework assignment marks. New users will create an account using their UWO email address; returning users can log in using their existing account. Refer to the OWL course site for further details on registering for a WileyPLUS account.

Homework assignments are to be completed after reading the chapter and attending class to enhance the student’s understanding of the course content. The deadline for each homework assignment is available in WileyPLUS and on the OWL course site.

5.3 Data Analytics Assignment
The data analytics assignment will require students to analyze data using excel and draw on the student’s critical thinking and analytical skills. It is due no later than 4:00 pm on Wednesday, July 17, 2024.

Students have the option to complete the assignment individually or with one other student who has the same instructor. **Plagiarism is a serious academic offence and will not be tolerated.** Plagiarism can result in a penalty as severe as expulsion from the University.

Assignments must be submitted through the Assignment tab on the OWL course site so that Turn-It-In may be used to detect any plagiarism that may have occurred.

Any assignment received after the due date will result in a grade of zero (0).

Assignments will not be returned to students but may be reviewed in the instructor’s office.

5.4 Case Assignment
The case assignment will require students to research and analyze accounting issues using the CPA Handbook. The assignment will draw on the student’s critical thinking, analytical, research, and writing skills. It is due no later than 4:00 pm on Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

Students have the option to work individually or with one other student in the class. **Keep in mind that plagiarism is a serious academic offence that can result in a penalty as severe as expulsion from the University.** Whenever you take an idea or a passage from another author, you must acknowledge your source by using quotation marks where appropriate, and by proper referencing such as footnotes and citations.

The assignment must be submitted using Word through the Assignment tab on the OWL course site so that Turn-It-In may be used to detect any plagiarism that may have occurred.

Any assignment received after the due date will receive a grade of zero (0).

Assignments will not be returned to students but may be reviewed in the instructor’s office.

5.5 Examinations
Exams may consist of a combination of multiple choice, short-answer questions, long-answer problems, and written responses.

All exams are closed book examinations. Dictionaries are NOT allowed into the examinations. Only non-programmable calculators will be allowed into the exams. If the student is unsure, they are encouraged to ask the professor to check their calculator.

Electronic devices of any kind (including cell phones, smart watches, tablets, pagers, music players, and programmable calculators) are NOT permitted at exams. Having an electronic
device on your person during an examination is considered an academic offence, whether it is used or not. Having a cell phone in your possession during an exam, whether or not it is turned on, will result in an automatic grade of 0 for that examination. These rules will be strictly enforced as it is our responsibility to do everything possible to prevent cheating on examinations.

Students are responsible for material covered in the lectures, assigned chapters, and assigned problems. Exams will not be returned to students but may be reviewed in the instructor's office.

6. Lecture and Examination Schedule
Please refer to the weekly course schedule and calendar on the OWL course site.

7. Student Responsibilities
Students should familiarize themselves with Western University Senate Regulations, please see: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/academic_policies/index.html.

Material covered in lectures will not always be the same as material covered in the textbook. These two sources should be viewed as complimentary and not redundant. As such, students who want to do well in this course are strongly encouraged to attend lectures on a regular basis. Please note that the instructor will not be providing copies of lectures notes or overheads. Therefore, if you miss a lecture, you should try to obtain this material from another student.

7.1 Respect
Please act respectfully towards the classroom, the instructor and your fellow students. Acting respectfully means arriving on time, turning off phones, avoiding private discussions during lectures, refraining from viewing non-course material on your laptops, and cleaning up after yourself. Acting respectfully provides a better learning experience for everyone.

Private in-class discussions are distracting to students and the instructor. If other students are distracting your attention from the material, you should ask them to be quiet. If you feel uncomfortable doing this (or the problem persists), please see your instructor.

Late arrivals are also distracting. Please try to arrive on time for classes.

7.2 No Recording of Classes
Students are not permitted to record any portion of a class, audio or video, without the prior written permission of the instructor.

7.3 Copyright Notice
Lectures and course materials, including power point presentations, outlines, and similar materials, are protected by copyright. You may take notes and make copies of course materials for your own educational use. You may not record lectures, reproduce (or allow others to reproduce), post or distribute lecture notes, wiki material, and other course materials publicly and/or for commercial purposes without the written consent of your instructor.

8. Exam Policies
- All exams are closed book.
- Electronic devices of any kind, including tablets, cell phones, smart watches, pagers, music players, and programmable calculators are NOT permitted at exams.
- Only non-programmable calculators are permitted during the exam.
- Cell phones cannot be used as a calculator.
- Dictionaries are NOT permitted during the exam.
• Bring student identification to exams.
• Nothing is to be on/at one's desk during an exam, except a pencil (and/or pen), eraser, a non-programmable calculator (not in the sleeve) and the individual's student card.
• Do not wear baseball caps or any type of hat to exams.
• Do not bring headphones to exams.

9. E-mail Policies
The following policies apply to all emails between students and the instructor. Please respect the fact that your Instructor receives hundreds of emails from students and must deal with those emails in a fair and organized manner. Unacceptable emails will receive a reply saying only “Please see Email Policies on the course outline”.

9.1 UWO.CA Email Addresses Only
For privacy reasons, students must use their Western email accounts to contact their Instructor. The Instructor will not respond to emails from non-uwo.ca addresses (e.g. hotmail.com, gmail.com, etc.).

9.2 Subject Line Must Include Course and Section Number
The subject line of emails must contain the name or number of the course, and the section number in which the student is enrolled. The Instructor teaches different courses and sections and cannot properly respond to questions if they do not know which course or section you are enrolled in.

9.3 Acceptable Emails
• questions about the course content or materials
• asking to set up an appointment to ask questions or review an exam
• notification of illness or other special circumstances
• providing constructive comments or feedback about the course

9.4 Unacceptable Emails
• questions that may be answered on OWL or on this course outline
• asking when grades will be posted
• asking what grade a student received
• asking where or when an exam is scheduled or the material covered on an exam
• requests for grade increases, extra assignments, or reweighting of course components

10. Attendance
IN-PERSON: It is expected that students will attend all classes. The instructor does not provide access to lecture notes. Students are encouraged to obtain missed lecture notes from a fellow student.

10.1 Short Absences.
If you miss a class due to minor illness or other problems, check your course outlines for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or exam. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow the missed lectures notes from a classmate.

10.2 Extended Absences.
If you are absent more than approximately two weeks or if you get too far behind to catch up, you should consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses. The Academic Counsellors can help you to consider the alternatives. At your request, they can also keep your instructors informed about your difficulties.
11. Grade Fairness
Fairness requires that all students be treated equally and be evaluated using the criteria set out in this course outline. The evaluation criteria are based on actual achievement and not on how hard a student has tried.

Claims by students of an excellent academic history, good attendance record, need to obtain or maintain a scholarship, desire to be admitted to Ivey or graduate school, or other personal issues, cannot be used to justify a higher grade in the course or a reweighting of course components. There is no extra work or assignments available for extra credit or to “make up” for a course component that was missed or performed poorly.

You, the student, are responsible for the grades earned.

12. Posting of Grades
Midterm exam grades will be posted on OWL once the grades are available. Final exam grades and final course grades are not posted on OWL and are available once they have been posted by the Registrar under “Academic Summary” at the Student Centre website.

13.1 Illness
Students will need to provide a Student Medical Certificate if the absence is medical or provide appropriate documentation if there are compassionate grounds for the absence in question. Students are encouraged to contact their Faculty Academic Counselling office to obtain more information about the relevant documentation.

For privacy reasons, students should also note that individual instructors should not receive documentation directly from a student, whether in support of an application for consideration on medical grounds, or for other reasons. All documentation required for absences must be submitted to the Academic Counselling office of a student’s Home Faculty.

For details on the Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness, go to: https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/academic_consideration.pdf

Students can download the Student Medical Certificate (SMC) here: https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf

13.2 Accessible Education
Students with disabilities work with Accessible Education (formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found here: https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/AcademicAccommodation_disabilities.pdf

Students needing access to Accessible Education should register here: http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/accessible_education/index.html
13.3 Religious Accommodation
Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays, and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the Instructor and an Academic Counsellor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the Western Multicultural Calendar.

13.4 Make Up Examinations
A student must write a make-up exam if any scheduled exam is missed for reasons for which adequate documentation is received by the instructor (this documentation must be supplied by the Academic Counseling office).

The date and time of the make-up examination will be set by the professor, who will communicate the date to the student. If you are going to miss an exam, please submit documentation through academic counselling and email your instructor to request the makeup exam date.

If a student misses the scheduled make-up as agreed, then the student is responsible for obtaining new accommodations from Academic Counselling. The student will receive an SPC as their final course grade and will write the make-up exam the next time the course is offered.

14. University Policy on Cheating and Academic Misconduct
Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offenses. Students are urged to read the section on Scholastic Offenses in the Academic Calendar.

Note that such offenses include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or elsewhere. If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate, consult your instructor. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" will not be accepted as an excuse.

The use of AI and translation tools in written work beyond a dictionary is not permitted unless permission is granted by the instructor for specific circumstances. Any work submitted must be the work of the student in its entirety unless otherwise disclosed. When used, any such AI or translation tool should be used ethically and responsibly, and students must cite or credit the tools used in line with the expectation to use AI as a tool to learn, not only to produce content.

Within this course, students are permitted to use AI tools exclusively for information gathering and preliminary research purposes. These tools are intended to enhance the learning experience by providing access to diverse information sources. However, it is essential that students critically evaluate the obtained information, exercise independent thinking, and engage in original research to synthesize and develop their own ideas, arguments and perspectives. The use of AI tools can serve as a starting point for exploring a topic, with students expected to uphold academic integrity by appropriately attributing all sources of information and avoiding plagiarism. Essays, written assignments and/or lab reports should reflect the student's own thoughts and independent written work. Students should also generate their own figures (e.g., graphs, diagrams) rather than using AI generated ones. By adhering to these guidelines, students contribute to a responsible and effective learning environment that promotes critical
thinking, independent inquiry and all them to produce original written contributions. The same principles also apply to the use of translation software to support the writing the essays and other written assessments.

A copy of guidelines about how to avoid cheating can be obtained from the Office of the Ombudsperson, Room 3135 WSSB, (519) 661-3573, ombuds@uwo.ca.

Cheating on exams will not be tolerated; students are referred to the university policy on scholastic offenses. Looking at the test of another student, allowing another student to view your exam, or obtaining information about a test in advance are all examples of cheating.

Students found cheating will receive a zero (0%) on that exam. A number of safeguards will be employed to discourage cheating. For example, examination supervisors (proctors) of the tests may ask students to move to another seat during the exam, cover their paper, avert their eyes from other students' papers, remove baseball caps, etc. This is not meant as a personal affront nor as an accusation of cheating, rather as vigilant attempts at proctoring.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offense include refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

15. Procedures For Appealing Academic Evaluations
1. In the first instance, all appeals of a grade must be made to the course instructor (informal consultation).
2. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal must be sent to the Undergraduate Chair of the Department of Management and Organizational Studies.
3. If the response of the Undergraduate Chair is considered unsatisfactory to the student, they may then appeal to the Dean of the Faculty in which the course of program was taken.
4. Only after receiving a final decision from the Dean may a student appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic. A Guide to Appeals is available from the Office of the Ombudsperson.

16. Support Services
16.1 Support Services
The Registrar’s office provides you with information on services, courses, student finances, resources, latest news, as well as Student Central's hours of operation at http://www.registrar.uwo.ca

Student Support Services (including the services provided by the USC listed here) can be reached at: http://westernusc.ca/services/

Academic Support & Engagement can be reached at: http://academicsupport.uwo.ca

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Health and Wellness: https://www.uwo.ca/health/ for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

16.2 Academic Concerns.
If you are in academic difficulty, it is strongly recommended that you see your academic counsellor.