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General Syllabus
ACCT 4053 Auditing

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite(s): ACCT 3013 Intermediate Accounting II and admission to the business program, or consent of instructor.

Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): ACCT 3053 Accounting Information Systems

Effective Catalog: 2024-2025

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Study of the standards and procedures of auditing, code of ethics, reporting, and the principles underlying the verification of data presented in financial reports.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

- 1) Discuss the auditor's role in society of adding value to the financial reporting process.
- 2) Describe the theoretical framework for the practice of auditing and be able to evaluate existing standards and practices.
- 3) Evaluate the adequacy of the concepts underlying audit practice.
- 4) Interpret and apply significant standards and practices relating to auditing.
- 5) Explain the different types of risk that play a role in auditing a set of financial statements.
- 6) Identify problems and issues facing auditors in completing their tasks related to adding credibility to published financial reports.
- 7) Analyze and communicate issues relating to problems confronting auditors operating in the present business environment.
- 8) Evaluate a system of internal controls.
- 9) Summarize the audit planning process and the procedures and practices expected of a competent professional auditor.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills - The student will prepare case analyses thereby demonstrate comprehension of terminology, facts, methods, processes, and patterns of organization by paraphrasing or summarizing information and recognizing irrelevant information.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate through reading, listening, writing, working collaboratively, and presenting oral briefs. In doing so, they will recognize the organization of ideas and the actual and implied relationships within and between conceptual statements, determine the validity of an argument, and draw logical inferences and conclusions.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will explore personal, cultural, and societal consequences of choices made in carrying out their duties according to a professional code of ethics.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. The Demand for Audit and Other Assurance Services
- B. The CPA Profession
- C. Audit Reports
- D. Professional Ethics
- E. Legal Liability of Auditors
- F. Audit Responsibilities and Objectives
- G. Audit Evidence
- H. Audit Planning and Analytical Procedures
- I. Materiality and Risk
- J. Internal Control and Control Risk
- K. Fraud Auditing
- L. The Impact of Information Technology on the Audit Process
- M. Auditing the Sales and Collection Cycle
- N. Statistical Sampling
- O. Auditing the Acquisition and Payment Cycle
- P. Auditing the Inventory and Warehousing Cycle
- Q. Auditing Cash Balances
- R. Completing the Audit