

Department	International College of Liberal Arts		
Semester	Spring 2023	Year Offered (Odd/Even/Every Year)	Every Year
Course Number	ECON220		
Course Title	Financial Reporting & Analysis		
Prerequisites	ECON120 Accounting		
Course Instructor	SHENG Dachen	Year Available (Grade Level)	2
Subject Area	Global Business & Economics	Number of Credits	3
Class Style	Lecture	Class Methods	Face to face

(NOTE 1) Class Methods are subject to change

(NOTE 2) Depending on the class size and the capacity of the facility, we may not be able to accommodate all students who wish to register for the course"

Course Description	Rather than making the accounting reports, the financial and reporting analysis course delivers the methods of analyzing the accounting reports and emphasizing the understanding of firm performance from the aspect of a financial analyst. First, the course reviews the principal of accounting, balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow statements, then extend the analysis to accounting treatments that may affect firms' valuation. Such accounting treatments include inventory, long-lived assets, income tax employee compensation, intercorporate investment, and multinational operation. The comparative cases are provided in the textbook and study material, and students are encouraged to read the class material and practice their understanding.
Class plan based on course evaluation from previous academic year	The course contents and class delivery methods are reconsidered and modified to reflect the feedback from students.
Course related to the instructor's practical experience (Summary of experience)	Financial reporting analysis skill is highly related to data collection in corporate finance research. The financial reporting information is used both in evaluating the firm's current value and forecasting its future performance.
Learning Goals	After completing the course, students should be able to: 1. Understand the difference between accounting and financial analysis. 2. Demonstrate the skills to analyze balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow statements. 3. Demonstrate an understanding of ratio analysis. 4. Be able to compare firms' performances when they involve different accounting treatments.

iCLA Diploma Policy	DP1/DP2/DP3/DP4
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(DP1) To Value Knowledge – Having high oral and written communication skills to be able to both comprehend and transfer knowledge

(DP2) To Be Able to Adapt to a Changing World – Having critical, creative, problem-solving, intercultural skills, global and independent mindset to adopt to a changing world

(DP3) To Believe in Collaboration – Having a disposition to work effectively and inclusively in teams

(DP4) To Act from a Sense of Personal and Social Responsibility – Having good ethical and moral values to make positive impacts in the world

Active Learning Methods	Student-centered class with discussion and questions. Students are encouraged to participate in all class discussions and express their opinions. The class discussion would be evaluated as part of the final grade.
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Use of ICT in Class	UNIPA is used.
Use of ICT outside Class	UNIPA is used.
Expected study hours outside class	Reading the textbook would require an average of 4 to 6 hours per chapter.
Feedback Methods	Students are welcome to raise their questions anytime in class, or privately discuss with the instructor by making an appointment in advance.

Grading Criteria		
Grading Methods	Grading Weights	Grading Content
Class Participation	30%	
Comprehensive Quiz	20%	
Assignments	30%	
Group Presentation	20%	

Required Textbook(s)	Thomas R. Robinson, Elaine Henry, Wendy L. Pirie, Michael A. Broihahn, International Financial Statement Analysis, Third Edition
Other Reading Materials/URL	Any accounting textbook is helpful.

Plagiarism Policy	Zero tolerance for any plagiarism. It is acceptable when students have demonstrated their effort but not doing well but not for any cheating behaviors.
Other Additional Notes	Students are encouraged to think independently and ask questions. Most of the assignments and questions are intuitive reasoning problems. Looking for a problem solution or solving method on the internet is OK, as long as students can demonstrate an understanding of the contents they have found. Copy the answer from your friends is NOT tolerated and it is plagiarism.

(NOTE 3) Class schedule is subject to change

Class Schedule	
Class Number	Content
Class 1	Chapter 1, Introduction, Scope and framework of financial analysis
Class 2	Chapter 2, Financial Reporting Mechanics
Class 3	Chapter 3, Financial Reporting Standards Standard-setting bodies and convergence of global financial reporting standards, IFRS Effective financial reporting, Comparison of IFRS with alternative reporting systems
Class 4	Chapter 3, Financial Reporting Standards Standard-setting bodies and convergence of global financial reporting standards, IFRS Effective financial reporting, Comparison of IFRS with alternative reporting systems
Class 5	Chapter 4, Understand Income Statements Revenue, Expense recognition Non-recurring item and non-operating items, Earning per share, Analysis of the Income Statements
Class 6	Chapter 4, Understand Income Statements Revenue, Expense recognition Non-recurring item and non-operating items, Earning per share, Analysis of the Income Statements

Class 7	Chapter 5, Understanding Balance Sheets Components and Format of the Balance Sheet, Current Assets and Current Liabilities Non-Current Assets, Non-Current Liabilities, Equity, Analysis of the Balance Sheet
Class 8	Chapter 5, Understanding Balance Sheets Components and Format of the Balance Sheet, Current Assets and Current Liabilities Non-Current Assets, Non-Current Liabilities, Equity, Analysis of the Balance Sheet
Class 9	Chapter 6, Understanding Cash Flow Statements Components and Format of the Cash Flow Statement, The Cash Flow Statement: Linkages and Preparation, Flow Statement Analysis
Class 10	Chapter 6, Understanding Cash Flow Statements Components and Format of the Cash Flow Statement, The Cash Flow Statement: Linkages and Preparation, Flow Statement Analysis
Class 11	Chapter 7, Financial Analysis Techniques The Financial Analysis Process, Analytical Tools and Techniques, Common Ratios Used in Financial Analysis Equity Analysis, Credit Analysis, Business and Geographic Segments, Model Building and Forecasting
Class 12	Chapter 7, Financial Analysis Techniques The Financial Analysis Process, Analytical Tools and Techniques, Common Ratios Used in Financial Analysis Equity Analysis, Credit Analysis, Business and Geographic Segments, Model Building and Forecasting
Class 13	Chapter 8, Inventories Cost of Inventories, Inventory Valuation Methods The LIFO Method, Inventory Method Changes, Evaluation of Inventory Management
Class 14	Chapter 8, Inventories Cost of Inventories, Inventory Valuation Methods The LIFO Method, Inventory Method Changes, Evaluation of Inventory Management

Class 15	Chapter 9, Long-Lived Assets Acquisition of Long-Lived Assets, Depreciation and Amortization of Long-Lived Assets, The Revaluation Model, Impairment of Assets, Derecognition, Presentation and Disclosures, Investment Property, Leasing
Class 16	Chapter 9, Long-Lived Assets Acquisition of Long-Lived Assets, Depreciation and Amortization of Long-Lived Assets, The Revaluation Model, Impairment of Assets, Derecognition, Presentation and Disclosures, Investment Property, Leasing
Class 17	Chapter 10, Non-Current (Long-Term) Liabilities Bonds Payable Leases, Introduction to Pensions and Other Post-Employment Benefits, Evaluating Solvency: Leverage and Coverage Ratios
Class 18	Chapter 10, Non-Current (Long-Term) Liabilities Bonds Payable Leases, Introduction to Pensions and Other Post-Employment Benefits, Evaluating Solvency: Leverage and Coverage Ratios
Class 19	Chapter 11, Financial Reporting Quality Conceptual Overview, Context for Assessing Financial Reporting Quality Detection of Financial Reporting Quality Issues
Class 20	Chapter 11, Financial Reporting Quality Conceptual Overview, Context for Assessing Financial Reporting Quality Detection of Financial Reporting Quality Issues
Class 21	Chapter 12, Financial Statement Analysis: Applications Application: Evaluating Past Financial Performance, Application: Projecting Future Financial Performance Application: Assessing Credit Risk, Application: Screening for Potential Equity Investments, Analyst Adjustments to Reported Financials
Class 22	Chapter 13, Income Taxes Differences between Accounting Profit and Taxable Income, Determining the Tax Base of Assets and Liabilities, Temporary and Permanent Differences between Taxable and Accounting Profit Unused Tax Losses and Tax Credits, Recognition and Measurement of Current and Deferred Tax, Presentation and Disclosure, Comparison of IFRS and US GAAP

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Class 24	Chapter 14, Employee Compensation: Post-Employment and Share-Based Pensions and Other Post-Employment Benefits Share-Based Compensation
Class 25	Chapter 14, Employee Compensation: Post-Employment and Share-Based Pensions and Other Post-Employment Benefits Share-Based Compensation
Class 26	Chapter 15, Intercorporate Investments Basic Corporate Investment Categories, Investments in Financial Assets: Standard IAS 39, Investments in Associates and Joint-Ventures, Business Combinations
Class 27	Chapter 15, Intercorporate Investments Basic Corporate Investment Categories, Investments in Financial Assets: Standard IAS 39, Investments in Associates and Joint-Ventures, Business Combinations
Class 28	Chapter 16, Multinational Operations Foreign Currency Transactions, Translation of Foreign Currency Financial Statements Multinational Operations and a Company's Effective Tax Rate, Additional Disclosures on the Effects of Foreign Currency
Class 29	Group Presentation
Class 30	Group Presentation