

ACCT 3350 – Introduction to Auditing

Fall 2018 Syllabus

Instructor & Class Information

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Instructor Introduction

While this is my first year here at UNCC, I taught for one year at Michigan State University and eight years at the University of Florida as an assistant professor. Prior to that I received my Ph.D. in Business at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. I worked in public accounting for four years in their Assurance practice as well as some time spent in an advisory group. I received my B.B.A. in Accounting and Masters of Accountancy from the University of Georgia.

Course Information

This syllabus contains the policies and expectations I have established for ACCT 3350. Please read the entire syllabus carefully before continuing in this course. These policies and expectations are intended to create a productive learning atmosphere for all students. Unless you are prepared to abide by these policies and expectations, you risk losing the opportunity to participate further in the course.

Course Description (from the Catalog)

This course examines the two basic areas of auditing--external and internal--with the objective of giving students an understanding and appreciation of career opportunities in both areas. The course will examine differences and similarities of both areas of auditing with respect to ethics, standards, the audit process & reporting requirements. Prerequisites: [ACCT 3311](#), [ACCT 3312](#), & [ACCT3340](#) with minimum Grades of C.

Textbook & Course Materials (all required)

1. **McGraw-Hill Connect Plus** (includes the electronic version of the text and software through which you will submit your homework). Register for Connect by going through Canvas and the “McGraw-Hill Connect” module.
2. **Whittington and Pany. Principles of Auditing and other Assurance Services, 21th Edition.** (New books should have access code for Connect). Available at Campus Bookstore & various retailers.

3. Canvas.uncc.edu Course site (learning management system) – announcements, readings, assignments, and other materials will be posted to the course Canvas page. I will use this extensively.

Course Objectives

The objectives of the course are to develop an introductory understanding of the standards, concepts, objectives, techniques, reports and ethics pertaining to the work of both the external and internal auditor. Upon the successful completion of the course, students should:

1. Have a good understanding of auditing standards for both external and internal auditing.
2. Have knowledge of the Code of Ethics and its usefulness to the profession.
3. Have an understanding of the external auditor's legal responsibilities.
4. Have knowledge of the different types of audit evidence and the reliability of each.
5. Have an understanding of the different types of audit reports and the circumstances that relate to the use of each type.
6. Have a good understanding of auditing objectives and audit procedures (including Audit Data Analytics) used to achieve those audit objectives.

Course Structure

The course will be delivered in the classroom via lecture, discussion and other formats but will require significant preparation outside of class in order to create the most productive learning experience in the course.

Course Schedule

Please view the course outline and schedule in Canvas, under Home or Modules...Course Schedule, for specifics as to topical coverage, assignment due dates, and assigned readings.

Grading Policy

Grade Dissemination:

All grades will be posted to the Grades section of Canvas. Most materials will not be returned in class but students will have the opportunity to review and discuss graded materials in office hours.

NOTE: All disputes about graded material must be brought to the instructor's attention within one week of the material being made available for review. At that time, the entire item (e.g., the entire exam or assignment) will be re-graded for potential mistakes, those in the student's favor and against. After that, disputes about graded items will not be entertained.

Graded Course Activities:

The table below describes the graded course activities including points and activity description. The first column includes the points possible, and the second column includes a description for each activity.

Description	Points
Exam 1	100
Exam 2	100
McGraw-Hill Homework	50
Projects	100
Final Exam	150
Total Points Possible	500

Please note that all the dates and assignments are tentative, and can be changed at the discretion of the professor (with proper notice to the students).

Exams

There will be two midterm exams given during regularly-scheduled class time as listed on the course schedule. The final exam will be given during the designated time slot for our class. Note that time slots are determined by and follow the University schedule for final exams so I cannot change our designated time, which will be on the course schedule. You will NOT be able to take the exam early, so please make travel plans accordingly.

The exams will include multiple-choice as well as the possibility for other formats, including short-answer and essay questions. The material covered will include background text material, assignments, additional readings, and classroom discussion.

My policy is to NOT give make-up exams. Missing an exam due to a University-sanctioned event is an exception to this policy. For all other excuses (i.e., sickness and family death), the student must contact the Dean of Students Office (<https://dso.uncc.edu/>) to document the excuse. Once I have documentation from that office, I will re-weight the other exams to absorb the missed exam points.

Homework

There are two assignments for each chapter assigned from the book: 1) LearnSmart module that is due before the lecture (based on your reading) and 2) Connect Homework problems/questions. You are responsible for turning them in at the proper date and time. After a homework assignment is closed, it will NOT be opened back up. Note that Learnsmarts will not work on a tablet/phone device, it must be done on a desktop/laptop to register a grade. Homework is an individual assignment.

Projects

Special projects may be assigned during the semester. These would include reading projects, extra assignments from the textbook and/or data analysis projects. Some of these may be individual projects while others may be group projects. Some of these may be in-class and others to be submitted electronically. More information will be given via announcement in Canvas as we get progress.

Course Grade Assignment (Grading Scale)

The following grading scale will be used. Grading Scale (% of total possible points):

Letter Grade	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
A	90	100
B	80	89
C	70	79
D	60	69
F	0	59

Extra Credit Policy

There is no extra credit given or available in this course.

Other Course Policies

Attendance Policy:

Attendance is necessary for meaningful participation in the class time. While I do not take attendance, it is expected that you will attend in order to contribute to the class discussion.

Late Work Policy:

I expect work to be turned in on time. I reserve the right to give 0 points for late work.

Group Work Policy:

My expectation for group work is that each member will fully contribute to the output created by the group. Your group members may have an opportunity to evaluate your contribution at the end of the semester, which could impact your grade.

Technology and Media

VeriCite Policy:

As a condition of taking this course, all required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to [VeriCite](#) for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the VeriCite reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. No student papers will be submitted to VeriCite without a student's [written consent](#) and permission. If a student does not provide such written consent and permission, the instructor requires the cover page and first cited page of each reference source to be photocopied and submitted with the final paper.

Email:

While you are certainly allowed to email me with questions or issues, I have found that the best use of email is for individual-specific issues, meaning that the issue is of a personal nature and would not benefit other students. Course-related questions generally are better handled through Canvas' Discussions functionality.

Cellphone/Smartphone Usage:

Use of cell phones is prohibited. They should be off or in airplane mode during the class session.

Laptop Usage:

Use of laptops is permitted in class but their use must be focused on engaging in the material of the day. This means you are either taking notes or engaging in class exercises. Email, surfing the web, and social media are not legitimate uses of laptops during class. These take away from your learning experience but also serve as a distraction to other students. I reserve the right to restrict usage of laptops if they are disrupting the learning experience.

Recording of Lectures

Electronic video and/or audio recording is not permitted during class unless the student obtains permission from the instructor. If permission is granted, any distribution of the recording is prohibited. Students with specific electronic recording accommodations authorized by the Office of Disability Services do not require instructor permission; however, the instructor must be notified of any such accommodation prior to recording. Any distribution of such recordings is prohibited.

Student Expectations

Professional behavior policy

The Belk College of Business strives to create an inclusive academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained. Therefore, we celebrate diversity that includes, but is not limited to ability/disability, age, culture, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.

In addition, as accounting is a profession, I expect professional behavior in my class. This means that everyone should arrive with enough time to be ready for class to start at the designated time and that there will not be disruptions during class. Students should come to class ready to engage in the material of the day. Coming and going during class should be virtually non-existent. While there are circumstances that are exceptions to this, I expect them to be rare. I will strive to conduct class sessions in a way that maximizes our ability to learn. At times this means that there might be differences of opinion. I expect that all parties involved will maintain an attitude of mutual respect. If your conduct in the class seriously disrupts the atmosphere of mutual respect, you will not be permitted to participate further.

Academic Conduct & Integrity Policy

All students are required to read and abide by the Code of Student Academic Integrity. Violations of the Code of Student Academic Integrity, including plagiarism, will result in disciplinary action as provided in the Code. Definitions and examples of plagiarism are set forth in the Code. The Code is available from the Dean of Students Office or [online](#). Examples of violations include (but are not limited to) the following: **using solutions manuals, using solutions from prior semesters, using solutions obtained from the internet, copying from other students, letting other students copy from you, turning in jointly produced solutions, failing to properly cite any reference materials (including websites) used, or using any other such "aids."** These acts will be considered acts of academic dishonesty and will be treated accordingly. I take violations of the code very seriously and will pursue significant academic consequences for any violators of the policy. Should you have any questions about this policy, please see me immediately.

Disability Access

UNC Charlotte is committed to access to education. If you have a disability and need academic accommodations, please provide a letter of accommodation from Disability Services early in the semester. For more information on accommodations, contact the Office of Disability Services at 704-687-0040 or visit their office in Fretwell 230.

Grief Absences

If a student experiences death of a family member or emotional distress from a similar tragedy, refer to UNCC's Dean of Students Office (dso.uncc.edu) for the proper procedures.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have a range of support and information options available to them to discuss actions or activities related to their academic, personal or professional lives at MSU. These rights and resources are detailed on the Ombuds website (<https://ombuds.uncc.edu/>).

Limits to Faculty/Student Confidentiality; Mandatory Reporting

Due to UNCC's Policy on relationship violence and sexual misconduct, which is available on the UNCC Title IX website, I am a Responsible party, which means that there are limits on the confidentiality of our discussions. There are 4 other options where you can speak to someone confidentially. See the Title IX office at UNCC (<https://titleix.uncc.edu>) for more details.

Religious Observances

If you have a conflict between a class activity and a major religious observance, then you must follow the procedures as outlined in University Policy 409 (<https://legal.uncc.edu/policies/up-409>). Students are expected to notify their instructor in advance if they intend to miss class to observe a holy day of their religious faith. See the policy website for the accommodation form required to be submitted.

Instructor Absence/Tardiness

If I am late in arriving to class, you must wait a full 15 minutes after the start of class before you may leave, or you must follow any written instructions I may give you about my anticipated tardiness.

Helpful Resources

American Accounting Association (AAA) <http://aaahq.org/index.cfm>

Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) <http://www.pcaobus.org>

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) <http://www.sec.gov>

Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) <http://www.coso.org/>

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) <http://www.aicpa.org/index.htm>

International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) <http://www.ifac.org/IAASB/>

Center for Audit Quality <http://www.theacaq.org>

Revisions to Syllabus

The standards and requirements set forth in this syllabus may be modified at any time by the course instructor. Notice of such changes will be by announcement in class or by changes to this syllabus posted on the course website on Canvas.

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Sections-001, 002, 003

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Date	Day	Chapter	Date	Day	Chapter
Aug 21	T	Introduction and Overview	16	T	Chapter 12 Inventories and CGS
23	R	Chapter 1 Role of Public Accountant in American Economy	18	R	Chapter 13 PP&E and Long Lived Assets
28	T	Chapter 2 Professional Standards	23	T	Chapter 14 Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities Audit Data Analytics
30	R	Chapter 3 Professional Ethics/ Chapter 4 Legal Liability	25	R	TBD
Sept 4	T	Enron: Smartest Guys in the Room	30	T	Chapter 15 Debt and Equity Capital.
6	R	Enron: Smartest Guys in the Room	NOV 1	R	Chapter 16 Auditing Operations and Completing the Audit
11	T	Chapter 5 Audit Evidence and Documentation	6	T	LAB II
13	R	Chapter 6 Audit Planning	8	R	Exam 2 Chapters 10 - 16
18	T	Chapter 7 Internal Controls	13	T	Chapter 17 Auditor Reports
20	R	Exam Review	15	R	Chapter 18 Integrated Audits of Public Cos
25	T	Exam 1 Chapters 1-7	20	T	Chapter 19 Additional Assurance Services-FS. Chapter 20 Additional Assurance Services-Other
27	R	LAB I	22	R	NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving break
OCT 2	T	Chapter 10 Cash and Financial Investments	27	T	Chapter 21 Internal, Operations and Compliance Auditing
4	R	TBD	29	R	Catch-up
9	T	NO CLASS Fall Break	DEC 4	T	Final Exam Review
11	R	Chapter 11 Receivables and Revenue Cycle	TBD		Final Exam