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REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS:

Required Materials:  
Students will need a book (eBook only or eBook + Printed Textbook) and an access code. The book is *Financial Accounting*, Fourth Edition by Spiceland, Thomas, Herrmann; McGraw Hill Companies, 2016. There are two options available for purchasing the required materials at the local Richland College bookstore. Choose one.

1. Students who want both a printed textbook and the eBook included with the “Connect” access code should choose the Textbook packaged with a “Connect” access code under special ISBN: 9781260096798.

   OR

2. Students who are comfortable using an eBook exclusively may choose to purchase only the “Connect” access code (includes an eBook) with ISBN 9781259730917.

Basic calculator for monitored exams: Cell phone calculators or the calculator on the computer cannot be used during monitored exams.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course covers the theory and practice of measuring and interpreting financial data for business units. Basic concepts, principles, and procedures are applied to the following topics: operating cycle, accruals and deferrals, financial statements, internal controls, receivables, inventory, fixed assets, and liabilities.

Course PreReq: Students should have met The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) standard in Reading prior to enrollment in ACCT 2301 OnLine!

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:  
Technical/Conceptual Competencies:  
1. Demonstrate a working knowledge of financial accounting terminology and procedures including the following:
   - Understand basic concepts of financial accounting and reporting.
   - Analyze and interpret basic accounting information for use in decision making.
   - Analyze, journalize and post business transactions in the double entry accounting system.
   - Identify and apply Generally Accepted Accounting Principles to business transactions.
   - Identify and understand the flow of accounting information in the accounting cycle.
   - Analyze business transactions using the accounting equation/model.
   - Distinguish between the three basic business structures: the sole proprietorship, partnership and corporation.
Differentiate between accrual basis and cash basis accounting.
Apply the accrual and matching principles to business activities including bad debt analysis, depreciation, and timing of revenue and expense recognition.
Account for inventories.
Basic income tax accounting including deferred taxes.
Understand and apply Concepts of Present Value to financial transactions including bonds, and amortization of liabilities.
Prepare, analyze and classify the components of the balance sheet and income statement.
Analyze the components of owner’s equity including the types of capital stock, cash dividends and stock dividends, stock splits and treasury stock.

2. Prepare and analyze the following reports used in decision making:
- Prepare, analyze and interpret the four basic financial statements: Classified Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Statement of Retained Earnings and the Statement of Cash Flows
- Prepare and analyze the Statement of Stockholders Equity.
- Perform Financial Statement Analysis

Workplace/SCANS/Intellectual Competencies:
1. Manage Resources:
- Manage time in order to complete class assignments and exams
- Learn how organizations make decisions to manage and allocate scarce resources (Specific examples include management and control of cash, inventories, materials, and labor.)

2. Exhibit Interpersonal Skills:
- Work in teams in order to complete class assignments
- Learn to use communication, negotiation, and evaluation skills in group activities

3. Work with information:
- Acquire and evaluate relevant information for decision making
- Organize and maintain accounting information using a variety of accounting systems
- Interpret and communicate relevant information in financial statements and other accounting reports
- Process information with computers using electronic spreadsheets and other software

4. Apply Systems Knowledge:
- Understand various accounting systems and effectively evaluate related information
- Learn how to monitor/control accounting systems

5. Use Technology:
- Access appropriate electronic databases to obtain decision-supporting information
- Build appropriate models and simulations using electronic spreadsheets and other software
- Acquire skills through technology-based learning modules when available and appropriate

6. Demonstrate Basic Skills:
- Place information in appropriate context when reading, writing, speaking, and listening
- Express information and concepts with conciseness and clarity when writing and speaking
- Measure items using appropriate methods of measurement

7. Demonstrate Thinking Skills:
- Make valid and reliable evaluations of information
- Evaluate the significance of evidence or facts
- Verify information for problem definition and solution
- Seek consensus where appropriate
- Consider unconventional approaches and solutions to problems
- Know when to follow directions, question plans or seek help

8. Exhibit Personal Qualities
- Cultivate growth in personal conduct and capabilities
- Diagnose the need for change and take appropriate action to gain competencies
- Recognize situations where professional ethical standards apply and behave accordingly
- Accept professional development as a life-long process
Exemplary Educational Objectives
1. Apply higher-order thinking, generally accepted accounting principles and accounting methods to
decision modeling and solving real-world business situations.
2. Represent and evaluate basic financial information verbally, numerically, graphically and
symbolically.
3. Expand strategic/critical thinking skills and formal logic to support business and investment decisions.
4. Use appropriate technology to enhance analytical/problem-solving skills and to solve business problems
and judge the reasonableness of conclusions.
5. Interpret financial statements and accounting models/methods using financial ratios, formulas, graphs,
tables and schematics, and draw inferences from them.
6. Recognize the limitations of business and accounting models/systems
7. Develop the view that accounting is an evolving discipline, interrelated with diverse cultures and
economies, and understand its connections to other disciplines.

REQUIRED ONLINE ORIENTATION:
Accounting 2301 requires you to complete an online orientation. This is very important so that I can verify
your enrollment and participation to the Registrar. To fulfill your Orientation Requirement, complete the
following steps by Thursday, 06/06, at 11:55 PM.

1. Read the course syllabus and all Detailed Directions carefully.
2. Update your personal information on eCampus. I must have a current, working email address for
you! I send emails and it is your responsibility to read your email frequently.
Update your personal information on eCampus. Click on the “My DCCCD” tab at the top of the
screen, then click on “Personal Information,” and finally click on “Edit Personal Information.” Fill in
the required information. I will use email to communicate important information. It is
your responsibility to check your email frequently to make sure you don't miss anything.
3. Post a personal statement on the Community Orientation Discussion Board in eCampus and
respond to at least 2 fellow students’ postings. (go to the “Discussion Board” tab on eCampus).
4. Complete the check-in exercise on or before Thursday, 06/06. The check in exercise is required for
attendance certification. For all official reporting including for financial aid purposes and final grade,
attendance is recorded based on the assignments completed (see course schedule). Simply signing-in
to eCampus or sending emails does not count as attending.

5. If you are a non-local student wishing to test at a remote testing site, please include testing
site request and information. The required Remote Site Proctor Form is posted on your start
page on eCampus.

COURSE COMMUNICATIONS
Active communication is vital in the OnLine Learning Environment. You begin this process with the OnLine
Orientation, interacting with fellow students through the Community Orientation Discussion Forum and
subsequently emailing your instructor to inform him/her of your completion of the orientation activities. To
maintain regular, consistent course communications please adhere to the following guidelines.

eMail: eMail communications with your instructor should be limited to personal, individual situations
requiring a private audience between you and your instructor. In these situations your instructor will strive to
respond to your mail within 24 hours during a regular school-hours time-frame. Responses during off-hours
will be prompt but could be at longer timing.

Important Note: For all e-Mail communications; always include your name, the course prefix and
number, the course section number, and the title of whatever it is that you wish to communicate
on the subject line of your emails. You may send email from eCampus and the system
automatically includes the course number.

Discussion Board Forums: The preferred method of communication within the course site is through
Open Discussions within the eCampus module.
Community Orientation Discussion Forum: This forum is first used to fulfill your orientation requirements. It could also be helpful to continue building relationships, creating study teams and generally forming Community with fellow classmates throughout the semester. Your fellow classmates could be your greatest resource in this online class.

Course Question, Answer and Discussion Forum: Use this forum for any and all course questions or inquiries. Posting questions here will allow all students in the class to share in the same information. Your instructor will review this forum regularly and will respond to all questions asked.

**Do not send eMail to the instructor for course content questioning. Use this forum instead.** Please use clear, concise header information for each of your threads and responses. Use wording that will clearly identify the problem or topic presented for discussion and resolution.

Office Hours / Personal Conference: If your instructor has posted Office Hours you are free to drop-in at the appointed location for open discussion during this time frame. If no office hours are posted or, if you need to meet with your instructor outside this time frame call or email for an appointment at a time convenient with all parties involved.

### COMPUTATION OF GRADES:

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| Monitored/Proctored Mid-Term Exam (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, & 6) | 500    | 25%     | A=90%-100%  
(\(0.90 \times 2000 = 1800\) pts) |
| Monitored/Proctored Final Exam (Chapters 7 - 11) | 500    | 25%     | B = 80% - 89% 
(\(0.80 \times 2000 = 1600\) pts) |
| “Connect” Homework             | 350    | 17.5%   | C = 70% - 79%  
(\(0.70 \times 2000 = 1400\) pts) |
| “Connect” Chapter Quizzes      | 350    | 17.5%   | D = 60% - 69%  
(\(0.60 \times 2000 = 1200\) pts) |
| Accounting Cycle Project       | 250    | 12.5%   | F = Below 60%  
(\(F = Below 1200\) Pts) |
| Check-in exercise, midterm and final practice | 50     | 2.5%    |                             |
| Total Course Points Available  |        |         |                             |
| Chapter practice - Extra credit | 100    | 5%      |                             |
| Total course possible point    | 2100   |         |                             |

100 Extra Credit Points have been incorporated into the Computation of Grades. Therefore, each student may earn up to 2,100 points. However, the Grade Scale is based on 2,000 total points (90% of 2,000 points = 1,800). Therefore, you may improve your score by completing all assignments and earning all extra credit points. Quizzes, homework and assignments will **not** be accepted late.

**Accounting Cycle Project:**
The accounting cycle project is based on the concepts learned in Chapters 1-3. The project covers the complete accounting cycle for a company. You will complete the project using an excel template provided by your instructor. As you complete the steps in the accounting cycle (using the excel template), you will be asked to answer fill-in-the-blank questions regarding account balances, numbers on your trial balances, and financial statement balances. You will submit your completed excel template and answer all fill-in-the-blank questions in eCampus. The project is worth 250 points.

### EXAMINATIONS

**Required Monitored/Proctored Testing and Testing Sites:**
The Mid-Term (covering Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, & 6) and the Final Exam (covering Chapters 7 – 11) must be taken at an approved monitored testing site. Take your student I.D. card and your driver’s license or passport to the testing site when you test. The average time required to take each exam is approximately 2-½ hours; however, to make sure you have enough time, allow a minimum of three hours. Please check with the testing center to assure adherence to all policies and procedures. Request blank, scratch-paper from the testing proctor if you need it for calculation purposes.
Only pencils, a basic calculator, and one 5” x 8” Index Card with hand written notes and formulas only on one side will be allowed in the testing environment. You are not allowed to use the computer or any other material during the exam. Violators will be removed from the exam and receive a zero for the exam.

Local students in the Dallas Area will be expected to test at the Richland College Test Center.

**Richland College Test Center:**
- **Location:** Medina Hall - M105
- **Phone:** 972-238-6160

Please check with the Test Center for current scheduling.

**Remote-Site Testing:**
Non-local students needing to test outside the Dallas area must make their own testing arrangements, pay any fees associated with this service, and get the testing site approved by the instructor.

Possible non-local testing sites include testing centers at other colleges/universities, Sylvan and Kaplan testing centers, and other professional testing facilities (libraries may not be used). If you need to test at a remote testing center, you must include your request in the orientation statement that is to be sent to the instructor within one week from the start of the class.

To get the non-local testing site officially approved, you must complete and submit an official Richland College notarized proctor form to your instructor. Go to the Remote Proctor Form tab on the eCampus navigation bar to get a copy of the proctor form. Fill the form out with your testing site and get it notarized. Then submit it as indicated.

It is each student’s responsibility to take all exams during the scheduled time-frame. Make-up exams will only be given to students under extraordinary circumstances. If a student is sick, the student must have a doctor’s note stating that the exam could not be taken due to medical reasons during the specific exam schedule dates. If you have a scheduled business or college trip during a scheduled exam period you must speak with me BEFORE the exam date in order to make special arrangements.

**REQUIRED “CONNECT” ASSIGNMENTS:**

**Required “Connect” Assignments:** include homework brief exercises (BE), exercises (E), and problems (P) along with Chapter Quizzes which will count towards your grade. Homework modules allow unlimited attempts, while you are limited to Two attempts on Graded Quizzes. The attempt with the “Highest” grade will be used in the computation of course grades. All Required “Connect” Assignments must be submitted Online no later than the due date posted (see assignment schedule on the last page).

Homework assignments are designed to prepare you for Chapter Quizzes. Chapter Quizzes are designed to prepare you for Exams. Completion of all practice and required assignments will help you be successful in the course.

**ACCOUNTING TUTORING AND LAB:**

Tutoring for accounting students is available on campus in Room M216 Medina Hall and online by clicking on the Tutoring Resources tab on your eCampus course site. Tutoring is FREE and is recommended for any student who is having difficulty with the assignments or would like to review for an examination. Check the lab schedules posted in Room M216.
DISTANCE LEARNING INFORMATION:

Richland College Distance Learning Information Page: [http://www.rlc.dcccd.edu/dl/](http://www.rlc.dcccd.edu/dl/)

Distance Learning/OnLine ACCT 2301 courses are very intensive and challenging and require a disciplined approach to independent learning. You must be self-motivated, computer literate, and have access to the Internet, E-mail, and Microsoft Office, including Word and Excel.

If you were enrolled in a comparable 15-week on-campus accounting course, you would be expected to attend class 3 hours a week plus spend a minimum of approximately 6 hours per week studying and completing homework. Because you do not have the day-to-day classroom directed activities, you may find that distance education courses require more study time than on-campus classes.

To increase chance of success in a distance learning/OnLine ACCT 2301 course, you must be prepared to spend a minimum of 9 hours per week for a 15-week course, 11 hours per week for a 13-week course, 15 hours per week for a 9-week course, or 34 hours per week for a 4-week course. (Time required varies greatly based on individual backgrounds and aptitude.)

RICHLAND AND DCCCD POLICIES:

**Attendance Policy:**
In order to be successful students must attend and participate in enrolled classes. Class attendance and course progress are the responsibility of the student. It is also the responsibility of the student to consult with the instructor following a period of absence.

You must attend and participate in your online course in order to receive federal financial aid. Your instructor is required by law to validate your attendance in your online course in order for you to receive financial aid. In order to be **certified as attending**, you must participate in an academic related activity: you must complete the check in exercise or one other assignment on or before the certification date. Simply signing-in to eCampus or sending emails does not count as attending.

**Withdrawal Policy:**
If you are unable to complete this course, it is your responsibility to withdraw formally. The withdrawal request must be received in the Registrar's Office by the official drop date for this course; **06/25/2019**

Failure to do so will result in your receiving a performance grade, usually an "F". If you drop a class or withdraw from the college before the official drop/withdrawal deadline, you will receive a "W" (Withdraw) in each class dropped. For more information about drop deadlines, refer to the current printed Credit Class Schedule, contact the Admissions/Student Records office at 972-238-6100 or 6101 (Thunderduck Hall, T170), or contact the division office.

**Academic Progress:**
Students are encouraged to discuss academic goals and degree completion with their instructors. Specific advising is available throughout the semester. Check [www.richlandcollege.edu/admissions/process.php](http://www.richlandcollege.edu/admissions/process.php) for more details.

**Institution Policies:**
*Institutional Policies relating to this course can be accessed from the following link [www.richlandcollege.edu/syllabipolicies](http://www.richlandcollege.edu/syllabipolicies)*

School policy prohibits eating, drinking or smoking in the classrooms.

*The instructor reserves the right to amend this syllabus as necessary.*
### COURSE SCHEDULE for ACCT 2301

**Complete all Required “Connect” Assignments by 11:55pm on completion dates in the left-hand column!!**

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