

**Northern Marianas College**  
**CURRICULUM ACTION REQUEST**

**Effective Semester / Session:** Fall 2014

**Type of Action:**

- New
- Modification
- Move to Inactive (Stop Out)
- Cancellation

**Course Alpha and Number:** AC 227

**Course Title:** Financial Accounting I

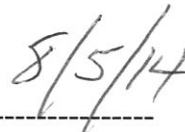
**Reason for initiating, revising, or canceling:**

This course guide is being initiated to service both the non-accounting and accounting majors by concentrating on the financial statements. The course will cover the construction of and the financial analysis of the two basic financial statements. This course is required for every business major.

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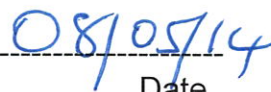
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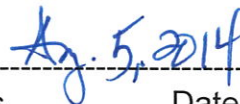
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Dean of Academic Programs and Services



Date

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## Course Guide

**Course:** AC 227 - Financial Accounting I

### 1. Department

Business

### 2. Purpose

Financial Accounting provides students with the knowledge to build a basic financial statement. It also will give the student the ability to analyze financial statements. These skills are useful in related business courses and for operating a small business. This course will add to their quantitative understanding of introduction to business, small business management, marketing, management, and economics. This course is required for all business administration majors.

### 3. Description

This course provides students with basic quantitative skills to build a basic financial statement. Journal entries will be taught but not stressed to give the student an orientation to the business language. Calculation principles used in preparing a business plan for a new business are introduced to the student. English Placement Level: EN 093/094. Math Placement Level: MA 91.

#### A. Required Textbook and Related Materials

Wild, J.; Shaw, K.; Chiappetta, B. *Fundamental Accounting Principles*; 20<sup>th</sup>. Edition.

Basic calculator

Readability level: College Level

#### B. Contact Hours

1. **Lecture:** 3 hours per week / 45 hours per semester

2. **Lab:** None

3. **Other:** None

#### C. Credits

1. **Number:** 3

2. **Type:** Regular Degree Credits

#### D. Catalogue Course Description

This course provides students with basic principles and formats used in creating basic financial statements. Journal entries will be taught so that the student will gain an understanding of the accounting process. Cash Reconciliations and Financial Analysis will enable the student to better understand the importance of accounting in entrepreneurial activities. English Placement Level: EN 093/094. Math Placement Level: MA 91. (Offered: Fall and Spring).

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## **E. Degree or Certificate Requirements Met by Course**

This is a required course for the A.A.S. degrees in Business Administration with emphasis in Accounting. Also, this course is a core course for all business majors. and serves as a foundation course for all Associates in Business Administration and the A. A. in Business.

## **F. Course Activities and Design**

Lecture, student presentations, Excel homework, and tests will be the primary activities of the course.

## **4. Course Prerequisite(s); Concurrent Course Enrollment; Required English/Mathematics Placement Level(s)**

Prerequisites: CS103

English Placement Level: EN 093/094

Math Placement Level: MA 091

## **5. Estimated Cost of Course; Instructional Resources Needed**

Cost to the Student: Tuition for a 3 credit course and any applicable fees.

Cost to the College: Instructor's salary

Instructional resources needed for this course include:

Basic calculator, Whiteboard, dry erase marker, overhead projector.

## **6. Method of Evaluation**

Student will be evaluated by periodic quizzes and exams, group participation in problem solving exercises, and practical application project assignments.

Student grades will be based on the regular letter grade system as described below:

A: Excellent – grade points:	4.0
B: Above average – grade point	3.0
C: Average – grade points:	2.0
D: Below average – grade points:	1.0
F: Failure – grade points:	0.0

NMC's grading and attendance policies will be followed.

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### 7. Course Outline

This is a topical outline and does not necessarily indicate the sequence in which the material will be presented.

- 1.0 Definition of accounting:
  - 1.1. The accounting equation.
  - 1.2. Rules for Debit and Credit.
  - 1.3. Organizations in the accounting industry.
- 2.0 Analyzing and recording transactions:
  - 2.1. Starting a company.
- 3.0 Accrual versus Cash Basis:
  - 3.1 Prepaid expenses and deferred expenses.
  - 3.2 Preparing basic financial statements.
- 4.0 Completing the accounting cycle:
  - 4.1. Five steps in the accounting cycle.
  - 4.2. Classified balance sheet.
- 5.0 Preparation of Purchasing and Selling transactions:
  - 5.1 Understand how to read and write Invoice instructions.
  - 5.2 Prepare merchandising transactions.
- 6.0 Cash Reconciliations:
  - 6.1 Bank balance to adjusted book balance reconciliation.
  - 6.2 Book balance to adjusted book balance reconciliation.
  - 6.3 Petty Cash Reconciliation.
- 7.0 Analysis of Financial Statements:
  - 7.1 Learn to calculate liquidity, solvency, and profitability ratios.
  - 7.2 Analyze four public companies using actual 10k's from SEC Archives.

### 8. Instructional Goals

This course will introduce students to:

- 1.0 Basic theory of accounting;
- 2.0 Record and analyze accounting transactions;

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- 3.0 Preparation of balance sheet and income statement;
- 4.0 Understanding of and preparation of classified balance sheet;
- 5.0 Preparation of merchandising transactions;
- 6.0 Various Cash reconciliations; and
- 7.0 Analysis of financial statements.

## 9. Student Learning Outcomes

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

- 1.0 To understand and prepare accounting transactions;
- 2.0 To understand the difference between cash and accrual financial statements;
- 3.0 To understand and use the accounting cycle;
- 4.0 To be able to prepare financial statements- a classified balance sheet, a statement of capital and an income statement;
- 5.0 To be able to prepare merchandising transactions;
- 6.0 To be able to prepare all Cash reconciliations; and
- 7.0 To be able to analyze financial statements of public companies.

## 10. Assessment Measures

Assessment of student learning may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 1.0 Test and Quiz;
- 2.0 Group projects; and
- 3.0 Class participation.