

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT**

Code: 36106
Name: Introduction to financial accounting
Cycle: Undergraduate Studies
ECTS Credits: 6
Academic year: 2025-26

STUDY (S)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1316 - Degree in Economics	Facultat d'Economia	1	Second quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1316 - Degree in Economics	Business	BASIC

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING ; AN INTRODUCTION is a foundation course, taught in the second semester of the first year of the Degree in ECONOMICS. This course is linked to the area of Business Administration and comprises six ECTS credits. The subject is designed for beginners in the study of financial accounting.

The course has a double perspective, theoretical and practical, for the understanding of the principles and concepts needed for the preparation and use of the financial statements. It is expected that at the end of the course the student: acquire a good understanding of the nature and objectives of the financial accounting and the sustainability reports; know how to prepare financial statements based on simple business transactions; and understand the principles of preparation of financial statements from an international perspective.

From a professional perspective the **FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING** is a key instrument in the development of a successful career, where the professional should apply different international strategies, with an increasing competence and the need to discriminate between numerous investment options. Moreover the professionals should study and adapt to the changes in the regulation and profession of accounting and auditing.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE



RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The prerequisites that the student needs to successfully address this subject are minimal: a level of basic maths (solving equations with one / two unknowns and basic partial derivatives); familiarity with the graphical analysis; and web information looking up.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Be able to collect and analyse information.

Be able to learn autonomously.

Be able to use ICTs.

Be able to work in a team (including interdisciplinary teams).

Have decision-making skills and be able to apply knowledge to practice.

Have oral and written communication skills in the native language.

Know and understand the company, its functional organisation, its objectives and techniques. Understand the processes for the creation and development of the company and of innovation.

Know how to analyse and interpret the economic and financial information of companies.

Show critical thinking skills.

Show ethical commitment and social responsibility at work, respect the environment and human rights and promote equality between men and women and the culture of peace.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Economic activity and accounting information

1.1. Economic activity and wealth turnover

1.2. Economic resources and financing. Wealth, financial position, and income

1.3. Users of accounting information

1.4. Qualitative characteristics of accounting information

1.5. Introduction to financial statements and sustainability reports



1.6. The role of accounting standards: IFRS vs domestic standards

2. The recording process: the T account and the double entry system

- 2.1. Business transactions as the object of accounting measurement
- 2.2. The double entry system
- 2.3. The account and the accounting books
- 2.4. Recording and posting transactions
- 2.5. Recognition, valuation and write off criteria

3. The accounting cycle

- 3.1. The phases of the accounting cycle
- 3.2. Inventory and opening the accounts
- 3.3. Analyzing and recording transactions
- 3.4. Accrual accounting and year-end adjustments
- 3.5. Closing the accounts
- 3.6. Information disclosure. The annual financial statements

4. Inventories

- 4.1. Concept and types
- 4.2. Initial valuation
- 4.3. Recognition criteria
- 4.4. Subsequent valuation.

5. Accounts receivables and accounts payables

- 5.1. Accounts receivables: concept and types
- 5.2. Recognition criteria
- 5.3. Notes receivables
- 5.4. Subsequent valuation
- 5.5. Accounts payables: concept and types
- 5.6. Recognition criteria



5.7. Payroll accounts

6. Non-current assets (non-financial)

- 6.1. Concept and types
- 6.2. Tangible non-current assets
- 6.3. Intangible non-current assets
- 6.4. Subsequent valuation

7. Other financial assets and liabilities

- 7.1. Financial instruments: concepts and types
- 7.2. Financial assets
- 7.3. Financial liabilities

8. Shareholders' equity and net income

- 8.1. Shareholders' equity: concept and components
- 8.2. Income tax expense and the net income
- 8.3. The distribution of the net income

9. Annual accounts

- 9.1. Concept, objective and formats
- 9.2. Balance sheet
- 9.3. Profit and loss account (income statement)
- 9.4. Statement of changes in the shareholders' equity
- 9.5. Cash flows statement
- 9.6. The notes to the accounts.
- 9.7. Sustainability reports

**WORKLOAD****PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Activity	Hours
Theory	30,00
Classroom practices	30,00
Total hours	60,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	15,00
Independent study and work	30,00
Preparation of lessons	25,00
Preparation for assessment activities	0,00
Resolution of case studies	20,00
Total hours	90,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

There will be a two-hour lecture plus a two-hour practice session per week, i.e. four classroom hours per week.

Lecture slides and practice sessions guidelines and relevant materials will be uploaded onto the course's virtual classroom (<https://aulavirtual.uv.es/>). Students are encouraged to participate actively in all classes, including lectures. Attendance to the class is compulsory so as to be aware of the activities to prepare for the continuous evaluation system.

Should the students have any course-related queries, questions or feedback, or should they need any guidance or advice on practice assignments, they are encouraged to take advantage of the office-tutorial hours.

Theory sessions will be based on Master classes encouraging students' participation. Practical classes will consist in solving exercises on the blackboard, discuss the solutions as well as solve practical cases in groups of students.

EVALUATION

The course assessment has two components:

- (A) A written exam, it represents the 70% of the final grade.



- (B) Continuous assessment, it represents the 30% of the final grade.

Continuous assessment includes different components: active class participation, individual selfreflective reports, team assignments (including presentations) and other activities. The continuous assessment is considered non-recoverable.

The exam needs to be passed in order to be able to pass the course. If you pass the written exam, the final assessment is the average mean of the two previous components. The student's final mark is obtained by adding the continuous assessment mark and the final examination mark (as long as this final examination is passed). If final examination is failed, the final mark will never exceed 4 (out of 10).

According to Article 28 of the REGLAMENT D'USOS LINGÜÍSTICS DE LA UNIVERSITAT DE VALÈNCIA (ACGUV 167/2014) students enrolled in the group with teaching in English must answer the evaluation tests in English.

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