

**City University of Hong Kong
Course Syllabus**

**offered by Department of Accountancy
with effect from Semester A 2021/22**

Part I Course Overview

Course Title: Advanced Financial Accounting

Course Code: AC4303

Course Duration: 1 semester

Credit Units: 3

Level: B4

Arts and Humanities

Proposed Area:
(for GE courses only)

Study of Societies, Social and Business Organisations

Science and Technology

Medium of Instruction: English

Medium of Assessment: English

Prerequisites: AC3202 Corporate Accounting I; and
AC4301 Corporate Accounting II
(Course Code and Title)

Precursors: Nil
(Course Code and Title)

Equivalent Courses: Nil
(Course Code and Title)

Exclusive Courses: Nil
(Course Code and Title)

Part II Course Details

1. Abstract

(A 150-word description about the course)

This course aims to develop students' conceptual skills and professional competence in the preparation and reporting of financial accounting information for a Group consisting of parent company, subsidiaries, and associated companies in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”). Students are expected to gain an in-depth understanding of the underlying accounting concepts and accounting standards governing the preparation of financial statements for a Group under HKFRSs for external users. Students will engage in project based learning and apply their knowledge and skills to analyze and interpret critically the financial information from the Group accounts.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

(CILOs state what the student is expected to be able to do at the end of the course according to a given standard of performance.)

| No. | CILOs [#] | Weighting* (if applicable) | Discovery-enriched curriculum related learning outcomes (please tick where appropriate) | | |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|---|----|----|
| | | | A1 | A2 | A3 |
| 1. | Apply the appropriate accounting concepts and policies and relevant Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (HKFRSs) to the preparation of financial statements for a Group which is composed of parent company, subsidiaries, and associated companies. | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2. | Prepare the statement of cash flows for a group in accordance with the Hong Kong financial reporting framework. | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 3. | Analyze and evaluate critically the information from the financial statements of a Group including different forms of business combination. | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 4. | Explain the key features of the financial reporting system in the Mainland China. | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | | 100% | | | |

* If weighting is assigned to CILOs, they should add up to 100%.

[#] Please specify the alignment of CILOs to the Gateway Education Programme Intended Learning outcomes (PILOs) in Section A of Annex.

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to self-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

3. Teaching and Learning Activities (TLAs)

(TLAs designed to facilitate students' achievement of the CILOs.)

| TLA | Brief Description | CILO No. | | | | | | Hours/week (if applicable) |
|----------------------------|---|----------|---|----|---|--|--|-------------------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | |
| Lecture | Explain and apply concepts and accounting standards underlying the preparation of financial statements including statement of cash flows for a Group. Introduce key features of the financial reporting system in the Mainland China. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓* | ✓ | | | |
| Assignment | Exercises to enhance students' understanding and knowledge of the weekly topics. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓* | | | | |
| Group Project [#] | Analysis of Group companies' annual reports designed to integrate and apply students' learning of financial reporting in the course through the analysis, evaluation and interpretation of financial accounting information reported in the annual reports of Hong Kong listed companies. | ✓* | | ✓ | | | | |

* Indirectly

DEC TLA element

4. Assessment Tasks/Activities (ATs)

(ATs are designed to assess how well the students achieve the CILOs.)

| Assessment Tasks/Activities | CILO No. | | | | | | Weighting* | Remarks |
|--|----------|---|---|---|--|--|------------|---------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | |
| Continuous Assessment: 50% | | | | | | | | |
| Class-based assessment activities such as quizzes, assignments | ✓ | | | | | | 10-15% | |
| Mid-term test | ✓ | | | | | | 20-30% | |
| Project report [#] | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | 10-15% | |
| Examination: 50% (duration: 3 hours) | | | | | | | | |
| Final examination | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | 50% | |
| | | | | | | | 100% | |

* The weightings should add up to 100%.

DEC AT element

Students are required to pass both coursework and examination components to guarantee to pass the course. Failing either component may lead to failure in the course. The passing mark is generally 50.

5. Assessment Rubrics

(Grading of student achievements is based on student performance in assessment tasks/activities with the following rubrics.)

| | Assessment Task | Criterion | Excellent (A+, A, A-) | Good (B+, B, B-) | Fair (C+, C, C-) | Marginal (D) | Failure (F) |
|----|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. | Mid-term test and Final examination | 1.1 ABILITY to IDENTIFY and APPLY appropriate accounting concepts and policies and relevant Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (HKFRSs) to the preparation of financial statements of a group. | High | Significant | Moderate | Basic | Not even reaching marginal level |
| | | 1.2 ABILITY to PREPARE the statement of cash flows for a group in accordance with the Hong Kong financial reporting framework and EXPLAIN the financial reporting system in the Mainland China. | High | Significant | Moderate | Basic | Not even reaching marginal level |
| 2. | Project report | 2.1 ABILITY to ANALYZE and EVALUATE critically the information from the financial statements of a Group. | High | Significant | Moderate | Basic | Not even reaching marginal level |

Part III Other Information (more details can be provided separately in the teaching plan)

1. Keyword Syllabus

Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (HKFRSs), Parent company, Subsidiary, Associates, Group accounts, Consolidated financial statements, Consolidated statement of cash flows, Direct and indirect holding, Acquisition accounting, Goodwill, Concept of control (Power, Returns, and their link), Non-controlling interests and their measurement basis (proportionate share of net assets and fair value), Intragroup balances and transactions, Equity accounting, Significant influence, Merger accounting, Accounting regulatory system and Financial reporting system in Mainland China,

2. Reading List

2.1 Compulsory Readings

(Compulsory readings can include books, book chapters, or journal/magazine articles. There are also collections of e-books, e-journals available from the CityU Library.)

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| 1. | Wong, S.T.M. and C.S.F. Yeung, “Advanced Financial Accounting”, latest edition, McGraw-Hill. |
| 2. | Canvas site for the course. |

2.2 Additional Readings

(Additional references for students to learn to expand their knowledge about the subject.)

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| 1. | Picker, R, K. Leo, J. Loftus, V. Wise, K. Clark, and K. Alfredson, “Applying International Financial Reporting Standards”, latest edition, Wiley. |
| 2. | Lam, N., K.P. Yuen, and J. Kwong, “Advanced Financial Reporting”, latest edition, McGraw-Hill. |
| 3. | Tan, H.N., C.Y. Lim, and L.N. Lee, “Advanced Financial Accounting”, latest edition, McGraw-Hill. |
| 4. | Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (HKFRSs) – Members Handbook, Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. http://app1.hkicpa.org.hk/ebook/index.php |
| 5. | Deloitte : Financial Reporting in Hong Kong, CCH. |
| 6. | Deloitte's IAS Plus - http://www.iasplus.com/ |
| 7. | International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) - http://www.iasb.org/ |