

ECN 210 Accounting

3rd and 4th quarters, Sophomore

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Style of Class	Lecture
Number of Credits	2
Day and Period	Tuesday, period 5

Course Description

In order to explore and solve local issues, researching the management activities of local companies and their financial position is crucial. To do this, one requires knowledge of accounting relevant to management and finances of local companies. And in order to globalize local companies, knowledge in International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) is also needed. In this course, students will study the basic theories and rules related to accounting, and based on that, learn how to properly prepare financial statements and communicating accounting information and acquire the methods to analyze the numbers in there. This will provide students with the basic knowledge to explore and resolve problems surrounding local companies. The course will also give an overview of international accounting rules (e.g. IFRS) and provide students with knowledge regarding how it they differ from Japanese accounting rules.

Course Objectives

Students will gain understanding about:

- (1) Japan's accounting system
- (2) the basic principles of recognition of profit and loss
- (3) the basic principles of accounting processing for assets, liabilities, and net assets
- (4) companies' management information with financial statements, which are needed to explore and solve local problems.

Prerequisites

Management

Class Materials

Materials will be passed out in class.

Course Method

The course will consist of lectures, which will be based on the handouts. Calculation problems that require the use of a computer or mobile device will be assigned. Also, every two or three class meetings a report will be assigned to confirm student's understanding of the topics covered in the lectures. At times, whole class discussions will be held on specific topics.

Evaluation/Assessment

Grades will be determined based on students' understanding of the lectures, the amount of effort put into the assignments, and the score of the final exam.

Grading

40%	Reports
20%	Class participation
40%	Final exam

Course Schedule

Week 1: Overview of the Japanese accounting system

This lecture will provide an overview of the Japanese accounting system including: business accounting standards, terminology in financial statements and other reports, rules regarding forms and methods for preparing statements, and the Companies Act and the Ordinance on Company Accounting.

Week 2: Recognition of profit and loss (1)

This lecture will cover recognition and measurement of revenue.

Week 3: Recognition of profit and loss (2)

This lecture will cover recognition and measurement of expenses, and matching of expenses and revenues.

Week 4: Financial assets (1)

This lecture will cover principles and theories of the recognition and measurement of financial assets.

Week 5: Financial assets (2)

This lecture will cover specific accounting methods for financial assets.

Week 6: Inventory

This lecture will cover the principles and theories of the recognition and measurement of, and specific accounting methods for, inventory.

Week 7: Tangible fixed assets

This lecture will cover the principles and theories of the recognition and measurement of, and specific accounting methods for, tangible fixed assets.

Week 8: Intangible fixed assets and deferred assets

This lecture will cover the principles and theories of the recognition and measurement of, and specific accounting methods for, intangible fixed assets and deferred assets.

Week 9: Theory of asset valuation

This lecture will cover the structure of asset valuation theory in Japan's current accounting system.

Week 10: Liability accounting

This lecture will cover the principles and theories of the recognition and measurement of, and specific accounting methods for, liability.

Week 11: Net assets accounting

This lecture will cover the principles and theories of the recognition and measurement of, and specific accounting methods for, net assets.

Week 12: Foreign currency translation accounting

This lecture will cover the principles and theories of, and specific accounting methods for, foreign currency translation accounting.

Week 13: Consolidated accounting

This lecture will cover the principles and theories of, and the specific accounting methods for, consolidated accounting.

Week 14: International Financial Reporting Standards (1)

This lecture will cover the differences between IFRS and Japanese accounting in regard to asset accounting.

Week 15: International Financial Reporting Standards (2)

This lecture will cover the differences between IFRS and Japanese accounting in areas other than asset accounting.

Week 16: Final exam

Preparation and Follow-up

Preparation: Materials for the next lecture will be passed out each class meeting. Read the appropriate section before the next class meeting.

Follow-up: After each class meeting, review your notes on the lectures and the handouts to deepen your understanding.