**Financial Accounting**

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***COURSE AIMS***

This course is designed to provide students with technical and problem solving skills in the area of corporate external financial reporting.

The objective of the course is to introduce the language of business and to develop students’ ability to familiarize with:

1. the accounting process, giving students the necessary background to understand the concepts and measurements that underlie financial statements
2. the basic financial standards for the preparation and presentation of companies’ financial reports
3. the construction of the basic financial accounting statements

The first part of the course is focused on the measurement concepts and the technical concepts needed to move from business transactions to the principal financial statements: balance sheet and income statement.

The second part provides the description of generally accepted accounting practices (GAAP) for particular financial statement items, such as inventory valuation, tangible and intangible assets.

***Learning outcomes***

The goal of this course is to give students the tools to:

* develop an understanding of double-entry bookkeeping
* analyze, record, and report business transactions using the accounting equation and the general journal/general ledger system
* develop the skills needed to properly prepare financial statements;

***COURSE CONTENT***

* Business decisions and financial accounting;
* Journal entries and T-accounts;
* The balance sheet;
* The income statement;
* Adjustments, financial statements and financial results;
* Merchandising operations and the multistep income statement
* Inventories and cost of goods sold
* Receivables, bad debt expense, and interest revenue
* Tangible and intangible assets
* Liabilities
* Stockholders’ equity
* Financial assets

***READING LIST***

* *Financial Statement Analysis*, customized version.

Students are expected to do the textbook required readings and cases assigned for each session in the detailed course plan, which will be provided in class.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Lectures and business cases discussion.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD***

The assessment will be based on:

1. Mid-term written test: 50%

2. Final written test: 50%

***NOTES***

Information on office hours available on the instructor's personal page at <http://docenti.unicatt.it/>.