# Accounting and Financial Reporting

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course aims to introduce first-year students to the financial statements of operating businesses. After developing the methods relating to the operation of the general accounting system, the course will focus on the structural and content characteristics of the company financial statements. The main purpose is to introduce students to the logic underlying the processes of determining and communicating the company's economic and financial results. Starting from the accounting language, the course examines the issues of determining the operating income and the related working capital. The values originating from the exchange must be recognised, classified, and recorded to allow the creation of periodic summaries on the consistency and composition of the working capital and the economic result achieved. The assessments of the income and capital components, in a perspective of reporting to stakeholders, complete the theoretical framework on the financial statements.

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

* know the valuation criteria defined by the national accounting standards and some criteria contained in the international accounting standards IAS/IFRS;
* draw up company financial statements, in accordance with current national legislation;
* read and interpret the economic, financial and equity dynamics related to the management of business, of data contained in the financial statements and in the explanatory notes.

***COURSE CONTENT***

* The double-entry methodology applied to the income system;
* Main classes of operations;
* Continuous and settlement writings;
* Closing entries and drawing up the financial statements
* The opening of accounts and the destination of the operating income
* Evaluation criteria;
* Income taxes (outline);
* Financial management;
* The financial statements intended for publication: balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement;
* The management report, other supplementary disclosure documents and non-financial disclosure;

***READING LIST***

Textbooks

P. Andrei-A. M. Fellegara*,* *Contabilità generale e bilancio d’esercizio*, Giappichelli, Turin, 2022.

The textbook is supported by an online Exercise Book to facilitate the practice of accounting recognition by students, and by exercises uploaded to Blackboard relating to the valuations of the main financial statement items.

The teaching materials and cases entered by the lecturer on the Blackboard platform are an integral part of the course and must be considered as textbooks.

Recommended readings:

edited by G. Lombardi Stocchetti, Valutazioni e analisi di bilancio, Pearson, 2015

***TEACHING METHOD***

The course consists of lectures and practical exercises.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Learning outcomes are verified through a compulsory written test. The exam includes exercises and is divided into 4 parts focused on the following aspects:

1. Drafting of continuous accounting records relating to the main management operations
2. Drafting of settlement, rectification and year-end closing records
3. Classification of company values on the statutory Balance Sheet and Income Statement schemes
4. Evaluation of the main categories of assets

The exercises may be supplemented by theory questions on general and descriptive aspects.

In the assessment of the answers, attention will be paid to the students’ ability to develop links between the different theoretical parts and to recognise and interpret values derived from the financial statements of national companies.

Students can take an interim test relating to the topics described in points 1) and 2) above.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

There are no content-related prerequisites for the course. However, we recommend that students previously study the topics covered by the Business Administration course which is held in the previous semester precisely for this purpose.

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