

<b>Syllabus for: (name of class) Principles of Accounting</b>	
<b>Semester &amp; Year:</b>	Spring 2013
<b>Course ID and Section Number:</b>	BUS-1A-V2520
<b>Number of Credits/Units:</b>	4
<b>Day/Time: Location:</b>	Online
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<b>Course Description (catalog description as described in course outline):</b> A study of the fundamental concepts, procedures, and principles of financial accounting as applied to both service and merchandising businesses. Additional topics include accounting systems and special journals, cash, internal controls, receivables, inventory methods, depreciation and amortization, current liabilities and payroll. Focus will be on the preparation and analysis of financial statement data.	
<b>Student Learning Outcomes (as described in course outline) :</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Define and explain accounting concepts.</li> <li>2. Construct ledgers, charts of accounts, balance sheets, and income statements.</li> <li>3. Analyze systems for organizing accounting data and internal control.</li> </ol>	
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**COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS**  
**BUS 1A Principles of Accounting**  
**SYLLABUS**

Spring 2013 V2520 ONLINE  
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Required textbook: Fundamental Accounting Principles (21st edition) by: Wild, Shaw, Chiappetta; McGraw-Hill Publishers, ISBN: **007-7703456 or 978-007-770-3455, loose leaf binder ready, includes Connect access code card.**

There's a picture of a kayaker on the front of the book.

We cover Chapters 1 through 11 in this course. Chapters 13 through 25 are covered in BUS-1B.

**Course Objectives & Structure:**

Accounting is the common language of organizations: businesses, not-for-profits, or governments. The basic principles of accounting provide a common ground for communication. The objective of this course is for you to learn, understand and to **apply** these basic principles. To accomplish this, we study the fundamental principles and procedures of financial accounting as applied to service and merchandising businesses. We look at accounting systems and the accounting cycle, the composition of basic financial statements, and how to use and interpret financial information in daily life.

In accordance with the Course Learning Outcomes you will be able to do the following upon successful completion of this course (successful completion = grade of C or above):

1. Define and explain accounting concepts.
2. Construct ledgers, charts of accounts, balance sheets, and income statements.
3. Analyze systems for organizing accounting data and internal control.

In addition to specific accounting curriculum objectives identified in the Course Outline, broad course objectives include the development of learning, thinking and communication skills. In accounting, new concepts build on those that have been learned before. Therefore, it is essential you keep current in this course. You will be required to communicate your knowledge clearly by completing assignments and assessments. The course operates within the MyCR Online Collaborative Learning Environment (CLE).

**Evaluation & Assignments:**

**You MUST participate during the first week of class or you may be dropped from the roster.**

**A mandatory, ungraded, self-introduction is required and due Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**IMPORTANT: After four required assignments are missed, students may be dropped from the roster by the instructor, through the tenth week of the course.**

Grades are earned as follows:

- **Participation** - Your postings to the **Discussion Forum** will count as **participation** in this class.  
You are required to comprehensively answer Accounting Questions, organized by chapter, and posted by the instructor. You are also required to respond to an Ethics Challenge posted by the instructor for each chapter, **and** to post responses to at least three other students' postings. You can earn up to five points for each chapter.  
**Participation comprises 20% of your grade.**
- **Homework assignments** - There is one homework assignment for each chapter. After you have studied the chapter, complete the assignment as specified in the MyCR Assignments module. You can earn up to 20 points for each chapter.  
**Homework assignments comprise 40% of your grade.**

- **Exams** - There will be an **Exam** covering each chapter listed on the schedule. The Exams are open book. But **once you open the exam, you must complete it. Be sure to set aside at least two hours** so you won't feel rushed. **Exams comprise 40% of your grade.**
- **Research and Presentation assignment.** This is a brief inquiry into and short report on the financial statements and history/background of a company of your choice. You will receive specific instructions in the second half of the term. Your score will be included with the homework assignments scores. Ten points are awarded for completion of this assignment.

The following grade scale will be used:

90 - 100%	A
80 - 89%	B
70 - 79%	C
60 - 69%	D

Plus and minus grade will be given: A- through C+.

If you are having difficulty with a particular assignment, post it to the Discussion Forum Questions topic. Other students may have the same difficulty or a good solution.

### **Time Commitment:**

The estimated time requirement for successful completion of this course is 12 – 15 hours per week.

### **Tips and Suggestions for Success:**

The following is a suggested method for success in this class.

*For each chapter:*

1. Review each chapter & listen to the chapter podcasts before starting work. (Each audio pod cast is accompanied by an exactly the same text version.)
2. Use the learning resource options available in Lessons, organized by chapter.
3. Post your required responses to the Discussion Forums. (graded)
4. Complete the chapter homework assignments.\* (graded)
5. Take the exam for the chapter. (graded)
6. Submit all graded items by deadline.

\* Homework assignments are taken from the Quick Studies, Exercises and Problems at the end of each chapter. You may do these problems by hand. Or you may use the web based **interactive homework tool** Connect.

**Those students choosing the by-hand homework option** may scan their work and submit as a file attachment in a Message to the instructor in MyCR, fax the assignment (fax number will be provided at the beginning of the term), drop off the assignment at any campus, or mail their assignments to the instructor at College of the Redwoods.

**Those students choosing the interactive homework option** will need to register at the following URL: [http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/p\\_netzow\\_spring\\_2013\\_online](http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/p_netzow_spring_2013_online)  
You will also find a link at our MyCR website. A Connect access code card is included with the required loose leaf text at no extra cost, if purchased new. A current Connect access code can be purchased separately, from the publisher, should you purchase a used textbook and want to use the interactive homework option. Use the same link referred to above.

**Plan your time carefully.** Whenever possible, designate specific time each week for class work, just as if you were attending a face-to-face class. If you find yourself too far behind, the final drop date without penalty is available in the Admissions Office.

## **Disabled Student Accommodations**

If you have a learning disability or other special needs contact the instructor or Disabled Students Programs and Services at: [www.redwoods.edu/district/dsps/](http://www.redwoods.edu/district/dsps/)  
Telephone (707) 476-4280  
TTY (707) 476-4284

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- The course delivery provides a text equivalent for all non-text elements such as images, animations, applets, audio/video files and art. *This will enable a screen reader to read the text equivalent to a blind student.*
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## **Academic Integrity**

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## **Instructor Contact**

During the semester, contact the instructor using the Message module in the course MyCR website. Telephone appointments can be arranged.

**See Class Schedule next page.**

Week	Date	Chapter	Topic	Assignments All due Sunday 11:50 pm	Exams All due Sunday 11:50 pm
1	1/12 - 20	1	Long week (9 days) Accounting in Business	Ch. 1 Due 1/20:  Forum postings: YOUR INTRODUCTION Accounting Questions Ethics Challenge  Homework assignment	Each exam becomes available the Monday prior to the exam due date, the week following the due date for Forum & Homework assignments.
2	1/21 - 27	2	Analyzing and Recording Transactions		Due 1/27: Exam Ch. 1
3	1/28 - 2/3	2	Analyzing and Recording Transactions	Ch. 2 Due 2/3: Forum postings Homework assignment	
4	2/4 - 10	3	Adjusting Accounts & Preparing Financial Statements		Due 2/10: Exam Ch. 2
5	2/11 - 17	3	Adjusting Accounts & Preparing Financial Statements	Ch. 3 Due 2/17: Forum postings Homework assignment	
6	2/18 - 24	4	Completing the Accounting Cycle		Due 2/24: Exam Ch. 3
7	2/25 - 3/3	4	Completing the Accounting Cycle	Ch. 4 Due 3/3: Forum postings Homework assignment	
8	3/4 - 10	5	Accounting for Merchandising Operations	Ch. 5 Due 3/10: Forum postings Homework assignment	Due 3/10: Exam Ch. 4
9	3/11 - 17		SPRING BREAK		
10	3/18 - 24	6	Inventories and Cost of Sales	Ch. 6 Due 3/24: Forum postings Homework assignment	Due 3/24: Exam Ch. 5
11	3/25 - 3/31	7	Accounting Information Systems	Ch. 7 Due 3/31: Forum postings Homework assignment	Due 3/31: Exam Ch. 6
12	4/1 - 7	8	Cash & Internal Controls	Ch. 8 Due 4/7: Forum postings Homework assignment	Due 4/7: Exam Ch. 7
13	4/8 - 14	9	Accounting for Receivables	Ch. 9 Due 4/14: Forum postings Homework assignment	Due 4/14: Exam Ch. 8
14	4/15 - 21	10	Plant Assets, Natural Resources, and Intangibles	Begin Research and Presentation Assignment Due End of Term.	Due 4/21: Exam Ch. 9
15	4/22 - 28	10 & 11	Plant Assets, Natural Resources, and Intangibles & Current Liabilities & Payroll Accounting	Ch. 10 Due 4/28: Forum postings Homework assignment	
16	4/29 - 5/5	11	Current Liabilities & Payroll Accounting	Ch. 11 Due 5/5: Forum postings Homework assignment	Due 5/5: Exam Ch. 10
16 Finals Week	5/6 - 10		Short week. (5 days)		Due 5/10: Exam Ch. 11

\*Students are responsible for any changes to this schedule.