

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Department of Accounting
Course Syllabus
Spring 2018 – Online Course

Course Number: Accounting 5304.01 (CRN 20728)
Course Title: Accounting For Management
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Prerequisites: ACCT 2301 and 2302 or ACCT 5300.

Class Materials:

This course will use both *SHSU Online* (Blackboard) and *McGraw-Hill's Accounting Connect Plus* system. *SHSU Online* (Blackboard) is the standard platform used by all online classes at SHSU and therefore you may already be familiar with it. *Connect* is a system created by the textbook publisher (McGraw-Hill) and you may not be familiar with this system. Both systems will be used in this class and are discussed in more detail below. Briefly, *SHSU Online* houses the discussion board where you will be able to ask me questions and the list of your assignments with a link to those assignments in *Connect*. *Connect* is where you will complete and submit your assignments.

Access to SHSU Online: Your assignments are posted on *SHSU Online*. To access *SHSU Online*, visit the Sam Houston State University home page at <http://www.shsu.edu/>. At the top center of the screen is a drop-down box labeled "Campus Tools." From this drop-down menu, select "Blackboard" and then login using your SHSU username and password. (You can also select "SHSU Online" but you will then need to select "Login to Blackboard" on the right-hand side of the page.) In Blackboard, you will see a link to our course (ACCT 5304) and any other classes that you are registered for on the right-hand side under the "My Courses" heading. Click the link to our course and you will enter the ACCT 5304 page. Once you are in the course page, you will see a menu on the left that has the "Course Information" (including syllabus and schedule) and the "Course Content." Under "Course Content" are two links one for one for "Assignments" and one for "Discussion Board." Click on "Assignments" and then pick the appropriate section to see your assignment for that set of weeks. Click on "Discussion Board" to

see the discussion board and/or to ask me questions over the material. ***I would rather you ask questions this way rather than through email so that everyone can benefit from the answers. I will check the discussion board regularly and answer your questions as promptly as possible.***

**Access to McGraw-Hill
Accounting Connect:**

This class will use an online textbook learning program called *McGraw-Hill Connect*. *Connect* (see the next section for more information) includes an electronic version of the textbook as well as other helpful resources for this class. *Connect* is also where you will complete and submit your assignments. You must purchase a registration code for access to *Connect*. You may reach *Connect* by clicking on one of your assignments under the “Assignments” tab in BlackBoard. You will automatically be taken to *Connect*.

Required Textbook:

In order to save some money, you may wish to purchase only the ebook version of the text. You can purchase the ebook when you first sign-up for *McGraw-Hill Connect*.

You must have access to *Connect*, but if you also wish to purchase an actual copy of the textbook, here is the information: *Managerial Accounting, Sixteenth Edition*. Garrison, Noreen, & Brewer. McGraw-Hill, 2018.

Course Description:

This course provides a study of managerial accounting concepts, analyses, and applications. An emphasis is placed on how costs impact decision-making and product planning.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the semester, students will:

- Comprehend general managerial accounting and cost concepts.
- Understand the purpose and appropriate uses of both job-order and process costing systems.
- Recognize the behavior of different costs and how to use them to predict total costs.
- Understand the concept of Cost-Volume-Profit Analysis and how to utilize it in order to make business decisions.
- Understand the uses of both variable and absorption costing.
- Know how an activity-based costing system aids in decision making.
- Understand the importance and use of multiple budgets.
- Compute and understand the significance of standard costs and budget variances.

- Understand the purpose of responsibility accounting.
- Distinguish between relevant and irrelevant costs for decision making.
- Employ methods to evaluate the acceptability of investment projects.
- Comprehend the statement of cash flows and determine which ratios to use to evaluate the financial statements.

Topics:

1. Managerial Accounting: An Overview
2. Managerial Accounting and Cost Concepts
3. Job-Order Costing
4. Cost-Volume-Profit Relationships
5. Variable Costing and Segment Reporting: Tools for Management
6. Activity-Based Costing: A Tool to Aid Decision Making
7. Profit Planning
8. Flexible Budgets and Performance Analysis
9. Standard Costs and Variances
10. Performance Measurement in Decentralized Organizations
11. Differential Analysis: The Key to Decision Making
12. Capital Budgeting Decisions
13. Statement of Cash Flows
14. Financial Statement Analysis

Course Evaluation Process:

The overall grade in this course will be based on the percentage of the total available points earned. The minimum grade achievement levels will be 90%, 80%, 70%, and below 70% for A, B, C, and F, respectively.

Your course grade will be comprised of the following items:

Video Lecture Assignments	20 %
Homework Assignments	30 %
Exams	<u>50 %</u>
	100%

Video Lecture Assignments: The semester is divided into three sections with multiple chapters assigned to each section. For each chapter, video lecture assignments will be available on *McGraw-Hill Connect* starting on a Friday after 12:00 a.m. (Central time zone). These video lecture assignments must be completed by the due date for that section (Sunday) before 11:59 p.m. (Central time zone). You will be allowed an *unlimited amount of attempts* to complete each chapter's video lecture assignment correctly (therefore you should get 100% on these assignments). *McGraw-Hill Connect* will provide you with feedback and show you which

part(s) of the problem are incorrect. I will only use your HIGHEST score regardless of attempt in calculating your final grade.

Homework Assignments: The semester is divided into three sections with multiple chapters assigned to each section. For each chapter, Homework problems will be available on *McGraw-Hill Connect* starting on a Friday after 12:00 a.m. (Central time zone). Homework problems must be completed by the due date for that section (Sunday) before 11:59 p.m. (Central time zone). You will be allowed *two attempts* to complete each homework assignment correctly. *McGraw-Hill Connect* will provide you with feedback and show you which part(s) of the problem are incorrect. I will only use your HIGHEST score regardless of attempt in calculating your final grade.

Exams: The semester is divided into three sections with multiple chapters assigned to each section. For each chapter, the exam will be available on *McGraw-Hill Connect* starting on a Friday after 12:00 a.m. (Central time zone). Exams must be completed by the due date for that section (Sunday) before 11:59 p.m. (Central time zone). You are only allowed *one attempt* on each chapter exam.

Assignment Instructions: You will be working many problems in this class and the system will grade them. It is very important that you read the instructions to the problem for directions about how to round numbers and how to present your answer. Failure to follow those instructions may result in your answer being counted as incorrect.

Class Structure and Timing:

In this class, we will split the semester into three (3) sections of approximately five (5) weeks each. All of the material for the section will be posted and available 24 hours a day (except when the system is down for maintenance) for the duration of that section. You are free to work at your own pace within the section. For all of the assignment types listed above (including the exams), you can “Save and Exit” your work at any time and then come back later to complete the assignment. Only when you “Submit” your assignment will it be graded and counted as an attempt. Be careful, once you “Submit” the assignment you cannot go back into that assignment to continue working. All assignments that you have not “Submitted” by the due date will automatically be “Submitted” by the system and graded.

Given the lengthy period of time that each section will be open, no extensions of the due date, or extra time will be granted.

Discussion Board:

The Discussion Board is where you, your fellow students, and I will interact. Please post any questions you have to the Discussion Board rather than emailing me directly. The odds are that others in the class have the same question. Posting those questions to the Discussion Board allows everyone to benefit from the answer. I usually try to check the Discussion Board at least twice per day, morning and evening, seven (7) days per week....including the weekends. Of course there are occasions when I am not able to check it that often, but be assured that I will

answer your questions as quickly as possible. Also, if you see a question that you know the answer to, feel free to answer that question.

When asking a question, please state the Chapter number, the assignment type, and the question number. Also, remember that almost all the problems in the assignments are algorithmic problems (meaning that the numbers are different for each person). Everyone gets the same problems in the same order in each assignment, but the algorithmic nature of those problems means that we will not all have the same correct answer.

Email Communication:

Although the Discussion Board will be the primary communication tool for our class, from time to time, I may email the entire class directly with issues of interest to the class. In addition, I may email individual students with specific issues. For all email communications, I will use your SHSU email address.

Workload Expectations:

There is an old rule of thumb for graduate-level classes: Expect to spend 3-4 hours outside of class for every hour in class. While the rule of thumb is from the days of face-to-face classes, it still applies to today's online classes. Since this is a three-semester hour course (meaning three hours of class time in the old face-to-face mode), you can expect to spend between 12 -15 hours per week on this class. Clearly, this amount varies by both student and material being covered. If you find accounting particularly difficult, or a certain topic within the course difficult, you may need to spend even more time on this class.

Academic Honesty:

"Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experience both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subjected to disciplinary action." Code of Student Conduct and Discipline, Section 5.3, as printed in *Guidelines*.

Students with Disabilities:

"Any student with a disability that affects his/her academic performance should contact the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities in the SHSU Lee Drain Building Annex (telephone 936-294-3512, TDD 936-294-3786) to request accommodations." (See APS 811006)

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CLASS SCHEDULE
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<i>Section</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Chapters Covered</i>	<i>Assignments Available (Fridays, 12:00 a.m.)</i>	<i>Assignment Due Dates (Sunday, 11:59 p.m.)</i>
Section 1	January 17 – February 25	Chapters 1,2,3,5, & 6	01/17/2018	02/25/2018
Section 2	February 16 – April 1	Chapters 7, 8, 9, & 10	02/16/2018	04/01/2018
Section 3	March 23 – May 6	Chapters 11, 12, 13, 14, & 15	03/23/2018	05/06/2018