



The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

Description: NIA Auditing

Subject	Cat-Nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
ACC	5018	18031	3, 2002	EXT	1.00	TWMBBA

Academic Group:	FOBUS
Academic Org:	FOB008
HECS Band:	2
ASCED Code:	080101

OTHER-REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: Associate level membership or above, of the National Institute of Accountants.

SYNOPSIS

This course primarily deals with the process by which the external company auditor, within the Australian professional and legal framework, independently appraises and reports on the truth and fairness of the company's financial statements. The course is practice-oriented and, in keeping with current trends in the auditing profession, a risk-based audit approach is emphasised. The course covers the audit of computerised systems as well as selected manual accounting systems. Auditing theory is integrated with audit methodology so as to enable students to better appreciate the fundamental concepts and principles that underlie auditing practice.

OBJECTIVES

Completion of this course should enable students to:

- explain the need for an independent audit;
- appreciate the various auditing standards and procedures and the application of these to the conduct of an audit;
- follow the development of case law and statute law in respect of the definition of the auditor's responsibilities;
- appreciate the audit process, beginning with the planning phase, through the documentation stages, to the testing (interim and final), evaluation and reporting stages;
- appreciate the concepts of internal controls and audit testing procedures;
- understand the principles and application of audit sampling techniques;
- appreciate the internal controls associated with the audit of computer information systems;
- decide on the appropriateness of different types of audit reports and prepare such audit reports.

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. Assurance and the Auditing Profession	7.00
2. The Financial Report Audit and Professional Standards	7.00
3. The Audit Process and Audit Evidence	8.00
4. Internal Control	9.00
5. Audit Testing I	8.00
6. Audit Testing II	8.00
7. CIS Auditing I - Controls	9.00
8. CIS Auditing II - Techniques	8.00
9. Audit Sampling	9.00
10. Completing the Audit and Audit Reporting	9.00
11. Legal Responsibility and Liability of Auditors	9.00
12. Professional Ethics and Independence	9.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

Books can be ordered by fax or telephone. For costs and further details use the 'Book Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> by entering the author or title of the text.

Gay, G. & Simnett, R. 2000, *MaxMark Auditing*, McGraw-Hill, Australia.

(This text is optional; however, it is recommended for examination preparation)

Gill, G.S., Cosserrat, G., Leung, P. & Coram, P. 2001, *Modern Auditing and Assurance Services*, 6th edition, John Wiley & Sons, Australia.

(This text is essential)

Knapp, J. & Kemp, S. (Eds) 2002, *Auditing Handbook 2002, Vol 2 of the Accounting and Auditing Handbook 2002*, Prentice Hall, Australia.

(Students should have access to this text OR Auditing Standards, Auditing Guidance and Professional Statements, and the Joint Code of Professional Conduct, from either the CPA Australia or ICAA Members Handbook ... it is essential that you have access to one of these texts)

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Arens, A.A., Best, P., Shailer, G., Fielder, B. & Loebbecke, J. 2002, *Auditing in Australia: An Integrated Approach*, 5th edition, Prentice-Hall, Australia.

Gay, G. & Simnett, R. 2000, *Auditing and Assurance Services in Australia*, McGraw Hill, Sydney.

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks Out of	Wtg(%)	Required	Due Date
EXAMINATION (2 HOURS)	50.00	100.00	Y	END S3 (see note)

NOTES:

- . The examination is scheduled to be held in the end-of-semester examination period. Students will be advised of the official examination date after the timetable has been finalised.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Course weightings of topics should not be interpreted as applying to the number of marks allocated to questions testing those topics in an examination paper.
 - 2 Mechanised erasers, mobile telephones and other electronic media are not permitted in exam venues.
 - 3 The examination will be closed. The use of calculators is NOT permitted. Dictionaries are NOT to be used in the examination. Students are NOT permitted to write on the examination question paper during perusal time. Students are NOT permitted to retain the blue examination paper.
 - 4 To be assured of a passing grade in this course, students must attempt the examination and achieve at least 50% of the available marks for the course. Final grades for the course will be determined by the student's performance in the examination. To be assured of a B grade students will be required to obtain an overall mark of 65%. To be assured of an A grade students will be required to obtain an overall mark of 75%. To be assured of an HD grade students will be required to obtain an overall mark of 85%.
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