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Department of Accounting & Corporate Governance

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Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group activities on campus, and most will keep an online version available to those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

(40cp at 6000 level and (ACCG921 or ACCG8121) and (ACCG923 or ACCG8123) and (ACCG926 or ACCG8126) and admission to MProfAcc or MProfAccgLead or MAccg(Adv)) or (admission to MAdvProfAcc and 10cp at 8000 level)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit provides extended formal academic support for students concurrently enrolled in the Financial Reporting unit of the CPA program. It is designed to provide students with an advanced knowledge of selected financial reporting and accounting standards, financial reporting requirements, technical accounting expertise, and business skills and values that are applicable in a professional and global environment. At the completion of this unit, students will have a detailed understanding of advanced concepts in financial analysis and disclosure in relation to key business concepts and transactions and be able to apply this knowledge to the preparation of general-purpose financial statements. Students will also be able to communicate financial accounting issues that may arise in the preparation of general-purpose financial statements including those from a theoretical perspective.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are

available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Apply relevant accounting standards to key business transactions and events and prepare the complete set of financial statements.

ULO2: Critically analyse and evaluate accounting issues and problems that may arise by applying the contents of specific accounting standards and the conceptual framework.

ULO3: Research and professionally communicate the issues that need to be addressed in the preparation of general-purpose financial statements.

ULO4: Examine and interpret current issues in financial accounting and able to apply this analysis to general business skills.

General Assessment Information

1. Class Quizzes

Due: **Various** Weighting: **20%**

Online Quizzes (20%)

Assessed coursework tasks will be held online as detailed below. Each assessed coursework task will be marked out of 10 and will consist of 10 multiple choice questions (each worth one mark). Each quiz is worth 5%.

Topics to be covered are as follows:

- Task #1 (Friday 5th February) Modules 1 & 4 of CPA segment materials
- Task #2 (Friday 26th February) Modules 5 & 6 of CPA segment materials
- Task #3 (Friday 19th March) Modules 2 & 3 of CPA segment materials
- Task #4 (Friday 26th March) Module 7 of CPA segment materials

Submission:

Each multiple choice question will be marked on the basis of a correct response being worth one mark and an incorrect response or a blank response being worth zero. There are no negative marks for incorrect answers.

You must attempt each assessed coursework in your registered lecture.

Extension

No extension will be granted. There is no supplementary coursework task if you are absent.

Penalties

There will be a zero mark for non-attendance unless an application is approved under the

Special Consideration Policy in accordance with university rules. Approval under the Special Consideration Policy will result in an increase in the weighting of the marks allocated to other assessed coursework tasks.

You will receive marks online within one week of the quiz.

Quizzes will not be returned to students.

2. Class Participation

Due: **Various** Weighting: **20%**

In class participation and attendance accounts for 20% of your final grade. Merely attending does not guarantee a pass mark in this component. Students are expected to attend a minimum of 80% of classes. Attendance will be taken.

Activities will also be created and assessed as part of class participation including creation of study plans, Peerwise and completion of CPA online learning. See iLearn for details.

3. Mid Semester Test

Due: **Monday 29th March (Time to be confirmed)** Weighting: **30%**

A class test has been **provisionally** set for Monday 29th March (to be confirmed). The 3 hour 15 mins class test will be conducted as an online exam, Once confirmed, the date and time will be advised. It is possible that the planned date may change depending on internal examination logistics at Macquarie University. You will be given adequate advance notice in classes and on iLearn, prior to the exam, regarding the **actual** date and time.

The class test has been designed to mirror the format of the CPA Australia Financial Reporting exam as closely as possible. The class test will be marked out of 60 and will consist of 42 multiple choice questions (each worth 1 mark) and also short answer style (total of 18 marks). The examination will cover Modules 1 to 7. The class test will be an open book test, conducted under similar conditions as the CPA Australia final exam.

Submission

Each multiple choice question will be marked on the basis of a correct response being worth one mark and an incorrect response or a blank response being worth zero. There are no negative marks for incorrect answers. The written answers will be marked on the basis of a marking “grid” to be prepared in relation to the problems (yet to be written).

The class test itself involves 3 hours and 15 minutes of student time. Study for the class test is based on all weeks of learning and appropriate levels of study. In total, preparation time can be considered to involve 60 hours of work.

You must attempt the class test at the designated time.

Extension

No extension will be granted. There is no supplementary test if you are absent.

Penalties

There will be a zero mark for non-attendance unless an application is approved under the Special Consideration Policy in accordance with university rules. Approval under the Special Consideration Policy will result in the sitting of a supplementary examination at a date to be determined by the Unit Convenor.

4. Final Examination

Due: **7 April - 25 April** Weighting: **30%**

The CPA Examination period is scheduled by CPA Australia. CPA Australia has advised that the examination is a three hour 15 minutes open book examination consisting of multiple choice questions worth approximately 65% of the marks and written responses worth the remaining approximately 35%. In previous offerings of this segment by CPA Australia the examination has been marked out of a total of 60 marks, with 42 marks being allocated to multiple choice questions and the other 18 marks being allocated to written questions.

Submission

As prescribed by CPA Australia under its formal examination rules, CPA candidates are required to complete of a Multiple Choice Response Sheet relating to a range of Multiple Choice Questions and also complete written answers to questions relating to problem provided in the exam.

Students are advised that the CPA examination is conducted by CPA Australia and in accordance with their rules and regulations. It is the responsibility of students to be aware of the rules and requirements of CPA Australia, as well as the venue and time for the examination.

As a student enrolled in the CPA Program YOU are responsible for ensuring that you are in possession of the latest CPA Australia information. The CPA Australia website with exam information is at <http://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/cpa-program/professional-level/exams>. Please note that ANY AND ALL QUERIES regarding the CPA Australia exams and choices must be made by you to CPA Australia.

The exam itself involves 3.25 hours of student time. Study for the exam is based on 11 full weeks of learning and appropriate levels of study. In total, preparation time can be considered to involve 150 hours of work (including all learning and study undertaken to date).

As outlined above this assessment task will be conducted as prescribed by CPA Australia under its formal examination rules. These are stated to all CPA Australia candidates and to Macquarie University in a general form that is common to all CPA Australia professional program examination candidates wherever they may be sitting exams anywhere across Australia or internationally. CPA Australia advises that the CPA Australia Exam examines all parts of the CPA Australia Study Guide (and other content clearly advised by CPA Australia – including International Financial Reporting Standards as advised by CPA Australia). Accordingly, this assessment task evaluates each student's ability to demonstrate an understanding and/or

application of the values and issues that arise from Modules 1 to 7.

The marking standards are as applied by CPA Australia under its formal examination rules. These are not stated to Macquarie University in detail but are common to all CPA Australia professional program examination candidates wherever they may be sitting exams anywhere across Australia or internationally. CPA Australia awards grades of Fail, Pass, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction. CPA Australia advises that a mark lower than 60% is a Fail Grad **Extension**

In the event that you do not attend the CPA Australia examination you will be subject to the rules applicable to CPA Australia candidature. These rules are those of CPA Australia and students should consult directly with CPA Australia.

Penalties

Non-attendance at the CPA Australia examination will result in a mark of zero unless rules applicable to CPA Australia candidature may provide an alternative outcome. These rules are those of CPA Australia and students should consult direct with CPA Australia.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>In Class Test</u>	20%	No	Various - see iLearn
<u>CPA External Examination</u>	30%	Yes	7th - 25th April
<u>Mid-Session Examination</u>	30%	No	Monday 29th March
<u>Class Participation</u>	20%	No	Various - See iLearn

In Class Test

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **Various - see iLearn**

Weighting: **20%**

An online class test comprising of multiple choice questions and/or written response questions will be conducted online during class time. This test is designed to provide feedback to students on their level of understanding of key topics and concepts covered and to identify any learning challenges or areas of difficulties.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply relevant accounting standards to key business transactions and events and prepare the complete set of financial statements.
- Examine and interpret current issues in financial accounting and able to apply this analysis to general business skills.

CPA External Examination

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **7th - 25th April**

Weighting: **30%**

This is a hurdle assessment task (see [assessment policy](#) for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

Examination administered by CPA Australia. CPA Australia will advise on the format and topics included in the final exam. Students need to achieve at least a PASS mark in this CPA external examination. If students do not pass this CPA examination, students will not pass this unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply relevant accounting standards to key business transactions and events and prepare the complete set of financial statements.
- Critically analyse and evaluate accounting issues and problems that may arise by applying the contents of specific accounting standards and the conceptual framework.
- Examine and interpret current issues in financial accounting and able to apply this analysis to general business skills.

Mid-Session Examination

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **Monday 29th March**

Weighting: **30%**

An online computer exam comprising of multiple-choice and or written questions, mirroring the CPA exam conditions and length, will be conducted on line at home. This test is designed to provide feedback to students on their level of understanding of key topics and concepts covered and to identify any learning challenges or areas of difficulties.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply relevant accounting standards to key business transactions and events and prepare the complete set of financial statements.
- Critically analyse and evaluate accounting issues and problems that may arise by applying the contents of specific accounting standards and the conceptual framework.
- Examine and interpret current issues in financial accounting and able to apply this analysis to general business skills.

Class Participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 13 hours

Due: **Various - See iLearn**

Weighting: **20%**

Students are required to: 1. Attend and actively participate in class (worth 15%) and 2. Peerwise (worth 5%) Class participation is designed to encourage and help students achieve the learning outcomes of this unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Research and professionally communicate the issues that need to be addressed in the preparation of general-purpose financial statements.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Learning Skills Unit](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Classes

The timetable for classes can be found on the University web site at: <http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/>

You MUST attend the class in which you are enrolled.

Required and Recommended Texts and/or Materials

Prescribed Reference Materials

CPA Program: CPA 115 Financial Reporting, Deakin University, Geelong, January 2020 – provided by CPA Australia

Module Topic Notes (in powerpoint format) - to be downloaded each week from iLearn.

Recommended Reference Materials

The following source references will be used to provide practical application examples:

- CPA Program: Financial Reporting Student Support Notes, BPP Learning Media Limited, January 2018 – available on iLearn
- Picker, Leo, Loftus, Wise, Clark, Alfredson *Applying International Financial Reporting Standards*, 4th edition. John Wiley & Sons Australia Ltd, (2016).
- Leo, K., Hoggett, J., Sweeting, J and Radford J., *Company Accounting In Australia*, 10th edition, John Wiley & Sons Australia Ltd (2015).

Students will be required to use library resources to research beyond these materials in undertaking research necessary to complete their written presentation assignment.

The CPA Australia course materials have a reference list at the end of each module containing all references cited by the author. These provide some guidance to references that could be used to research an assignment on a particular issue.

Unit Web Page

- Course material is available on the learning management system (iLearn)
- The web page for this unit can be found at: <http://ilearn.mq.edu.au>

Learning and Teaching Activities

Each class will meet weekly for a 3 hour lecture during the session. All scheduled classes are compulsory. In between classes, students are required to work through the relevant module(s) in the CPA program, CPA115 segment module, as well as work on assessment tasks.

Students are expected to fully study the course material and recommended readings of each CPA Module. You are encouraged to properly construct your own notes based on your reading, any additional comments, and supplements.

Each class will consist of an overview and discussion of the main content, concepts and issues from the relevant CPA Australia Module topics. In addition, other activities will take place that seek to enhance and enrich understanding of the content, the readings and any accounting standards related to each module. This will include working through questions in the CPA material and discussing articles or actual financial statements that help demonstrate the topic more fully.

Students will be provided with materials related to the topic by the lecturer (which will be placed on iLearn), however it is important to understand that these are only intended to be used as an overview and guide.

Technology Used and Required

Students will need access to Microsoft Excel, Word and Powerpoint to enable completion of various assessment tasks throughout the session.

In addition students will require access to the internet, including specifically access to iLearn.

Unit Schedule

Week	Week Beginning	Topic/Content
1	25 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Unit • Module 1: The role and importance of financial reporting
2	1 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 4: Income Taxes <p>Note: This is an online session and compulsory for all students (Time and Day to be advised).</p>
3	1 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 5: Business Combinations and group accounting (part I) • Assessed coursework #1: Modules 1&4 (5%) will be held online Friday 5 February
4	8 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 5: Business Combinations and group accounting (part II) <p>Note: This is an online session and compulsory for all students (Time and Day to be advised).</p>
5	8 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 6: Financial instruments (Part 1)
6	15 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 6: Financial instruments (Part 2)
7	22 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 3: Revenue, provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets (Part 1) • Assessed coursework #2: Modules 5&6 (5%) will be held online Friday 26th February
8	1 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 3: Revenue, provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets (Part 2)
9	8 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 2: Presentation of financial statements
10	15 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 7: Impairment of Assets • Assessed coursework #3: Modules 2&3 (5%) will be held online Friday 19th March
11	22 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision - CPA Practice Materials • Assessed coursework #4: Module 7 (5%) will be held online Friday 26th March

12	29 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mid Semester Test - Modules 1 to 7 inclusive• Monday 29 March (Time to be advised)
13	29 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final CPA exam preparation session.• Exam Techniques

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Changes from Previous Offering

No Changes from previous offering.