



# MMBA8040

## Accounting for Managers

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*Department of Accounting and Corporate Governance*

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## General Information

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Prerequisites

Admission to MBA or PGDipMgt or GradDipMgt or GradCertMgt or MSocEntre or GradCertSocEntre

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit equips managers and potential managers with the skills and tools to construct, analyse, interpret, and act upon accounting, financial and non-financial information produced within a business to improve judgments and decisions. International and national contextual factors and theoretical frameworks are examined to provide insight into the complexities of financial decision making. The discussion and analysis begin with the three financial statements targeted at external users: statement of profit or loss, statement of financial position and statement of cash flows. The unit then proceeds into the analysis, interpretation of financial information, and the use of management accounting information for the purpose of managerial decision making. Research skills and real-life complexities in the decision-making process are highlighted.

## 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 skills to investigate and propose well-reasoned solutions to make prudent financial judgements and decisions.

**ULO2:** Evaluate a range of business indicators to measure and track the firm's value creation.

**ULO3:** Critically analyse the implications of a firm's decisions/strategies for a range of stakeholders in view of the firm's strategic considerations.

**ULO4:** Apply finance, accounting and economic theories, frameworks and methods to make business decisions.

## General Assessment Information

### Late Assessment Submission Penalty

Unless an application for [Special Consideration](#) has been submitted and approved, a **5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted**, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a grade of '0' will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical concern.

For any late submissions of time-sensitive tasks, such as scheduled tests, exams, performance assessments, and/or scheduled practical assessments/labs, students need to submit an application for [Special Consideration](#).

### Special Consideration

To request an extension on the due date/time for a timed or non-timed assessment task, you must submit a Special Consideration application. An application for Special Consideration does not guarantee approval.

The approved extension date for a student becomes the new due date for that student. The late submission penalties above then apply as of the new due date

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<a href="#">Online Participation</a>	10%	No	During intensive classes
<a href="#">Syndicate Report</a>	20%	No	Thursday 25 August, 2022 before 10pm
<a href="#">Final Exam</a>	50%	No	University formal examination period

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Class Test</u>	20%	No	Saturday 6 August, 2022, 10 to 11am

## Online Participation

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 10 hours

Due: **During intensive classes**

Weighting: **10%**

Students will be assessed on their class participation during the session.

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- Evaluate a range of business indicators to measure and track the firm's value creation.
- Critically analyse the implications of a firm's decisions/strategies for a range of stakeholders in view of the firm's strategic considerations.
- Apply finance, accounting and economic theories, frameworks and methods to make business decisions.

## Syndicate Report

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Project

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 25 hours

Due: **Thursday 25 August, 2022 before 10pm**

Weighting: **20%**

Students are required to undertake an analysis of a range of aspects of a company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. They are required to analyse the performance of the organisation (including strategic considerations) and provide critiques and recommendations.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply skills to investigate and propose well-reasoned solutions to make prudent financial judgements and decisions.
- Evaluate a range of business indicators to measure and track the firm's value creation.

- Critically analyse the implications of a firm's decisions/strategies for a range of stakeholders in view of the firm's strategic considerations.
- Apply finance, accounting and economic theories, frameworks and methods to make business decisions.

## Final Exam

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Examination

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 15 hours

Due: **University formal examination period**

Weighting: **50%**

The final exam is of 2 hours duration and will be conducted online. It will be open book and covers the content of the course.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply skills to investigate and propose well-reasoned solutions to make prudent financial judgements and decisions.
- Evaluate a range of business indicators to measure and track the firm's value creation.
- Apply finance, accounting and economic theories, frameworks and methods to make business decisions.

## Class Test

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 15 hours

Due: **Saturday 6 August, 2022, 10 to 11am**

Weighting: **20%**

During the mid-session, a class test will be held.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply skills to investigate and propose well-reasoned solutions to make prudent financial judgements and decisions.
- Evaluate a range of business indicators to measure and track the firm's value creation.
- Apply finance, accounting and economic theories, frameworks and methods to make business decisions.

<sup>1</sup> 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 [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

<sup>2</sup> 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

### TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

MGSM iLearn

The web page for this unit can be found at: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/MGSM>

### DELIVERY FORMAT

Please see iLearn for details.

Students are required to attend all classes.

### SUGGESTED TEXT

Unit notes provide the key information and are written, where applicable, from the perspective of managers and executives.

While there is no required textbook for this unit, the following textbook is suggested for optional reading to provide background/supporting material where relevant:

Atrill, P., McLaney, E., Harvey, D. & Cong, L.M., 2020, Accounting: An Introduction, 8th Edition, Pearson Australia, ISBN: 978-1-4886-2569-5.

Additional references will be provided on iLearn.

### EMAIL USE

It is University policy that the University issued email account will be used for official University communication. All students are required to access their University account frequently. Only contact Macquarie University staff (including tutors), using your official MQ student's account because this is one method used to verify your identity.

## Unit Schedule

The weekly topics and readings are as follows:

### LECTURE SCHEDULE

Topic	Primary Readings	Optional - AMHC Textbook Reading	
Friday 29 July, 9 am to 12	Introduction. The Nature of Accounting. International and national contextual factors influencing accounting	Unit Notes – Topic 1	<i>Chapters 1 &amp; 4</i>
Friday 29 July 1 pm to 5 pm	Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) and Statement of Financial Performance (Income Statement/Statement of Profit or Loss)	Unit Notes – Topic 2	<i>Chapters 2 &amp; 3</i>
Saturday 30 July, 9 am to 12	Statement of Cash Flows	Unit Notes – Topic 3	<i>Chapter 6</i>
Saturday 30 July, 1 pm to 5 pm	Working Capital Management	Unit Notes – Topic 4	
Sunday 31 July 9 am to 12 pm	Financial Statement Analysis	Readings in iLearn. Unit Notes – Topics 5 and 6	<i>Chapters 8 &amp; 13</i>
Sunday 31 July, 1 to 5 pm	Introduction to climate, social and other sustainable risks in financial markets Syndicate Report	Readings in iLearn Resources in iLearn	
Saturday 20 August, 9 am to 12	Understanding accounting research and developing research skills	Readings in iLearn.	
Saturday 20 August, 1 to 5 pm	Financial Statement Analysis: Additional Insights	Unit Notes – Topic 6	<i>Chapters 9 &amp; 10</i>
Sunday 21 August, 9 am to 12	Cost Behaviour and Analysis Short-Term Management Planning Syndicate Report	Unit Notes – Topics 8 & 9	
Sunday 21 August, 1 to 5 pm	Conclusion, summary and revision		

## 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](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution 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](https://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

## Student Support

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

## The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)



- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the 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 Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- [Mental health support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)

## Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about\\_us/offices\\_and\\_units/information\\_technology/help/](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

Relevant scholarly articles are provided on iLearn to develop students' research skills to make informed financial judgments and decisions.

## Professional career

Additional focus is placed on research-driven teaching to enhance students' professional careers. Scholarly articles to help students develop research skills will be discussed in the seminars.