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Accounting Capstone

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Department of Accounting and Corporate Governance

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

40cp in ACCG or ACST or AFIN or BUS or ECON or MGMT or MKTG units at 8000 level

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit aims to consolidate learning across postgraduate studies in accounting, preparing students for employment in complex business environments. Leadership and entrepreneurship are discussed as well as the importance of risk management in business decision making. Using real life case studies, reviews of industry reports and research as well as presentations by industry leaders and student alumni, this unit develops the knowledge and skills necessary to work as a professional accountant. This unit requires students to think critically, ethically and strategically in solving business problems whilst integrating technical knowledge and professional skills.

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: Integrate and synthesise knowledge and skills relating to the core disciplines of professional accounting (and critically analyse the application and impact of these concepts, theories and methods to contemporary accounting challenges).

ULO2: Identify and reflect on knowledge and skills obtained by completing a postgraduate accounting qualification and evaluate how these have helped prepare for a transition to employment as an accountant.

ULO3: Critically evaluate the relationship between accounting and technology, including how accounting and business strategies determine information systems decisions.

ULO4: Apply professionally critical judgement and problem-solving capabilities to recommend justified solutions.

ULO5: Form and articulate an opinion on emerging social, environmental, ethical, regulatory, political and technological aspects relevant to an accounting practitioner.

ULO6: Explain the components of an organisation's governance framework, internal control procedures, and risk management framework.

General Assessment Information

Late Submission Penalties

If you submit your assessment late, 5% of the total possible marks will be deducted for each day (including weekends), up to 7 days. Submissions more than 7 days late will receive a mark of 0.

Example 1 (out of 100):

If you score 85/100 but submit **20 hours late**, you will lose **5 marks** and receive **80/100**.

Example 2 (out of 30):

If you score 27/30 but submit **20 hours late**, you will lose **1.5 marks** and receive **25.5/30**.

Extensions

Automatic short extension: Some assessments are eligible for automatic short extension. You can only apply for an automatic short extension before the due date.

Special Consideration: If you need more time due to serious issues and for any assessments that are not eligible for Short Extension, you must apply for Special Consideration. Need help? Review the [Special Consideration page](#) for further details.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due	Groupwork/Individual	Short Extension	AI Approach
Professional practice: Research report	30%	No	28/ 08/ 2026	Individual	Yes	Open

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<u>Skills development:</u> <u>Key trends</u>	30%	No	09/ 10/ 2026	Individual	Yes	Open
<u>Professional practice:</u> <u>Case study</u>	40%	No	Week 13	Individual and Group	No	Observed

Professional practice: Research report

Assessment Type ¹: Problem-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **28/08/2026**

Weighting: **30%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: Yes

AI Approach: Open

The purpose of this assessment is for you to apply your expertise in corporate governance to research issues and develop recommendations.

You will prepare a research report which recommends potential solutions to the issues identified.

Skills in focus:

- Global, ethical and environmental citizenship
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Communication skills
- Work readiness

Deliverable(s): Written report [max 1000 words]

Individual assessment

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Integrate and synthesise knowledge and skills relating to the core disciplines of professional accounting (and critically analyse the application and impact of these concepts, theories and methods to contemporary accounting challenges).
- Identify and reflect on knowledge and skills obtained by completing a postgraduate accounting qualification and evaluate how these have helped prepare for a transition to employment as an accountant.
- Critically evaluate the relationship between accounting and technology, including how accounting and business strategies determine information systems decisions.
- Apply professionally critical judgement and problem-solving capabilities to recommend

justified solutions.

- Form and articulate an opinion on emerging social, environmental, ethical, regulatory, political and technological aspects relevant to an accounting practitioner.
- Explain the components of an organisation's governance framework, internal control procedures, and risk management framework.

Skills development: Key trends

Assessment Type ¹: Reflection task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **09/10/2026**

Weighting: **30%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: Yes

AI Approach: Open

The purpose of this assessment is for you to reflect on key trends in Accounting as identified during the unit.

You will prepare a reflection on the key trends and topics discussed during the unit with a focus on their impact on contemporary accounting.

Skills in focus:

- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Communication skills
- Collaboration skills
- Digital skills

Deliverable(s): Reflective Essay [max 1500 words]

Individual assessment

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Integrate and synthesise knowledge and skills relating to the core disciplines of professional accounting (and critically analyse the application and impact of these concepts, theories and methods to contemporary accounting challenges).
- Identify and reflect on knowledge and skills obtained by completing a postgraduate accounting qualification and evaluate how these have helped prepare for a transition to employment as an accountant.
- Critically evaluate the relationship between accounting and technology, including how accounting and business strategies determine information systems decisions.
- Form and articulate an opinion on emerging social, environmental, ethical, regulatory,

political and technological aspects relevant to an accounting practitioner.

Professional practice: Case study

Assessment Type ¹: Professional task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 25 hours

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **40%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual and Group

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Observed

The purpose of this assessment is for you to draw on published research to identify adopted impression management strategies and develop specific recommendations on how to improve corporate communication of sustainability issues.

You will prepare a group presentation analysing the disclosures of a listed company.

Skills in focus:

- Global, ethical and environmental citizenship
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Communication skills
- Work readiness

Deliverable(s): Presentation

Individual and group assessment

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Integrate and synthesise knowledge and skills relating to the core disciplines of professional accounting (and critically analyse the application and impact of these concepts, theories and methods to contemporary accounting challenges).
- Apply professionally critical judgement and problem-solving capabilities to recommend justified solutions.
- Form and articulate an opinion on emerging social, environmental, ethical, regulatory, political and technological aspects relevant to an accounting practitioner.

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
- [Academic Success](#) 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.

³ An automatic short extension is available for some assessments. Apply through the [Service Connect Portal](#).

Delivery and Resources

Please see iLearn for details

Unit Schedule

Week starting	Topic
Week 1 - Week Starting 27 July	Introduction to the Capstone
Week 2 - Week Starting 3 August	Leadership
Week 3 - Week Starting 10 August	Governance
Week 4 - Week Starting 17 August	Professionalism, ethical codes and the public interest
Week 5 - Week Starting 24 August	Assessing and Managing Risk and Strategic Control of Operations
Week 6 - Week Starting 31 August	Evaluating, Enabling, and Implementing Strategic Change : Applications of IT/E-business
Week 7 - Week Starting 7 September	Evaluating, Enabling, and Implementing Strategic Change : Process Redesign and Project Management
Week 8 - Week Starting 14 September	Sustainability 1 - CSR and Sustainability Reporting
21 September to 5 October - MID SESSION BREAK	
Week 9 - Week Starting 6 October	Sustainability 2 - Impresssion Management in Sustainability Reports
Week 10 - Week Starting 12 October	Financial Analysis and Insights in Comtemporany Organisations
Week 11 - Week Starting 19 October	Reflections and Employability Master Class
Week 12 - Week Starting 26 October	Reflections and Employability Master Class
Week 13 - Week Starting 2 November	Student Group Presentations

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 connect.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact 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/>

Academic Success

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

- [Ask a Study Coach](#)
- [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 Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

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

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/technology/service-desk>.

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

Change of topic sequence.

Unit information based on version 2026.03 of the [Handbook](#)