

## Introduction to Accounting

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Accounting and Finances	FB	1

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## Teaching groups languages

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## Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course. No application.

## Objectives and Contextualisation

### Contextualisation:

This subject is contextualized together with Economy of the Company within the subject Business, which is taught in the first semester of the first year. It is prior and preparatory to take the subject of Financial Accounting I that gives access to the subject Financial Accounting.

### Objectives:

The main aims of this first course are:

1. To familiarize students with the accounting framework, general accounting principles and accounting regulation
2. To understand what are the main accounting elements: assets, liabilities, income, expense and equity
3. To familiarize them with the annual accounts, the balance sheet and the income statement
4. To understand the accounting cycle and learn how to both start it and close it at the end of the year

5. To learn how to elaborate the balance sheet and the income statement

## **Learning Outcomes**

1. CM36 (Competence) Perform the comprehensive accounting process of all transactions made by the company and that determine the result of the financial year and can be used to prepare the balance sheet and the profit and loss account.
2. CM37 (Competence) Use the different recording and valuation criteria set out in the accounting standard.
3. KM27 (Knowledge) Distinguish the key principles and rules of commercial law.
4. SM36 (Skill) Apply the comprehensive (global) accounting process using appropriate IT support.
5. SM37 (Skill) Prepare accounting statements and economic-financial reports by digitalising the information and using computer systems.

## **Content**

Topic 1: Accounting and information systems

Accounting Concept.

Users of Accounting Information. Classification of Accounting.

Stages in the Accounting Cycle. The Financial Statements.

Limitation of Accounting Data. Requirements for Accounting Information.

Spanish General Accounting Plan. Accounting Framework and Structure

Topic 2: The Accounting Equation

The Accounting Equation. The Balance Sheet.

Assets, Liabilities and Equity.

The Profit and Loss Account.

The Statement of Retained Earnings.

The Statement of Cash Flows.

Analysis of Business Transactions.

Topic 3: The Recording Process

The Account as an Accounting Instrument.

Classification of Accounts.

The Recording Process.

The Journal and the Ledger.

Journal Entries.

Topic 4: The Accounting Cycle

Accounting Principles.

The Accounting Cycle.

Opening Stage.

Development Stage.

Adjustment Stage (Deferrals, Accruals, Depreciation).

Closing Stage.

Preparing the Financial Statements

Topic 5: Inventories

Types of Inventories.

Inventory Costing Methods.

Accounting for Inventories.

Permanent and Periodic Inventory System.

Purchases and Sales. Purchase and Sales Returns.

Purchase and Sales Allowances. Quantity Discounts.

Discounts for Prompt Payments.

Cost of Goods Sold.

Gross Margin (also: Gross Profit).

Topic 6: Accounting for Basic Transactions

Advances.

Accounts Receivable.

Accounting for Notes Receivable.

Doubtful Customers.

Long-Term Liabilities. Expenses for Personnel.

Noncurrent Assets and Depreciation.

Selling an Asset.

Impairment.

Inventory Shrinkage

Topic 7: The income statement (profit and loss accounting)

Accounting result concept and determining

Expenses and revenues

Accrued expenses and revenues

Adjusting changes in inventories

Adjusting the values of the assets

Topic 8: The standardized annual accounts.

The preparation of the annual accounts.

Presentation rules.  
 The balance sheet.  
 The profit and loss account.  
 The statement of changes in equity.  
 The statement of cash flows.  
 The memory.  
 Abbreviated models of annual accounts.  
 Verification of the annual accounts.

## Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
class sessions (practical)	13.5	0.54	CM36, CM37, KM27, CM36
Class sessions (theory)	32	1.28	CM36, CM37, KM27, CM36
Computerized classroom classes	4	0.16	SM36, SM37, SM36
Type: Supervised			
Tutorials of practical cases and teamwork	20.5	0.82	CM36, CM37, KM27, SM36, CM36
Type: Autonomous			
Study, research, analysis and teamwork	76	3.04	CM36, CM37, KM27, SM36, SM37, CM36

To achieve the objectives of the course, the following taxonomy of activities will be used:

### 1. Theory classes where teachers develop the main concepts

The objective of this activity is to present the fundamental concepts of the course and to facilitate their learning through the analysis of examples illustrating the main issues of the different topics analysed.

### 2. Exercises sessions devoted to the resolution of practical exercises

This activity aims to discuss and answer any questions that students may have in solving the problem sets, and at the same time to correct mistakes. These sessions will also stimulate the participation of students presenting the solutions of the problem sets either orally or in written form.

### 3. Tutorial attendance

Students have several hours where the teachers of the course may help them to resolve any doubts that may arise in the study of the course and in the solution of the problem sets.

### 4. Autonomous working

Students work on their own studying the main concepts and solving the exercises proposed in the class.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

## Assessment

### Continous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Elaboration of an exercise with the program A3.	5% of the total grade	0	0	SM36, SM37
Exercises: resolution and presentation of practical exercises in group	5% final mark	0	0	CM36, CM37, KM27
Final exam	50%	2	0.08	CM36, CM37, KM27
Partial exam	25%	2	0.08	CM36, CM37, KM27
Teamwork coursework on the accounting cycle	5% of the final grade	0	0	CM36, CM37, KM27, SM36
Work on accounting documents or accounting and tax work and resolution of 2 exercises individually	10% of the total grade	0	0	CM36, CM37, KM27, SM36

The evaluation of the student will be based on six points or activities:

1. Exercises: resolution and presentation of practical exercises in group, within the deadline (5% of the total grade)
2. Teamwork: Comptable cycle exercise carried out in teams of 4 students. (5% of the total grade).
3. Work on accounting documents or accounting and tax work and resolution of 2 exercises individually, within term (10% of the total grade).
4. Elaboration of an exercise with the program A3, within term . (5% of the total grade).
5. Partial test (25% of the total mark)
  - Topics 1, 2 and 3 (October/November): 25%
6. Final test (50% of the total mark) according to the exam calendar
  - Theoretical part: Topics 4, 5 and 6
  - Practical part: the entire course

To pass an activity, an evaluation equal to or greater than 35% of the value of the activity is required (score equal to or greater than 3.5).

All students are required to perform the evaluation activities. If the student's grade is 5 or higher, the student passes the course and it cannot be subject to further evaluation, and at least it will be necessary to have obtained a 5 in the partial test or in the final test. If the student grade is less than 3.5, the student will have to repeat the course the following year. Students who have obtained a grade that is equal to or greater than 3.5 and less than 5 can take a second chance exam. The lecturers will decide the type of the second chance exam. When the second exam grade is greater than 5, the final grade will be a PASS with a maximum numerical grade of 5. When the second exam grade is less than 5, the final grade will be a FAIL with a numerical grade equal to the grade achieved in the course grade (not the second chance exam grade).

A student who does not perform any evaluative task is considered "not evaluable", therefore, a student who performs a continuous assessment component cannot longer be qualified with a "not evaluable".

#### Calendar of evaluation activities

The dates of the evaluation activities (midterm exams, exercises in the classroom, assignments, ...) will be announced well in advance during the semester.

The date of the final exam is scheduled in the assessment calendar of the Faculty.

*"The dates of evaluation activities cannot be modified, unless there is an exceptional and duly justified reason why an evaluation activity cannot be carried out. In this case, the degree coordinator will contact both the teaching staff and the affected student, and a new date will be scheduled within the same academic period to make up for the missed evaluation activity."* **Section 1 of Article 115. Calendar of evaluation activities (Academic Regulations UAB).** Students of the Faculty of Economics and Business, who in accordance with the previous paragraph need to change an evaluation activity date must process the request by filling out an Application for exams' reschedule

[https://eformularis.uab.cat/group/deganat\\_feie/application-for-exams-reschedule](https://eformularis.uab.cat/group/deganat_feie/application-for-exams-reschedule)

#### Grade revision process

After all grading activities have ended, students will be informed of the date and way in which the course grades will be published. Students will be also be informed of the procedure, place, date and time of grade revision following University regulations.

#### Retake Process

*"To be eligible to participate in the retake process, it is required for students to have been previously been evaluated for at least two thirds of the total evaluation activities of the subject."* Section 3 of Article 112 ter. The recovery (UAB Academic Regulations). Additionally, it is required that the student to have achieved an average grade of the subject between 3.5 and 4.8.

The date of the retake exam will be posted in the calendar of evaluation activities of the Faculty. Students who take this exam and pass, will get a grade of 5 for the subject. If the student does not pass the retake, the grade will remain unchanged, and hence, student will fail the course.

#### Irregularities in evaluation activities

In spite of other disciplinary measures deemed appropriate, and in accordance with current academic regulations, *"in the case that the student makes any irregularity that could lead to a significant variation in the grade of an evaluation activity, it will be graded with a 0, regardless of the disciplinary process that can be instructed. In case of various irregularities occur in the evaluation of the same subject, the final grade of this subject will be 0".* **Section 10 of Article 116. Results of the evaluation. (UAB Academic Regulations).**

#### Comprehensive evaluation

Students are entitled to request a comprehensive evaluation.

By requesting the comprehensive evaluation the student waives the option of continuous evaluation.

Students may continue to go to class even though they have opted for single assessment. For some of these classes attendance may, in fact, be obligatory.

The comprehensive evaluation must be requested at the Academic Management (Gestió acadèmica) Campus de Sabadell. The request must be filed according to the procedure and the deadline established by the administrative calendar of the Faculty of Economics and Business.

The comprehensive evaluation consists of an exam on the content of the entire course, theoretical and practical, which will account for 100% of the final grade. The exam has a duration of four hours. This activity will be carried out in person.

Student attendance is mandatory on the day of the comprehensive assessment. The date will be the same as that of the final exam of the semester as per the evaluation calendar published by the Faculty of Economics and Business and approved by the Faculty's Teaching and Academic Affairs Committee.

For the retake procedure, no distinction is made between students who have followed the continuous evaluation and those who have opted for the comprehensive evaluation. All will be re-assessed using the same test or evaluation evidence.

The review of the final qualification will follow the same procedure as for the continuous evaluation.

#### Artificial Intelligence

Prohibited use: "In this course, the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies is not permitted in any of its phases. Any work that includes AI-generated fragments will be considered a breach of academic dishonesty and may result in a partial or total penalty in the assignment grade, or greater penalties in serious cases."

## Bibliography

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Spanish General Accounting Plan.

### PUBLICATIONS, READINGS AND WEB LINKS:

UAB Virtual Campus of the subject

## Software

The programs and databases used in the subject are: A3 and SABI.

## Groups and Languages

Please note that this information is provisional until 30 November 2025. You can check it through this [link](#). To consult the language you will need to enter the CODE of the subject.

Name	Group	Language	Semester	Turn
(PAUL) Classroom practices	101	Catalan	first semester	morning-mixed
(PAUL) Classroom practices	102	Spanish	first semester	morning-mixed
(PAUL) Classroom practices	501	Catalan	first semester	afternoon
(PAUL) Classroom practices	502	Catalan/Spanish	first semester	afternoon
(PLAB) Practical laboratories	101	Spanish	first semester	morning-mixed
(PLAB) Practical laboratories	102	Catalan	first semester	morning-mixed
(PLAB) Practical laboratories	501	Spanish	first semester	afternoon
(PLAB) Practical laboratories	502	Catalan	first semester	afternoon
(TE) Theory	10	Catalan	first semester	morning-mixed
(TE) Theory	50	Spanish	first semester	afternoon