

Cost Management Systems

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Degree	Type	Year
Business and Information Technology	OB	3

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Teaching groups languages

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Prerequisites

Prerequisites are not required to take this subject.

Objectives and Contextualisation

Context:

This subject is contextualized between the knowledge areas of Accounting (Principles of Accounting subject in Business and Information Technology's degree) and Operations (with Business Process Management and Operations Management as subjects of the Business and Information Technology's degree).

Goals:

- Understanding the relationship between the Financial Accounting and Cost Accounting.
- Understand the concept of cost and the relationship between cost and expense, as well as the classification of costs.
- Knowing how to use process-costing systems in different types of industry.
- Understand the concept and applications of the standard cost as a basic tool for Planning and Budgeting Process.
- Learn the relevant information for decision making.
- Understand the concept of quality in its different areas (product, company and environment). Know how to calculate the costs of product quality or service.

Learning Outcomes

1. KM20 (Knowledge) Describe the necessary analysis tools, both at a qualitative and quantitative level, for problem solving and decision-making in the different functional levels of the company.

Content

Topic 1. Concept and Classification of Costs

1. Differences between Financial Accounting and Cost Management.
2. Cost concept.
3. Classification of costs.
4. Costs for Nature.
 1. The cost of materials.
 2. The cost of labor.
 3. Other costs.

Topic 2. Cost Allocation Systems

1. Direct Cost.
2. Full Cost Industrial.
3. Rational Allocation.
4. Total Full Cost.

Topic 3. Cost Pool Homogeneity

1. The process of allocating costs. Organic system versus Inorganic System.
2. Operating Departments and Support Departments.
3. Statistics Costs Settlement

Topic 4. Costing systems

1. Job-costing system.
 1. Allocation of costs to orders.
 2. Assessment of current orders.
 3. The result calculation of the orders.
3. Process-costing system.
 1. Table of distribution and Table Matrix
 2. Process costing with both some opening and some closing work-in-progress stock.
 3. The unit cost structure.

Topic 5. The Standard Cost and Budget Control

1. Cost Standard. Concept and Calculation.
2. The Budgeting Process.
3. Managing the Budgeting Process.
 1. Flexible Budget.
 2. Analysis of variances.

Topic 6. Control systems and transfer pricing

1. The decentralization.
2. Transfer pricing.

Topic 7. Costs and Business Management

1. Costs of Quality. Concept and Classification.
2. Decision Making.
 1. Relevant costs.
 2. Accepting or rejecting one-off special decision.
4. The case of cost management in technology projects.

Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Laboratory practice	10	0.4	KM20, KM20
Practical sessions and problem solving	10	0.4	KM20, KM20
Theoretical sessions, case studies and work team	29.5	1.18	KM20, KM20
Type: Supervised			
The monitoring and supervision of the exercises and case studies	5	0.2	KM20, KM20
Tutorials of case studies and work group	10	0.4	KM20, KM20
Type: Autonomous			
Study and research for information	40.5	1.62	KM20, KM20
Work group	45	1.8	KM20, KM20

The teaching methodology will be based on a combination of the following four types of activities:

- Guided activity: theoretical and practical classes based on theoretical debates, group project development and case studies.
- Supervised activity: consists of the assistance to tutorials and the realization of the work-group project with guided follow-up.
- Individual self-study activity: it will include the student's personal study and the resolution and analysis of practical cases.
- Autonomous group activity: Project development.

The subject is developed using the Challenge-Based Learning (CBL) teaching methodology and carrying out effective feedback processes.

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

Continuous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Final Test	40%	0	0	KM20
Laboratory practice	15%	0	0	KM20
Project Group	45%	0	0	KM20

Evaluation

This subject does not offer the option for comprehensive evaluation. Student assessment will be based on the following activities:

1. Project Group (45% of the total).
 1. 5% Deliveries on time (at least 80%).
 2. 35% of the project. Will be assessed based on a rubric.
 1. 15% First prototype (note Group).
 2. 5% Oral Defense (note Group).
 3. 15% Final version (note group).
 4. 5% Individual evaluation (weighted average about the score of colleagues and the score of the professor). It is not computable if do not done this activity.
3. Laboratory practice (15% of the total). The grade is computable if you get a score higher than 5 out of 10.
4. Final Test, 5 to 7 subjects (40% of the mark). The grade is computable if you get a score higher than 3,5 out of 10.

To pass the course the student should get her an aggregate grade not less than 4.9 out of 10. To pass the course is also necessary have completed all activities: Laboratory Practice, project and Final Test.

Calendar of evaluation activities

The dates of the evaluation activities (Laboratory practice, 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 at

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 is posted in the calendar of evaluation activities of the Faculty. Students taking this exam and passing will get a grade of 5 for the subject. For the students that do not pass the retake, the grade will remain unchanged, and hence, will fail the course.

Irregularities in evaluation activities

Despite other disciplinary measures deemed appropriate, and in accordance with current academic regulations, *"whenever a 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 occurrence of various irregularities 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).**

Not assessable

Following point 9 of article 266 of the UAB Academic Regulations, when it is considered that the student has not been able to provide sufficient evidence for the assessment of this subject, he/she will be classified as not assessable.

Use of AI

In this subject, the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies is allowed as an integral part of the development of the work, provided that the final result reflects a significant contribution by the student in the analysis and personal reflection. The student must clearly identify which parts have been generated with this technology, specify the tools used and include a critical reflection on how these have influenced the process and the final result of the activity. The lack of transparency in the use of AI will be considered a lack of academic honesty and may lead to a penalty in the grade of the activity, or greater sanctions in serious cases. The use of AI in conducting exams is not permitted.

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Software

Excel will be used as a spreadsheet.

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	201	Catalan	first semester	morning-mixed
(PLAB) Practical laboratories	201	Catalan	first semester	morning-mixed
(PLAB) Practical laboratories	202	Catalan	first semester	morning-mixed
(TE) Theory	20	Catalan	first semester	morning-mixed