

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: ACCT 480 Applied Professional Practice

CLASS SECTION: 001

TERM: Fall 2024

COURSE CREDITS: 3.0

DELIVERY METHOD(S): Hybrid

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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HOURS: By appointment – please email

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This course integrates and applies the knowledge acquired in financial accounting, managerial accounting, income tax, audit, finance, law, and information technology to evaluate business situations experienced by professional accountants. Students use current business practices and literature to further develop the judgment, research, and communication skills required in professional practice.

PREREQUISITE(S): C in ACCT 380 and one of C in ACCT 350 or C in ACCT 375

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

1. Integrate and apply knowledge from income tax, financial accounting, managerial accounting, audit, finance, law, and information technology to situations typically experienced by an accountant in public practice, industry, and the not for profit sector.
2. Evaluate business scenarios typically experienced by accountants and plan appropriate strategies for dealing with those scenarios.
3. Apply relevant information through researching and interpreting material such as the Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA) Handbook, the Income Tax Act, current business literature, ethical standards, government policies, and emergent technical literature to a variety of business issues.
4. Analyze and prepare written reports and oral presentations on a variety of business challenges for specific audiences, such as bankers, clients, partners and government agencies.
5. Analyze and demonstrate the ethical behaviour required by accountants in various business situations.

Computer and software requirements

- a) The course will be delivered using Camosun College's Desire2Learn ("D2L") platform which you can access at online.camosun.ca. For instructions for how to first access D2L, please see <https://camosun.ca/services/student-orientation/online-learning> . For D2L, it is recommended that you use Chrome as your browser.
- b) As a Camosun student, you qualify for a free Office 365 subscription. Please see details at <http://camosun.ca/services/its/other-services.html> . You will regularly use MS PowerPoint, Word and Excel.
- c) Your computer hardware and software need to meet the minimum standards set by Camosun <http://camosun.ca/services/orientation/online-learning.html> . For D2L, it is recommended that you use Chrome as your browser. Please contact the library early in the semester if you need a loaner laptop or a wireless Internet hotspot <https://camosun.ca/services/library/borrow>
- d) **Exams in this course will be online, invigilated live at a scheduled time via zoom using a microphone and webcam.** You will require a reliable computer along with a strong Internet connection, the ability to install examination lockdown software, and a private space to write your exams. You will also require a secondary device with webcam and microphone (i.e. a smartphone or tablet). Please see Camosun's Online Learning requirements at <http://camosun.ca/services/orientation/online-learning.html> . Please contact the library early in the semester if you need a loaner laptop or a wireless Internet hotspot.

Other Reference materials

In addition to the course D2L site, you will be using numerous reference resources available to you free online via the Camosun College library including the CPA Handbook, the Income Tax Act, Ernst & Young's Complete Guide to Income Tax, as well as business management resources including Mastering Strategic Management by Ketchen and Short, available as an open textbook at:

<https://open.bccampus.ca/browse-our-collection/find-open-textbooks/?uuid=91cdcf18-273d-44cc-8432-865d09005fda&contributor&keyword&subject>

As well, you will research numerous other sources including the CRA and CPA websites.

You will also be using various software including Profile, Excel, and Word. You can obtain a free student copy of Profile by registering at www.intuiteducation.ca/students (you need to pick Profile from the list of available software).

Use of generative AI (artificial intelligence)

During this course, you are going to be required to complete a number of written assignments. If you choose to use generative AI for one of your written assignments, you must disclose that you have used generative AI, indicate which portion of the text was prepared by generative AI and rewrite the generative AI text in your own words. **If I find that generative AI has been used and not disclosed, even when permitted, academic integrity penalties will be applied. Generative AI is not appropriate in response to debrief questions or reflections on self-learning and cannot be used in exams.**

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

This course integrates and applies knowledge acquired in financial accounting, managerial accounting, income tax, audit, finance, law, and information technology to evaluate business situations experienced by professional accountants. Students use current business practices and literature to further develop the judgment, research, and communication skills required in professional practice.

IMPORTANT: All assignments are due via the D2L assignments folder by 11:55 pm PST on the stated date.

Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting

This section requires mandatory attendance for the first class meeting of the course. If you do not attend, and do not provide your instructor with a reasonable explanation in advance, you will be removed from the course and the space offered to the next waitlisted student. For more information, please see the "Attendance" section under "Registration Policies for Students" [Registration Policies for Students | Camosun College](#)

Online Sessions

Online sessions: I will hold online sessions via Zoom from 6:00 pm to 8:50 pm PST. The purpose of these online sessions is to provide support to students. You do not have to attend the online sessions, and I will not track, nor report on attendance at the online sessions.

The evening version of this course includes two hours and fifty minutes of instruction. In addition to attendance, students are expected to access online materials available on the course D2L site and ensure that sufficient homework is completed to make up the additional 50 minutes of day class coverage.

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
1	Tuesday, September 3	Unit 1 – Accounting student in public practice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course introduction• Assignment 1	Sunday, September 8: Course requirements quiz due (two attempts provided)
2	Monday, September 9	Unit 1 – Accounting student in public practice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assignment 1	
3	Monday, September 16	Unit 1 – Accounting student in public practice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assignment 1	Sunday, September 22: Assignment 1 due
4	Monday, September 23	Unit 1 – Accounting student in public practice	Tuesday, September 24: Assignment 1 self-evaluation due

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assignment 2 	
5	Monday, September 30 No class – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Unit 1 – Accounting student in public practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assignment 2 	Sunday, October 6: Assignment 2 due
6	Monday, October 7	Unit 1 – Accounting student in public practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assignment 3 	Tuesday, October 8: Assignment 2 self-evaluation due
7	Monday, October 14 No class – Thanksgiving Day	Unit 1 – Accounting student in public practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assignment 3 	
8	Monday, October 21	Unit 1 – Accounting student in public practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assignment 3 	Sunday, October 27: Assignment 3 due
9	Monday, October 28	Unit 2 – Assistant Controller in Industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assignment 4 	Tuesday, October 29: Assignment 3 self-evaluation due
10	Monday, November 4	Midterm Exam	
11	Monday, November 11 No class – Remembrance Day	Unit 2 – Assistant Controller in Industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assignment 4 	Sunday, November 10: Assignment 4 due
12	Monday, November 18	Unit 3 – Tax Auditor with CRA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assignment 5 	Tuesday, November 19: Assignment 4 self-evaluation due
13	Monday, November 25	Unit 3 – Tax Auditor with CRA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assignment 5 	Sunday, December 1: Assignment 5 due
14	Monday, December 2	Unit 4 – Financial manager with a local NPO	Tuesday, December 3: Assignment 5 self-evaluation due

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assignment 6 	Thursday, December 4: Assignment 6 due Saturday, December 7: Assignment 6 self-evaluation due Saturday, December 7: All revisions due
	TBD- Check MyCamosun for posted date	Final Exam	Please do not book travel during this time. Alternative dates or times will not be provided.

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning/academic-accommodations-exams). <https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning/academic-accommodations-exams>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Assignments	42%
Final Exam (180 minutes approx.)	30%
Midterm Exam (110 minutes approx.)	25%
Course Requirements Quiz	3%
	TOTAL
	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please notify me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information.
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Assignment tasks will be self-evaluated as follows, unless otherwise indicated:

Level 1 (100%) Proficient with distinction	Technically correct; professional preparation and presentation. IMPORTANT: A Level 1 score can only be achieved on an initial submission of a task, not on a revision.
Level 2 (87%) Highly proficient	Most items technically correct; professional preparation and presentation.
Level 3 (78%) Proficient	Most items technically correct; errors with one or more significant issues; professional preparation and presentation.
Level 4 (67%) Approaching proficiency	Some items technically correct; professional preparation and presentation in most cases.
Level 5 (55%) Proficiency not achieved	Proficiency not achieved technically and/or professionally.
Level 6 (0%) Passing not achieved	Task unsatisfactory, including submitted late, poor use of grammar, technically weak, unprofessional response. <i>If a level 6 is awarded on any task, a revision is required to improve the mark to a level 5. If a level 6 is received on a task and it is not revised, then you will receive an incomplete grade for the <u>entire course</u>.</i>

Assignment task submission requirements

- On Mondays at 9:00 am PST, the assignment for your simulated work term will be released.
- Unless otherwise noted, all tasks are due by Sunday of the indicated week by 11:55 pm PST.
- The initial submissions are reviewed for completion and to ensure a “reasonable attempt” has been made. If all tasks have been attempted reasonably, full marks will be awarded for the initial submission, irrespective of accuracy.
- Once your tasks have been submitted to the D2L assignment dropbox, a self-evaluation form (in Excel) will release into the weekly task folder in Content. You must complete the self-evaluation form and upload it to the appropriate D2L dropbox by Tuesday at 11:55 pm PST or you will receive a level 6 for those tasks.
- The instructor will compare the results of your self-evaluation to the original work you submitted and either agree or disagree with your self-evaluation using a D2L rubric. Your instructor’s assessment of each task is considered final and will be transmitted to the gradebook.
- All initial submissions must be named as follows: *LastnameFirstname–assignmentnumber*. For example: **DicksonJennifer-assignment1.doc** *This includes Profile files
- All self-evaluation forms must be named as follows: *LastnameFirstname–selfevaluation-assignmentnumber*. For example: **DicksonJennifer-selfevaluation-assignment1**
- Students have the ability to revise up to four tasks (not four assignments) in this course. Revising a task can increase your mark on that task by one level (to a maximum of Level 2). Level 6 tasks must be revised to avoid an incomplete grade in the course.

- Revisions must be completed in a different font colour in the original submission so that they can easily be identified by the instructor. All revised submissions must be named as follows: *LastnameFirstname–assignmentnumber–tasknumber—revised* and uploaded to the appropriate revision D2L dropbox.
- Your instructor will review each revised task and increase the mark by one level if warranted (e.g. from a Level 4 to a Level 3). Your instructor’s assessment of revised tasks is considered final and will be transmitted to the gradebook.
- Do not revise any tasks that were assessed at Level 2 on initial submission. These tasks cannot be revised to a Level 1.

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Late Submission Policy

- Given the timing of the self-evaluations for the course, **late submissions are not permitted.**
- Student technical issues are not an acceptable reason for handing in late submissions.
- **IMPORTANT:** As indicated above, you cannot have a level 6 on any task in this class or it results in an incomplete grade for the course. As a result, it is better to hand in an attempt for each task by the submission deadline than to leave a task blank.

Formatting of Task Submissions

Note: failure to follow these formatting guidelines will impact your mark for that assignment’s submission.

Word documents

1. Documents must be single-spaced, using 12-point Arial font and one-inch margins.
2. Use one Word file for all tasks that require a written response.
3. Insert a page break between each task within the Word file.
4. Label each page of the Word document with the task number.
5. Use the correct Memo or Letter format as required, unless indicated otherwise in the task.
6. Use headings and bullets to organize your information.
7. Your tasks must be in the order presented (i.e. task 1A must be before task 1B).

Excel documents

1. Use one Excel file for all tasks that require calculations.
2. Use a different tab or sheet for each task within the Excel file.
3. Label each sheet of the Excel document with the task number.
4. Use the Excel formulas for all calculations. Use cell references to link information that is calculated elsewhere in your spreadsheet.
5. Show calculations as separate line items.
6. Do not copy and paste an image of an Excel file or embed an Excel file within a Word document. If an Excel file contains supporting calculations, please refer to this document within the Word document and submit both files.
7. Your tasks must be in the order presented (ie. task 1A must be before task 1B).

Policy on Student Assessment

The midterm and final exams are written on the computer in D2L; there are no exceptions. Students who have a medical accommodation to handwrite their exams and/or must make the necessary arrangements with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL). CAL students who do not have a medical accommodation to handwrite will complete their exams in D2L.

Non-attendance on a scheduled exam date results in a nil grade unless evidenced by a medical certificate. With a medical certificate, the midterm percentage will be included in the final exam. Exams are closed book. The only material allowed in an exam is a calculator, pen, pencil, highlighter, and eraser.

Exam rules will be posted to the D2L site closer to the exam dates.

There are no make-up assignments, quizzes or exams offered to improve a course grade.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Assignment formatting. The School of Business uses APA style for formatting assignments and citing references. Proper citations and formatting using APA style will be required. See Camosun College (2018) Library Citation Guides retrieved from: <http://camosun.ca.libguides.com/apa7>.

- In text citations for quotes, paraphrasing, and references must be consistent with APA standards.
- Grammar, spelling, style and APA formatting, citations and referencing will be assessed in your mark.
- All submitted work must be properly referenced to sources where required by your instructor.

- Unless otherwise specified, you are to submit your own work, any work collaborated (unless permitted by the course) will be considered in violation of the college's Academic Integrity policy. See Camosun College (2021) [Academic Integrity Policy](#)

Deadlines and exams. You must submit your various assessments on the due date or as announced. A grade of zero will be assigned to late submissions. There are no additional assignments or make-up exams of any kind if you performed poorly on an assignment, midterm or final exam.

- a) **EXAM DATES WILL NOT BE RESCHEDULED.** Non-attendance on scheduled exam dates results in a zero grade. Exceptions will be made only for personal emergencies or unforeseeable extenuating circumstances in accordance with the College's Final Exam Reschedule and Repeat Policy <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2022-11/e-1.17.pdf>
- b) Students registered through the [Centre for Accessible Learning \(CAL\)](#) should discuss timelines with their instructors at the beginning of each semester.
- c) Medical notes must be dated, signed, and be written on letterhead or prescription paper imprinted with the physician's name and address. Notes are accepted from Physician (GP or medical specialist), Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Counsellor and Aboriginal Elder. Electronic notes will not be accepted. Medical documentation must be received as soon as reasonably possible.

Academic Integrity. The School of Business is committed to promoting competence, professionalism and integrity in our students and developing their core skills to succeed throughout their academic programs and in their careers. The purpose of the Academic Integrity policy is to provide clear expectations of appropriate academic conduct and to establish processes for discipline in appropriate circumstances. It is your responsibility to become familiar with the content and the consequences of academic dishonesty.

- See Camosun College (2021) [Academic Integrity Policy](#): "Students' Rights and Responsibilities".

Acts of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to:

- Using the exact words of a published or unpublished author without quotation marks and without referencing the source of these words.
- Duplicating a table, graph, or diagram, in whole or in part, without referencing the source.
- Paraphrasing the ideas of another person, whether written or verbal, without referencing the source.
- Providing answers to another student in any test, examination, or take-home assignment.
- Taking any unauthorized materials into an examination or test.

- ❑ Submitting the same paper or portions thereof for more than one assignment in different courses without the instructor's permission.

If you are uncertain or have any questions regarding academic integrity, please do not hesitate to discuss these with your instructor.

Recommended Materials/Resources to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

[Camosun Learning Skills page](#) and [Camosun Learning Skills Guides](#)

[Camosun Writing Centres: Tools and Resources](#)

[APA 7th Edition Workbook](#)

[Purdue Online Writing Lab \(OWL\)](#)

[SFU Essay Assignment Calculator](#) (Camosun's [Time Management Guide](#) also links to this page)

Employment Opportunities. Job positions for Co-op work terms, non-Co-op work terms, and full-time employment are posted on Camosun's employment website. See Camosun College (2018) Co-op and Career Portal from: <https://educationthatworks.camosun.ca/>.

Accounting and Finance Students

Want to know more about events happening in the Accounting and Finance department, including recruiting and networking events? Check out <http://camosun.ca/cpa2b> for current events.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/academic-advising
Accessible Learning	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning
Counselling	camosun.ca/services/health-and-wellness/counselling-centre
Career Services	camosun.ca/services/co-operative-education-and-career-services
Financial Aid and Awards	camosun.ca/registration-records/financial-aid-awards
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	camosun.ca/programs-courses/iecc/indigenous-student-services
International Student Support	camosun.ca/international

Support Service	Website
Learning Skills	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills
Library	camosun.ca/services/library
Office of Student Support	camosun.ca/services/office-student-support
Ombudsperson	camosun.ca/services/ombudsperson
Registration	camosun.ca/registration-records/registration
Technology Support	camosun.ca/services/its
Writing Centre	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to comply with all College policy regarding academic integrity; which is about honest and ethical behaviour in your education journey. The following guide is designed to help you understand your responsibilities: <https://camosun.libguides.com/academicintegrity/welcome>
Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.13.pdf> for Camosun's Academic Integrity policy and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Camosun College is committed to achieving full accessibility for persons with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging appropriate academic accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities. If you are a student with a documented disability and think you may need accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) and register as early as possible. Please visit the CAL website for more information about the process of registering with CAL, including important deadlines: <https://camosun.ca/cal>

Academic Progress

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2023-02/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <https://camosun.ca/registration-records/tuition-fees#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal (see [Medical/Compassionate Withdrawals policy](#)). Please visit <https://camosun.ca/services/forms#medical> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence-support-and-education. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-370-3841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Looking for other policies?

The full suite of College policies and directives can be found here: <https://camosun.ca/about/camosun-college-policies-and-directives>

Changes to this Syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.

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