

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: ACC 241

Credit Hours: 3

Course Title: Auditing I

Course Description: Presents techniques of investigating, interpreting, and appraising accounting records and assertions. Studies internal control design and evaluation, evidence-gathering techniques, and other topics. Develops an understanding and appreciation of the philosophy of the audit process and its practice. Focuses on issues relevant to an external auditing professional, such as audit risk analysis, planning of audit engagements, internal controls, and substantive testing. Presents the preparation of audit working papers supporting an examination of the financial records and internal control procedures of an enterprise. Covers the report and opinion of the auditor to management, stockholders, and considers the ethical and legal responsibilities of the auditor. Offered spring semester only. Prerequisite or Co-requisite: ACC 212 or equivalent. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: An introductory course in internal and external auditing designed for two-year accounting majors.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prerequisite or Co-requisite: ACC 212 or equivalent

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Identify and discuss the techniques of investigating, interpreting, and appraising accounting records and assertions;
- b. Demonstrate an understanding of internal control design and evaluate its effectiveness;
- c. Analyze and effectively communicate audit evidence to identify appropriate action; and
- d. Design audit programs that lead to the collection of quality evidence, judging the evidence, and preparing the auditor's report.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Overview of the attest function, including the environment of financial data, nature of the attest function, diagram and plan of the audit, and GAAS
- b. Professional ethics and responsibilities, including outline of ethics code, statement on responsibilities in tax practice, quality control, and internal control
- c. The auditing process, including coverage of evidence gathering, working papers, audit sampling, and computer controls
- d. Coverage of audit procedures, including cash, receivables, inventories, and other account discussions of reporting practices
- e. Auditor's communications

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