Overview:

Accounting produces much of the information used within corporations. Accounting information is used in valuation, in contracting, by investors, by creditors, by managers and by the government. A good understanding of accounting is one of the basic building blocks of business education.

This course introduces the fundamentals of accounting. We will approach the subject from a user's point of view, not the accountant, although this does require extensive work on how accounting information is prepared. By the end of this course, you should be able to read and understand financial statements.

The course begins with the simplest and most important rules of accounting. We begin by looking at the three fundamental financial statements -- the balance sheet, the income statement, and the statement of cash flows. Particular attention is paid to how the three statements interact with each other. We then move on to specific topics in accounting. Throughout the semester, we will be doing problems using real financial statements.

Text:

The basic text is Horngren, Sundem and Elliot, Financial Accounting, Eighth Edition, Prentice-Hall. All assigned readings and homework problems are from the text. This is available in PDF format on the Blackboard site for this course (http://sternclasses.nyu.edu/) and from the General Mills website (http://www.generalmills.com).

Learning Accounting:

1. Read the assigned chapters before coming to class. The assumption will be made that you have read the material prior to class. I cannot overemphasize this point.

2. The homework problems will be discussed in class. You must bring your book to class.
Grading:

Assessment is based on three open-book exams & 10 short quizzes. The first two midterms will be held on October 12th and November 16th respectively. There are no make-up exams. All exams are cumulative. The exams will be weighted: 20%, 30% and 40% respectively. Quizzes will account for 10% of your grade. Quizzes, when given, will be during the first 10 minutes of class. There are no make-ups. Attendance is a must. If you miss an exam, the next (or previous) exam will be counted as cumulative.

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TA’s Office Hours will be announced.

Core Enhancement:

We will be using ALEKS – an online system for assessment, to supplement your learning. It will help you when you have a problem with certain areas and assess your knowledge of specific topics. We will discuss it more as the course progresses. There will be certain deliverables.

Syllabus:

9/9 Homework: Chapter 1: 22, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 42

9/14 Read Chapter 2: The Income Statement, Introduction of the Cash Flow Statement

9/16 NO CLASS Religious Holiday

9/21 Homework: Chapter 2: 27, 30, 31, 36, 37, 40, 41, 44, 47, 49

9/23 Read: Chapter 3 – Recording Transactions

9/28 Homework: Chapter 3: 20, 21, 26, 30, 38, 43, 47

9/30 Accounting Adjustments Read: Chapter 4 – Using Financial Statements – In Class: 4-26, 27, 28, 29, 31

10/5 Homework: Chapter 4: 33, 35*, 38, 42, 49, 56

*Very Difficult

10/7 Review Chapters 1-4

10/12 Midterm 1

10/14 Read: Chapter 5: Revenue Recognition and Cash, Accounts Receivables

10/19 Homework: Chapter 5: 34, 35, 37, 54, 56, 58

10/21 Read: Chapter 6: Inventories & Cost of Goods Sold
10/26 Homework: Chapter 6: 34, 41, 47, 48, 55, 56, 66
10/28 Read: Chapter 7: Long Lived Assets & Depreciation
11/2 Homework: Chapter 7: 25, 27, 30, 31, 42, 43, 48, 56*, 74
   *Very Difficult
11/4 Read: Chapter 8: Liabilities & Interest (Introduction and Present Value Concepts)
11/9 Homework: Chapter 8: 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 39
11/11 Review 5-8
   11/16 Midterm 2
11/18 Read: Chapter 9: Present Value Concepts and Long-term Bonds & Leases
11/23 Homework: Chapter 9: 25, 34, 37, 43, 46, 54, 65
11/30 Read: Chapter 10: Statement of Cash Flows
12/5 Homework: Chapter 10: 38, 42, 46, 48, 59*, 64
   *Very Difficult
12/7 Read: Chapter 11: Stockholder's Equity
12/12 Homework: Chapter 11: 34, 45, 46, 48, 60, 62, 74
12/14 Review for Final Exam
   12/16 Final Exam