



Georgia Tech
**Scheller College
of Business**

Principles of Accounting I

ACCT 2101

Fall 2026

Lectures: Tuesday/Thursday 12:30-1:45pm (COB)

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Course Description:

This course is an introduction to financial accounting. Our primary objective is for you to gain a basic understanding of what financial information is available and how to interpret that information. Financial accounting is a complex topic, and we will only be able to highlight the essentials during our time in this course.

Overall, my basic objective is to prepare you for further work in accounting, finance, and other courses and for subsequent work as a business professional. We will immerse ourselves in a rigorous study of the techniques and concepts surrounding the construction of financial reports, and the analysis and critique of those reports. We will also have some fun along the way.

I want each of you to succeed, so if I can help you along the way I am very happy to do so. The earlier in the semester that you realize there is a problem and that you need help, the easier it will be for me to help you. For example- there isn't much I can do to help you right before the final exam. If instead you recognize that there is a problem following the first exam, then there is still plenty of time for you to get help and improve your future performance.

Required Materials:

Spiceland, J.D., W. Thomas, & D. Herrmann, Financial Accounting, McGraw-Hill, 6th edition.

Other materials available in Canvas

Course Requirements:

We meet two times each week throughout the semester: attendance at lectures is required. Because so much of the learning occurs in the classroom, it is important that you attend every class. You are expected to participate in class by asking/answering questions and contributing to discussions. The Course Outline outlines the plan for each lecture throughout the semester. Note that the actual schedule may sometimes change. You are strongly encouraged to work as many problems as possible on a timely basis. Exam and quiz performance is directly related to systematic preparation, which includes timely completion of the suggested assignments. Try not to fall behind on assigned reading or problems. With consistent preparation you will be successful.

Grades:

Naturally, learning is the goal, and I want you to succeed and achieve that goal. Grades provide feedback on your ongoing performance during the semester as well as your overall performance upon completing the course. There are 6 components of your grade:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Points</u>
Quizzes (5 out of 6, each 10 points)	50
Attendance and Participation	50
Exam 1	100
Exam 2	100
Exam 3	100
<u>Final Exam</u>	<u>200</u>
Total	600

Grades will be given out according to this point distribution:

- A: 540 points and above
- B: 480-539 points
- C: 420-479 points
- D: 360-419 points
- F: 359 points and below

Attendance and Professional Conduct:

You are required to bring your name tent, course notes, a pencil or pen, and a calculator to each class session. Examples and problems are frequently worked on in class. Only with these items available can you effectively participate in the learning process. Laptops and other electronic devices should only be used for things pertaining to the class during class times.

Roll will be taken at the beginning of each class. Name tents are required to receive credit. Please always display your name tent throughout the class period. If you are not in your seat at the time of taking the roll, you will be marked as absent.

For each class meeting, you are awarded two points for coming to class on time with full participation, one point if you are late, and zero points if you is absent.

Video lectures covering much of the course material will be available on Canvas within a week of the in-person class.

Practice Problems:

A list of practice problems from the back of each chapter will be given for each chapter. You are expected to practice working out these problems on their own. Solutions will be provided for these problems in Canvas.

Quizzes:

There will be six quizzes (10 points each). The lowest score quiz will be dropped. Quizzes will be given at the beginning of class. Check the Course Outline for the quiz dates. No makeup quizzes will be given except under exceptional circumstances. Quizzes will be challenging so be prepared!

Mid-Term Exams:

There will be three midterm exams during the semester. Check the Course Outline for exam dates.

Final Exam:

The final is comprehensive. Check the Course Outline for exam dates.

General Rules for Quizzes and Exams:

Quizzes and exams will be "closed book and closed notes." You should use pencils with erasers, and a calculator. (A simple calculator is all that is necessary.) Cell phones and other electronic devices are not permitted in the quizzes or exams; violation of this policy will be considered academic misconduct. Make-up exams will not be offered except for exams missed because of illness, mandatory religious obligations, or other unavoidable circumstances or University activities. You are required to contact me in advance of the scheduled exam time and to present evidence to verify the reason. The make-up exam rule also applies to quizzes.

Other Items:

Accommodating Disabilities: If you have a disability that may require some modification of seating, testing, or any other class requirement, please let me know as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Similarly, if you have any emergency medical information about which I should know, or if you need special arrangements in the event the building must be evacuated, please let me know. Please see me after class hours or during my scheduled office hours or schedule an appointment.

Policy on Cheating: It is my sincere hope that no student chooses to misrepresent their efforts in this class. Incidents of cheating will be reported to the Office of Student Integrity (OSI) and appropriate actions will be taken.

ACCT 2101 Course Outline- Fall 2026

Class	Date	Topic/Reading	Problems/Quiz
1	T (8/25)	Introduction and Syllabus Chapter 1: Financial Accounting	E1-15, E1-16, P1-3A, P1-4A
2	Th (8/27)	Chapter 1	
3	T (9/1)	Chapter 1	
4	Th (9/3)	Chapter 2: The Accounting Cycle	P2-4A, P2-8A Quiz 1
5	T (9/8)	Chapter 2	
6	Th (9/10)	Chapter 2 Chapter 3: Accrual Accounting	E3-7, E3-17, P3-3A Quiz 2
7	T (9/15)	Chapter 3	
8	Th (9/17)	Exam 1	
9	T (9/22)	Exam Solution Chapter 11: Statement of Cash Flows Costco	P11-1A
10	Th (9/24)	Chapter 5: Receivables	E5-3, E5-4, P5-3A, P5-4A
11	T (9/29)	Chapter 5 Chapter 6: Inventory	P6-1A, P6-4A
12	Th (10/1)	Chapter 6	Quiz 3
	10/5-10/6	Fall Break- No Class	
13	Th (10/8)	Chapter 7: Long-term Assets	E7-20, P7-4A, P7-7A, P7-8A
14	T (10/13)	Chapter 7	Quiz 4
15	Th (10/15)	Chapter 7	
16	T (10/20)	Exam 2	
17	Th (10/22)	Exam Solution Appendix C: Time Value of Money	EC-5, EC-8, PC-1A, PC-2A, PC-3A
18	T (10/27)	Appendix C	
19	Th (10/29)	Chapter 8: Current Liabilities	E8-2, P8-6A, P8-7A
20	T (11/3)	Chapter 8	
21	Th (11/5)	Chapter 9: Long-term Liabilities	Quiz 5 P9-1A, P9-3A, P9-4A, P9-6A
22	T (11/10)	Chapter 9	
23	Th (11/12)	Chapter 9	
24	T (11/17)	Exam 3	
25	Th (11/19)	Exam Solution Chapter 10: Stockholders' Equity	E10-8, E10-10, P10-2A
	11/24-11/27	Thanksgiving Break- No Class	
26	T (12/1)	Chapter 10	
27	Th (12/3)	Chapter 12: Financial Statement Analysis	Quiz 6 P12-4A, P12-5A
28	T (12/8)	Chapter 12	
	12:30pm Class: 2:00pm Class:	Comprehensive Final Exam	