

ACCT 2102 Syllabus

Accounting II (Intro to Managerial Accounting), Section A, 3 credits

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General Course Information

Description

Managerial accounting is a branch of accounting focused on providing internal managers with the financial and non-financial information they need to make informed business decisions. It emphasizes planning, controlling, and decision-making activities—such as budgeting, cost analysis, and performance evaluation—aimed at improving operational efficiency and strategic outcomes. Reports produced in managerial accounting are often detailed, forward-looking, and tailored to the specific needs of the organization’s management team.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Apply core managerial accounting concepts and tools
2. Analyze cost relationships to inform strategic decisions
3. Evaluate product costing and performance measures
4. Develop and assess managerial plans for financial control

Required Course Materials

Course Text & Online Access

“Managerial Accounting with Data Analytics” by Kulp, Dragoo; Cambridge Business Publishers; ISBN 9781618535566

You are welcome to purchase a used copy of an older edition, should you be able to find one. However, you must then separately purchase access to the publisher’s online

system, myBusinessCourse, for homeworks and exams. New purchases or ebook rentals come with mBC access.

Grading Policy:

<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Weight</i>
<i>Homework (myBusinessCourse)</i>	<i>15%</i>
<i>In-class Analytics Exercises (5)</i>	<i>25%</i>
<i>Exam 1</i>	<i>20%</i>
<i>Exam 2</i>	<i>20%</i>
<i>Exam 3</i>	<i>20%</i>

Grading Scale

Your final grade will be assigned as a letter grade according to the following scale:

- A 90-100%
- B 80-89%
- C 70-79%
- D 60-69%
- F 0-59%

Description of Graded Components

Homework Assignments

Each chapter will have a homework assignment administered through myBusinessCourse. Homework assignments are your primary means of practicing the material in preparation for the exam. Each homework will be a combination of conceptual review, brief problems, and in-depth analyses. Your lowest two homework assignments will be dropped.

Analytics Exercises

Analytical skills are paramount in today’s environment. The text I have chosen integrates analytics into the managerial accounting curriculum. In five classes, we will work through an in-depth problem that requires some analytical technique in excel. You will work in pairs on these assignments and should complete the bulk of the work in class.

Exams

There are three exams that will be a combination of multiple choice and numeric problems. Exams will be administered through myBusinessCourse. Note that the third exam will be administered during the final exam period but is not cumulative.

Course Policies

Academic Integrity

Georgia Tech aims to cultivate a community based on trust, academic integrity, and honor. Students are expected to act according to the highest ethical standards. For information on Georgia Tech's Academic Honor Code, please visit <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/policies/honor-code/> or <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/rules/18/>.

Any student suspected of cheating or plagiarizing will be reported to the Office of Student Integrity, who will investigate the incident and identify the appropriate penalty for violations.

Core IMPACTS

Not applicable

Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence by Students & Instructors

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) is a transformative tool that is here to stay and offers significant efficiencies across many academic and professional tasks. However, in this class its uses are limited to self-study. You are welcome to use GenAI for such tasks but be warned that AI has not yet mastered all elements of accounting. I have seen many instances where an AI tool will give an incorrect explanation of a key concept.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you are a student with learning needs that require special accommodation, contact the Office of Disability Services at (404)894-2563 or <http://disabilityservices.gatech.edu/>, as soon as possible, to make an appointment to discuss your special needs and to obtain an accommodations letter. Please also e-mail me as soon as possible in order to set up a time to discuss your learning needs.

Attendance and/or Participation

This class will be largely discussion and problem based, so students are expected to attend every class. As noted, several classes involve collaborative assignments submitted at the end of class, and not all will be announced in advance.

If illness or other circumstances force you to miss class, you must let me know in advance. Further, if your illness requires absence of more than 1 class, I encourage you to contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students, who will then notify all of your instructors of your excused absence. You should not directly send me medical excuses.

Extensions, Late Assignments, & Re-Scheduled/Missed Exams

Late submissions for most assignments are infeasible and therefore not accepted. With university approved absences I will work with students to re-schedule missed exams and extend these deadlines.

Student-Faculty Expectations Agreement

At Georgia Tech we believe that it is important to strive for an atmosphere of mutual respect, acknowledgement, and responsibility between faculty members and the student body. See <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/rules/22/> for an articulation of some basic expectation that you can have of me and that I have of you. In the end, simple respect for knowledge, hard work, and cordial interactions will help build the environment we seek. Therefore, I encourage you to remain committed to the ideals of Georgia Tech while in this class.

Student Use of Mobile Devices in the Classroom

In general, mobile devices should be silenced and kept in bags during class. Students observed to be frequently texting or otherwise using phones will be asked to leave. With that said, I understand that certain circumstances may require one to step out and handle a brief call.

Campus Resources for Students

In your time at Georgia Tech, you may find yourself in need of many types of support. Below you will find a list of services available to help you both as a student and as a person:

Academic support

- Center for Academic Success: <http://success.gatech.edu>
 - 1-to-1 tutoring <http://success.gatech.edu/1-1-tutoring>
 - Peer-Led Undergraduate Study (PLUS)
<http://success.gatech.edu/tutoring/plus>

- Academic coaching <http://success.gatech.edu/coaching>
- Residence Life's Learning Assistance Program <https://housing.gatech.edu/learning-assistance-program>
- OMED: Educational Services (<http://omed.gatech.edu/programs/academic-support>)
- Communication Center (<http://www.communicationcenter.gatech.edu>)

Personal Support

- Division of Student Life: <http://studentlife.gatech.edu/content/services>
 - You also may request assistance at https://gatech-advocate.symplicity.com/care_report/index.php/pid383662?
- Counseling Center: <http://counseling.gatech.edu>
 - Services include short-term individual counseling, group counseling, couples counseling, testing and assessment, referral services, and crisis intervention. Their website also includes links to state and national resources.
 - Students in crisis may walk in during business hours (8 am-5 pm, Monday through Friday) or contact the counselor on call after hours at 404-894-2204.
- Students' Temporary Assistance and Resources (STAR): <https://studentlife.gatech.edu/content/star-services>
 - Can assist with interview, clothing, food, and housing needs
- Stamps Health Services: <https://health.gatech.edu>
 - Will handle all student Covid-19 testing
 - Primary care, pharmacy, women's health, psychiatry, immunization and allergy, health promotion, and nutrition
- OMED: Educational Services: <http://www.omed.gatech.edu>
- Women's Resource Center: <http://www.womenscenter.gatech.edu>
- LGBTQIA Resource Center: <http://lgbtqia.gatech.edu>
- Veteran's Resource Center: <http://veterans.gatech.edu>
- Georgia Tech Police: <http://www.police.gatech.edu/> / 404-894-2500

The CARE Center and the Counseling Center, Stamps Health Services, and the Dean of Students Office will offer both in-person and virtual appointments. Student Center services and operations are available on the Student Center website. For more information on these and other student services, contact the Dean of Students or the Division of Student Life.

Course Schedule – See Schedule available in Canvas