



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2024

3,135: Accounting, Controlling, Auditing

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

central - Written examination, Analog, Individual work individual grade (70%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: Term time (MidTerm)

decentral - Quiz, Digital, Individual work individual grade (30%)

Examination time: Term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[3,135,1.00 Accounting, Controlling, Auditing](#) -- English -- [Fehrenbacher Dennis](#) , [Eugster Florian](#)

[3,135,2.01 Accounting, Controlling, Auditing: Excercises and Independent Studies, Group 1](#) -- English -- [Fehrenbacher Dennis](#) , [Tinner Daniel](#)

[3,135,2.02 Accounting, Controlling, Auditing: Excercises and Independent Studies, Group 2](#) -- English -- [Allgaier Alexandra](#) , [Santschi Dominic](#)

[3,135,2.03 Accounting, Controlling, Auditing: Excercises and Independent Studies, Group 3](#) -- English -- [Fehrenbacher Dennis](#) , [Tinner Daniel](#)

[3,135,2.04 Accounting, Controlling, Auditing: Excercises and Independent Studies, Group 4](#) -- English -- [Allgaier Alexandra](#) , [Santschi Dominic](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

The course requires the successful attendance of the courses "Principles of Financial Accounting" and "Financial Management" (in the Assessment Year).

Just so you know, the course is offered twice. One will be in German in the spring semester (Prof. Möller/Prof. Leibfried), and one will be in English in the autumn semester (Prof. Eugster/Prof. Fehrenbacher). You can choose a course according to your preference during the bidding process.

Learning objectives

After visiting the course, you can:

- distinguish between different sets of accounting rules, their objectives, and their history, and describe their institutional framework,
- understand consolidated financial statements and their purpose and perform consolidation independently,
- carry out the initial and subsequent valuation of selected assets and liabilities (leasing agreements, financial assets, pension liabilities, impairment test, revaluations),
- understand the purpose of further mandatory components of accounting and assess the impact of significant problems on these, describe the basic principles of auditing and the most important tasks of the auditor, understand how management accounting helps firms to make strategic decisions (management accounting), understand cost accounting conceptually and apply it practically (cost-volume-profit analysis, job costing, activity-based costing),
- understand how companies make pricing decisions (pricing decisions and cost management),
- understand how companies manage their spending goals and growth targets (budgeting, variance analysis, capital budgeting, and strategy implementation) and assess the further development of performance management.



Course content

The course portrays the fundamentals of financial management and focuses on Accounting, Auditing, and Controlling. A company's financial accounting provides all the essential information necessary to make internal and external decisions (management, capital providers, and business partners). The resulting consolidation and depiction of reality are subject to internationally varying and partially very extensive regulations (SWISS GAAP FER, IFRS, US GAAP, etc.).

Based on the information provided by financial accounting, management accounting helps managers make decisions to manage the business. Managers of organizations are the primary users of management accounting. The information provided by management accounting includes information about functions and segments of the organization, about the identification of relevant value drivers, and the organization's performance. Coordination, planning, and evaluation are the primary responsibilities of management accountants. Finally, the independent external audit of the annual financial statements is a crucial aspect of well-functioning corporate governance. In addition to institutional questions, the course discusses the specific requirements of the auditors, the main audit procedures, and the reporting of the audit results.

The Institute for Accounting, Controlling, and Auditing and its professorships carry out the course. The Institute is also the sponsor of the Bachelor's degree in "Accounting" and of the Master's degree in Accounting and Corporate Finance (MACFin), in which the course topics are applied in a practice-oriented manner.

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

The course will take place in the first half of the semester and consists of lectures, exercises, and self-study supplemented with online teaching content.

The course will be taught using the Flipped-Classroom concept. The content of the learning modules is conveyed in guided self-study. In Canvas you get access to:

- Video tutorials to help you get started with the modules to be covered relevant literature and exercises to test your knowledge.

The course consists of six lecture and exercise units in six weeks, three focusing on accounting/auditing and three focusing on controlling:

Accounting/Auditing Part: Consists of 3 Units

Week 1: Company Reporting and Group Accounting

Week 2: Accounting for Selected Assets and Liabilities

Week 3: Auditing

Controlling Part: Consists of 9 Modules (3 Modules per Week)

Week 4: Management Accounting (Module 1), Calculation and Cost Systems (Module 2), Pricing Decisions and Cost Management (Module 3)

Week 5: Budgeting (Module 4), Direct-Cost Variances (Module 5), Overhead Cost Variances (Module 6)

Week 6: Capital Budgeting and Cost Analysis (Module 7), Balanced Scorecard (Module 8), Performance Management (Module 9)

Independent Studies: The self-study in this course includes an upstream self-study in preparation for lectures and a subsequent guided self-study, including excel-tools and animated video tutorials, to deepen the treated material. By solving the tasks independently, the material is reinforced and a comprehensive understanding of the interrelationships can be facilitated.



This course is worth 4 ECTS credits. Accordingly, the total average workload for students is 120 hours. This includes self-study, campus time and all examinations.

The structure of the classes is planned as follows:

- 9 hours of lectures in a weekly rhythm (6x1.5h)
- 9 hours of exercises (6x1.5h)

The structure of the self-study is intended as follows:

- 12 hours of preparation time for the lectures
- 12 hours of preparation time for the exercises
- 35 hours for the examination part I (Central-Written examination)
- and 14 hours for the examination part II (Quizzes online in Canvas)
- and 29 hours in blended learning.

The course is conducted in-person in St. Gallen.

Course literature

Will be announced on Canvas.

Additional course information

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Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/2)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Written examination
Responsible for organisation	central
Examination form	Written exam
Examination mode	Analog
Time of examination	Term time (MidTerm)
Examination execution	Synchronous
Examination location	On Campus
Grading type	Individual work individual grade
Weighting	70%
Duration	90 mins.

Examination languages

Question language: English
Answer language: English

Remark

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Examination-aid rule

Closed Book

The use of aids is prohibited as a matter of principle, with the exception of pocket calculator models of the Texas Instruments TI-30 series and, in case of non-language exams, bilingual dictionaries without any handwritten notes. Any other aids that are



admissible must be explicitly listed by faculty members in the paragraph entitled "Supplementary aids" of the course and examination fact sheet; this list is exhaustive.

Procuring any aids, as well as ensuring their working order, is the exclusive responsibility of students.

Supplementary aids

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2. Examination sub part (2/2)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Quiz
Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Written exam
Examination mode	Digital
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Asynchronous
Examination location	Off Campus
Grading type	Individual work individual grade
Weighting	30%
Duration	--

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Remark

These are the grades/points from the weekly quiz.

Examination-aid rule

Open Book

Students are free to choose aids, apart from the following restrictions:

- pocket calculator models which are not part of the Texas Instruments TI-30 series, as well as any programmable electronic devices that are capable of communication such as electronic dictionaries, notebooks, tablets, smartphones, headsets, additional screens, etc. are not admissible;
- there is an option for faculty members to explicitly define exceptions under supplementary aids.

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Supplementary aids

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Examination content

The entire course content (W1-W6) is exam-relevant. This includes all lectures, exercises, and self-studies as well as the compulsory course literature.

Examination relevant literature



Accounting/Auditing Part:

Melville, International Financial Reporting, 8th Edition, Pearson International. The e-book is available through a special offer by Pearson (details provided on Canvas), which also includes Chapter 1 of the book Hayes et al, Principles of Auditing, 3rd edition Pearson International 2014.

Controlling Part:

Horngren's Cost Accounting, 17th ed., Global Edition, Srikant M. Datar and Madhav V. Rajan. An online version is available through the library (details provided on Canvas).

Please note

Please note that only this fact sheet and the examination schedule published at the time of bidding are binding and takes precedence over other information, such as information on StudyNet (Canvas), on lecturers' websites and information in lectures etc.

Any references and links to third-party content within the fact sheet are only of a supplementary, informative nature and lie outside the area of responsibility of the University of St.Gallen.

Documents and materials are only relevant for central examinations if they are available by the end of the lecture period (CW51) at the latest. In the case of centrally organised mid-term examinations, the documents and materials up to CW 43 are relevant for testing.

Binding nature of the fact sheets:

- Course information as well as examination date (organised centrally/decentrally) and form of examination: from bidding start in CW 34 (Thursday, 22nd August 2024);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 14. October 2024);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 43 (Monday, 21 October 2024);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before ending with de-registration period in CW 45 (Monday, 04 November 2024).