

IB124-15 Introduction to Financial Accounting

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Department

Warwick Business School

Level

Undergraduate Level 1

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

10 weeks

Assessment

30% coursework, 70% exam

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

This module is only open to WBS undergraduate students, and some students taking joint degrees with WBS and another department. Students from other departments cannot take this module. To find detailed availability and to apply for this module, log in to my.wbs.ac.uk using your normal IT login details and apply via the my.wbs module application system. Once you've secured a place on my.wbs you should apply via your home department's usual process, which usually takes place via eVision. Note that you do not require the module leader's permission to study a WBS module, so please do not contact them to request it.

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Explain the basic principles and concepts that underpin accounting and its development.

Develop the ability to record and summarise accounting transactions and events.

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Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

- 1) The objectives of accounting.
- 2) The underpinning principles and concepts of financial accounting.
- 3) The effect of financial transactions on financial statements.
- 4) Accounting systems necessary to capture, record and summarise financial transactions and to enable financial statements to be prepared.
- 5) Period-end adjustments to financial records and statements.
- 6) Inventory valuation.
- 7) The preparation and presentation in appropriate form of the statement of profit or loss and the statement of financial position for sole traders and companies, and for a company, the statement of changes in equity.
- 8) The importance of liquidity, the difference between profit and cash, and the statement of cash flows.
- 9) The interpretation of the profitability, liquidity, asset management and capital structure of businesses using a variety of techniques.
- 10) An introduction to the regulatory environment for financial reporting.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Explain and understand the objectives of accounting as providing information for decision-making and to evaluate the performance of management.
- Understand the underpinning concepts and theories of financial accounting.
- Understand sole trader and company structures and how they affect financial statements.
- Understand how financial accounting information requirements relate to changing business and technological environments.
- Assess the nature of financial accounting information, and be able to describe the relationship between different financial statements.
- Evaluate underpinning principles of financial accounting.

Indicative reading list

[Reading lists can be found in Talis](#)

Subject specific skills

Record and summarise financial transactions and events.
Prepare and interpret financial statements for different types of single entities.

Transferable skills

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Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	10 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Seminars	9 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Online learning (independent)	10 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Private study	48 hours (32%)
Assessment	73 hours (49%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

Private Study.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group D6

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assessment component			
Weekly reading assessment and linked quizzes	30%	22 hours	No
Reassessment component			
Class Test			No
Assessment component			
Centrally-timetabled examination (On-campus)	70%	51 hours	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answerbook Pink (12 page) • Students may use a calculator 			

Reassessment component is the same

Feedback on assessment

Feedback via my.wbs.

[Past exam papers for IB124](#)

Availability

Post-requisite modules

If you pass this module, you can take:

- IB2AT-15 Applied Accounting Technology
- IB396-15 Financial Statement Analysis and Security Valuation
- IB3FM-15 Forensic Accounting using Data Analytics
- IB230-15 Powerful Accounting: Critical Perspectives
- IB233-15 Financial Reporting 1

Anti-requisite modules

If you take this module, you cannot also take:

- IB146-15 Accounting for Business
- IB133-15 Foundations of Accounting
- IB2D3-15 Accounting in Practice

Courses

Course availability information is based on the current academic year, so it may change.

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of UIBA-N400 Undergraduate Accounting and Finance
- UIBA-N404 Undergraduate Accounting and Finance (with Foundation Year and Placement/Undergraduate Partnership Programme)
 - Year 2 of N4N7 Accounting and Finance (Foundation Year and Intercalated)
 - Year 2 of N404 Accounting and Finance (Foundation Year and Placement)
 - Year 2 of N405 Accounting and Finance (Foundation Year and UPP)
 - Year 2 of N403 Accounting and Finance (with Foundation Year)
- Year 2 of UIBA-N403 Undergraduate Accounting and Finance (with Foundation Year)
- UIBA-N401 Undergraduate Accounting and Finance (with Placement Year/Undergraduate Partnership Programme)
 - Year 1 of N401 Accounting and Finance (Placement)
 - Year 1 of N402 Accounting and Finance (Undergraduate Partnership Programme)