

Management Accounting

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Teaching Languages	English
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Course Goals

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It covers the fundamental conceptual and quantitative tools to help participants become more effective facilitators and users of management accounting information and better decision makers.

Previous knowledge

No previous knowledge is required for this subject.

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this subject.

Teaching methodology

To achieve the objectives of the course, its format is based on:

Some pre-class activities that can be readings and class materials devoted to presentation of frameworks and concepts that are useful for management accounting practice.

Face-to-face: to present, review and discuss basic management accounting content, and to practice with some activities. There will also participate some guest experts to link theory with the real world. They will allow participants to see different approaches for the management accounting function in different companies.

After-class activities: to consolidate the framework and concepts of each session. These activities can be cases, assignments or other (individual or group) activities, to help you understand the concepts and the management accounting practice.

Students are expected to show:

- Punctuality
- Respect
- Active contribution

In relation to autonomous work, the student is expected to check the web course regularly where all materials, activities and relevant information for each session are published.

Description

Course contribution to program

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By the end of the course, participants are expected to have acquired the management accounting fundamentals and be capable of understanding, discussing and defining the appropriate tool to make different business decisions.

- Understand cost and management accounting terminology
- Understand cost classification and cost behavior
- Use accounting information in decision making
- Understand the budgeting process

Bibliography

- Drury, C, Management Accounting for Business (Book)

Activities

In-class discussions and debates

Written and/or oral exams

At the end of the subject, an exam will be held.

Content

#	Topic
1	Introduction to management accounting
2	Introduction to cost terms and concepts
3	
4	
5	
6	Budgeting process
7	Variance analysis

Assessment

Tool	Assessment tool	Category	Weight %
Quizzes/tests	Individual	Retake and ordinary round	40.00%
Attendance and punctuality	Class participation	Retake and ordinary round	10.00%
Written and/or oral exams	Final Exam	Retake and ordinary round	50.00%

PROGRAMS

B13-Exchange Program Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) (Undergraduates: Business)
B13 Year 1 (Mandatory)

B13S-Exchange Program Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) (Undergraduates: Business)
B13S Year 1 (Mandatory)

BBA20-Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) (Undergraduates: Business)
BBA20 Year 2 (Optative)

BBA23-Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) (Undergraduates: Business)
BBA23 Year 2 (Optative)

DBAI23-Double Degree in Business Administration and Artificial Intelligence for Business (Undergraduates: Business)

DBAI23 Year 3 (Optative)

GBD20-Double Degree in Business Administration and Law (Undergraduates: Law)
GBD20 Year 5 (Optative)
GBD20 Year 3 (Optative)
GBD20 Year 4 (Optative)
GBD20 Year 2 (Optative)

GBD23-Double Degree in Business Administration and Law (Undergraduates: Law)
GBD23 Year 4 (Optative)
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