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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION<sup>1</sup>  
DEPARTAMENT OF ACCOUNTING**

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**SYLLABUS - ACCT 4017  
*THEORY AND PRINCIPLES OF AUDITING AND SYSTEMS*  
FIRST SEMESTER 2018-2019**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

An integrated approach to contemporary auditing practices is presented with an emphasis on the evaluation of accounting systems and internal controls. The theory and philosophy of the audit examination of accounts are also emphasized. Specific subjects of discussion include: generally accepted auditing standards, ethical standards, theory of evidence, explanation of statistical sampling and information technology in the examination of transactions. Also discussed are management advisory services provided by the Certified Public Accountants to their clients; practical applications are presented with illustrative examples. General review of the securities laws of the United States, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (SOX) and its impact on the audit profession.

**Number of credit hours:** Three (3) credits

**Prerequisite** – Philosophy, Theory and Problems of Accounting II (Intermediate II), ACCT 4002

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**INTRUCTATIONAL OBJECTIVES:**

Upon completion of the Theory and Principles of Auditing course, a student will:

1. Identify the pertinent information that will allow an auditor to attest with respect to the reasonableness of financial information.
2. Critically evaluate the principles and auditing standards and how they can assist an auditor to carry out his or her duties.
3. Demonstrate knowledge (awareness) of the political, social and economic reality of organizations.

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## **INTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES, continuation:**

4. Understand the importance of ethical values, communication and interpersonal skills when communicating with others orally and in writing, regarding financial and non-financial matters of an entity.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES**

- Conferences
- Discussion of cases, examinations and quizzes
- Individual practical exercises
- Application of concepts questions

Pursuant to Certification 112 (2014-15) of the UPR Governing Board, 25% of the contact hours of this course may be offered, at the Instructor's discretion, through alternative non-face-to-face methods using technology or other learning experiences of the same academic quality.

## **LEARNING RESOURCES**

- Conferences
- Computer software programs and applications
- Audiovisual aids
- Internet

## **ESTRATEGIAS DE AVALÚO**

Se utilizarán las siguientes estrategias de avalúo, entre otras: exámenes parciales, rúbricas y hojas de cotejo.

### **ESTRATEGIAS DE EVALUACIÓN DE LA LABOR DEL ESTUDIANTE:**

Dos exámenes parciales*	45%
Pruebas cortas (13 pruebas) **	5%
Examen final (parcial) ***	45%
Asistencia y Participación <u>efectiva</u> en clase	<u>5%</u>
	<b><u>100%</u></b>

\* Los exámenes parciales de este curso se ofrecerán los **viernes, de 4:00-5:30 pm.**

\*\* Se eliminarán las tres notas más bajas, quedando 10 pruebas @ 10 puntos c/u (100 puntos).

\*\*\* El examen final será en la fecha y hora que asigne el Registrador.

### Escala de Calificaciones

100-90	A
89-80	B
79-70	C
69-60	D
< 60	F

De ser necesario se realizará una evaluación diferenciada a estudiantes con necesidades especiales.

### **LEY 51**

Según la Ley de Servicios Educativos Integrales para Personas con Impedimentos, todo estudiante que requiera acomodo razonable deberá notificarlo al profesor el PRIMER DIA de clase.

Los estudiantes que reciban servicios de Rehabilitación Vocacional deben comunicarse con el (la) profesor(a) al inicio del semestre para planificar el acomodo razonable y equipo asistivo necesario conforme a las recomendaciones de la Oficina de Asuntos para las Personas con Impedimentos (OAPI) del Decanato de Estudiantes. También aquellos estudiantes con necesidades especiales de algún tipo de asistencia o acomodo deben comunicarse con el (la) profesor(a).

*Certificación #99 (01-02) del Senado Académico, Ley 51 de 1996 (Ley de Servicios Educativos Integrales para personas con impedimentos) y la Certificación 130 (1999-2000) de la Junta de Síndicos.*

<b>HOURS</b>	<b>TOPICS</b>	<b>CHAPTER</b>	<b>ASSIGNED QUESTIONS</b>
<b>Introduction, Professional Ethics, Audit reports; Other Assurance Services and Reports</b>			
1	A. Discussion of Class Syllabus: Class objectives, requirements and policies	N/A	N/A
1.5	B. General aspects of an audit	1	2, 7,12,13,14
2	C. The Profession of a Certified Public Accountant (CPA)		

<b>HOURS</b>	<b>TOPICS</b>	<b>CHAPTER</b>	<b>ASSIGNED QUESTIONS</b>
	1. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) 2. Extent of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (SOX) and the PCAOB 3. Quality Control System in a Firm	2	4,5,13,14,15
3	D. Audit Reports 1. Unqualified (Unmodified) opinion 2. Modified (Qualified) opinion 3. Adverse opinion 4. Disclaimer of opinion	3	2,3,4,8,16,20,21, 22
3	E. Professional Conduct (Ethics) 1. Ethical principles 2. Steps to follow to resolve an ethical dilemma 3. Code of Professional Conduct of the AICPA 4. Examples of ethical infractions by CPAs in Puerto Rico	4	7,9,10,11,17,18,19
3	F. Auditor's legal liability to clients and to third parties 1. Liability under the Federal Securities Laws of 1933 and 1934 2. Liability under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (SOX)	5 <small>(Pág. 114-117; Pág. 124-132)</small>	1,2,9,11,12,15,16 (b)
3	G. Other Services and Reports 1. Review services 2. Compilation services 3. Preparation services 4. Attestation engagements 5. Reports on Controls ("SOC") 6. Prospective financial statements	25	1,3,5,6,7,16,17,18,19,20
1.5	<b>1<sup>st</sup> PARTIAL EXAM (Friday, 4:00 pm)</b>		
1	Discussion of exam		
<b>Planning an audit of financial statements; Assessing the risks of material misstatement and fraud risk in an audit; Internal control; Other considerations</b>			
2	A. Responsibilities and Objectives of an audit of financial statements	6	2,3,11,14,20,21,22,23
2	A. Planning and the determination of Materiality in an audit 1. Criteria used to obtain new clients	8	3,4,5,8,9,25,26,27,28

<b>HOURS</b>	<b>TOPICS</b>	<b>CHAPTER</b>	<b>ASSIGNED QUESTIONS</b>
	2. Services contract between the CPA and the client 3. Audit plan and Audit strategy 4. Understanding of the client's business and industry 5. Determination of Materiality 6. Audit procedures		
2	B. Assessing the Risk of Material misstatement in an audit	9	8,11,24,25,26,27,28
2	C. Assessing fraud risks in an audit	10	5,6,10,13,19,20,21,22
3	D. Evaluation and documentation of Internal Control of an entity 1. Objectives of Internal Control 2. COSO Framework 3. Internal control on Information Technology ("IT") of an entity 4. Impact of IT on Internal Control 5. Documentation of internal control	11  12 (Pp. 367-371)	2,4,10,11,12,19, 20,21,22
1.5	E. Statistical sampling (Conceptual discussion) 1. General considerations 2. Sampling for Control Tests 3. Sampling for Tests of Details of Balances	N/A  (Summary)	N/A
1.5	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> PARTIAL EXAM (Friday, 4:00 pm)</b>		
1.0	Discussion of exam		
<b>Evidence, Substantive Tests and Completing the Audit</b>			
3	B. Audit Evidence 1. Classes of Evidence 2. Documentation	7	12,18, 21,22,23,24
2	C. Cash 1. Internal controls (conceptual discussion) 2. Substantive tests	23  (Pág. 736-752)	5,7,14 (a),(c),15,16 (a),(b)
2	D. Accounts receivable 1. Internal controls (conceptual discussion) 2. Substantive tests	16	10,11,19,20,21,22
2	E. Inventories and Cost of Sales	21	5,6,7,13,14,15

<b>HOURS</b>	<b>TOPICS</b>	<b>CHAPTER</b>	<b>ASSIGNED QUESTIONS</b>
	1. Internal controls (conceptual discussion) 2. Substantive tests		
2	F. Completing the Audit 1. Evaluation of Contingent liabilities 2. Review for Subsequent events 3. Evaluation of final results 4. Issuance of the Auditor's Report 5. Subsequent Discovery of Facts	24	5,6,11,18,19,20,21
45	<b>FINAL EXAM ***</b>		

\*\*\* Según el Calendario Preliminar del Primer semestre del año académico 2018-2019, el periodo de exámenes finales será del 12 al 19 de diciembre de 2018. Favor no programar ningún viaje de negocios o de vacaciones hasta que no termine este periodo, ni solicite que se le adelante el examen final por motivo de viaje. No habrá examen de reposición para ningún examen de la clase, ni trabajos para subir la nota en la clase.

Si un estudiante necesita ausentarse de un examen por compromisos de alguna organización como el Coro, la Tuna, atletismo o entrevistas, tiene que informárselo al profesor antes del día del examen.

**El Prontuario está sujeto a cambios:** El objetivo del Prontuario es para que le sirva de guía durante el semestre y usted pueda planificar su tiempo adecuadamente. Sin embargo, el contenido del curso puede ser cambiado si fuera necesario.

## CONDUCTA ESTUDIANTIL SUJETA A SANCIONES DISCIPLINARIAS

La Universidad de Puerto Rico promueve los más altos estándares de integridad académica y científica. El Artículo 6.2 del Reglamento General de Estudiantes de la UPR (Certificación Núm. 13, 2009-2010, de la Junta de Síndicos) establece que “la deshonestidad académica incluye, pero no se limita a: acciones fraudulentas, la obtención de notas o grados académicos valiéndose de falsas o fraudulentas simulaciones, copiar total o parcialmente la labor académica de otra persona,

plagiar total o parcialmente el trabajo de otra persona, copiar total o parcialmente las respuestas de otra persona a las preguntas de un examen, haciendo o consiguiendo que otro tome en su nombre cualquier prueba o examen oral o escrito, así como la ayuda o facilitación para que otra persona incurra en la referida conducta". Cualquiera de estas acciones estará sujeta a sanciones disciplinarias en conformidad con el procedimiento disciplinario establecido en el Reglamento General de Estudiantes de la UPR vigente.

## **NORMAS GENERALES:**

1. La asistencia a clase es compulsoria. Ausencias frecuentes podrían afectar (reducir) la nota final del curso. En caso de ausencia a clase por motivo de enfermedad, el estudiante deberá traer excusa médica.
2. **No se ofrecerán exámenes de reposición.** Si un estudiante falta a un examen, el próximo examen tendrá el doble del valor.
3. La puntualidad es compulsoria. Las tardanzas afectan la dinámica de la clase y constituyen una falta de consideración con los demás compañeros.
4. No se permite el uso de gafas oscuras, " beepers ", teléfonos celulares, u otros equipos electrónicos, por ejemplo, "Ipods", en el salón de clases.
5. Cada estudiante debe corroborar que está asistiendo al curso y la sección en que aparece oficialmente matriculado.
6. Para obtener éxito en el curso se recomienda:
  - a. Leer todo el material asignado antes de venir a clases.
  - b. Asistir a clases puntualmente.
7. Recuerde que "***La contabilidad se aprende de día a día y No la noche anterior***".

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### ***Texto sugerido, continuación***

La versión electrónica del texto sugerido para el curso también está disponible en:  
<https://www.pearsonhighered.com/product/Arens-Auditing-and-Assurance-Services-Student-Value-Edition-Plus-My-Accounting-Lab-with-Pearson-e-Text-Access-Card-Package-16th-Edition/9780134417301.html>

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