

Group Accounting and Performance

Course Introduction

Course Objectives

- ▶ Understanding groups' constitutive factors, creation purposes, and processes
- ▶ Preparing the consolidated financial statement according to IAS/IFRS
- ▶ Performing an accurate analysis of groups performance

Content (I)

The course is structured into 3 parts.

Part 1 – Group of companies: Genesis and morphology

1.1 Cooperative forms

1.1.1 Collaborations between firms: Why

1.1.2 Collaborations between firms: How

1.2 Group of companies concept and creation purposes and processes

1.2.1 Reasons and definition

1.2.2 Constitutive factors

1.2.3 Creation processes

1.2.4 Determinants of groups creation

1.3 Group of companies classifications

Content (II)

Part 2 – Principles and practice of group accounts

2.1 Consolidated financial statement

2.2.1 Objective and content

2.2.2 Logical and procedural steps

2.2.3 Technicalities

2.2 Full consolidation

2.3 Consolidated financial statement according to IAS/IFRS

2.3.1 Sources of reference

2.3.2 Consolidation area

2.3.3 Consolidation procedure

Content (III)

Part 3 – Analysis of group performance

- 3.1 Analysis of group performance: purpose and methodology
- 3.2 Profitability analysis within group
- 3.3 Solvency analysis within groups
- 3.4 Other tools for the analysis of group performance
 - 3.4.1 Segment reporting
 - 3.4.2 Reconciliation statement

Seminar: 2nd and 4th December

- ▶ Dr. Mostafa Kamal Hassan, Associate Professor of Accounting at the College of Business of the University of Sharjah (UAE) will deliver a two–days seminar on group performance from different perspectives covering:
 - 1) financial measures and statement analysis
 - 2) the analysis of segmental data (multinational, segmental and departmental levels)
 - 3) Governance and group performance
- ▶ Details on Prof. Hassan international education and academic experience can be found at the web page <http://www.sharjah.ac.ae/en/academics/Colleges/business/dept/Accounting/Documents/CVs/MOSTAFA%20HASSAN%20CV%20Faculty%20Profile.pdf>

Course Format

- ▶ Theoretical and applicative lessons
- ▶ Group discussion of case studies and/or research reports
- ▶ Exercises on consolidated accounts
- ▶ Analysis of consolidated financial statements

Studying Materials

- ▶ Slides, case studies, research reports and all other teaching materials provided by the e-learning center
- ▶ Ditillo A., Caglio A., *Controlling Collaboration Between Firms*, CIMA Publishing, 2008 (only Chapter 1, available on the e-learning center)
- ▶ Gallimberti C., Marra A., Prencipe A., *Consolidation – Preparing and understanding consolidated financial statements under IFRS*, McGraw-Hill Education, Milano, 2013 (Chapters 3–6 and 8)
- ▶ Petersen C. V., Plenborg T., *Financial Statement Analysis*, Prentice Hall, 2012 (Chapters 4–7)

E-learning Center

- ▶ Subscription to the e-learning center is **compulsory** to have access to teaching materials and notices
- ▶ Systematic monitoring of the e-learning center is highly recommended
- ▶ You can access the e-learning center by the following link:

https://elearning.univr.it/j/index.php?option=com_wrapper&Itemid=60&url=/sso/accedi_e.php?go=/e/course/view.php?id=2676

Students should simply digit their GIA username and password

Exam Methods (I)

- ▶ Students will be assessed by an intermediate and a final exam
- ▶ The intermediate exam consists in a group-work analyses of the structure, M&A activity and performance of an assigned group of companies
 - The intermediate exam aims at assessing the capability acquired on performing and discussing a meaningful group analysis, both at a technical and an interpretive level
 - Presentations consists of 15–20 pages and are due towards the end of the course
 - Group-work will be discussed in classroom in 20 minutes per group and will provide students with maximum 4/31 points

Exam Methods (II)

- ▶ The final exam consists in an individual written test on the whole program
 - The exam will include multiple-choice or true/false questions, semi-open questions, case analysis and/or numerical exercises
 - The exam lasts 90 minutes and will provide students with maximum 27/31 points.

Lecture Timetable

- ▶ Wednesday 8:15 –10:45 VM1
- ▶ Friday 11:00 –13:30 VM1

- ▶ Suspended lessons will be notified to students by e-mail (upon subscription to the e-learning center)

Office Hours & Contacts

- ▶ Prof. Cristina Florio is available immediately before or after her lessons (on appointment)

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- ▶ Prof. Francesca Rossignoli is available once a week, see her notice on the e-learning center

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- ▶ Dr. Davide Meneghello (Tutor) will be available from mid October, see his notice on the e-learning center

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