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**2016 SUMMER INTENSIVE SYLLABUS**

**NOTE: Overall Calendar and Daily Schedules with Assignments are separate Excel documents and are considered part of this syllabus. All are subject to revision by program office as needed.**

ACCT 525 INTENSIVE ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES COURSE

“Technical accounting theory and principles necessary for graduate work. Satisfies the prerequisite requirements for intermediate and advanced accounting, managerial/cost accounting, auditing, and taxation.”

**June 13 through August 9, 2016**

**Intensive Classrooms**

**JKP (Popovich Hall) Rooms 210, 202, and 110**

**Main Office = Accounting Building, Room 101**

**USC LEVENTHAL SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTING**

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

ACCT 525 INTENSIVE ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES COURSE

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| **KEY PHONE NUMBERS** |  |
| **Accounting School Main Office** | **(213) 740-4838 (Receptionist, Erica Ramirez)** |
| **ACC 101** |  |
| **USC Emergency Information** | **(213) 740-9233 or KUSC radio, 91.5 FM** |
| **Campus Security (Emergencies)** | **(213) 740-4321** |
| **Campus Security (non-emergency)** | **(213) 740-6000**  **(213) 740-2311** |
| **Campus Cruisers:** | **(213) 740-4911** |

ACCT 525 INTENSIVE ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES COURSE

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The Intensive Accounting Principles and Practices Course (ACCT 525) is designed to be an efficient way for college graduates, other than accounting majors, to acquire the technical accounting and tax skills needed to begin graduate study in accounting. Coursework covers material taught in most undergraduate accounting programs—but in an intense format over nine weeks. Upon completion of ACCT 525, you will have completed the equivalent of 15 units across six classes: Intermediate Accounting A; Introduction to Auditing and Assurance Services; Management Accounting and Control Systems; Intermediate Accounting B; Advanced Accounting Concepts; Introduction to Taxation. In addition, you will participate in 10 Professional Development workshops and six hours of Excel workshops as part of the required curriculum. International students who completed their undergraduate educations in non-English speaking countries will participate in Language and Culture sessions to increase their ability to participate actively in our classrooms, in career activities, and in social situations in the United States.

You should not think of this program as a hurdle to jump over before entering the master’s program. Rather, this program is a critical foundation for your future. It provides the content you will need to be successful during the master’s program and throughout your careers. The technical accounting and tax content are the core basis for the CPA examinations. Students successfully completing this course will receive 15 units of accounting course credit, which may be applied toward requirements for sitting for the AICPA Uniform CPA Examination.

**Recommended Advance Preparation**

Intensive Accounting Principles and Practices **begins** with ***intermediate*** accounting, so students taking ACCT 525 must have completed a solid introductory accounting course. To be sure students are well prepared, we recommend all enrolled students review our online version of introductory accounting—**BUAD 250A: Core Concepts of Accounting Information—**to the extent necessary.This course will be particularly helpful to those who studied introductory accounting more than a year ago and to those who took a low-level version of introductory accounting. Access to this online course is available without charge to students enrolled in our Master of Accounting or Master of Business Taxation program. Access to the online course is available through our Blackboard Organization website, under Summer Intensive.

##### REQUIRED CALCULATOR, TEXTS, AND PUBLICATIONS

**Students will need their own calculator for use in the classroom.** **We recommend the TI-BA-11 Plus from Texas Instruments, or something equivalent.** Please have a good financial or graphing calculator with you on the first day of classes, and practice using it before that day if it is new to you.

For this special summer program, **we will provide you with 1) the workbook for Intermediate A and B; 2) the Federal Taxation textbook, and 3) the coursepack** for Advanced Accounting Concepts. You are responsible for purchasing or renting all other required textbooks. Following is a list of the texts for each class. Daily reading assignments and homework problems will be listed in the Daily Schedules for each course in the intensive program.

Summer Intensive Textbooks--2016

You are required to purchase or rent three textbooks noted below. **We will provide you with the Federal Taxation textbook and course pack for Intermediate A, B, and Advanced Accounting Concepts.** The Auditing textbook is optional and inexpensive.

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| **Starting June 13, 2016** |  | **For Intermediate Accounting A and B, plus first day of Advanced** |
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| [Intermediate Accounting, Volume 1, 16th Edition Binder Ready Version (111918150X) cover image](http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-111918150X.html) | 1. | Intermediate Acounting, 16th Edition BINDER VERSION; Kieso, Weygandt, Warfield; Volumes 1 and 2, Wiley 2016  Best purchased through USC Bookstore. This text is published in multiple versions, but we recommend the “binder-ready” loose-leaf version. The loose-leaf version is available through the USC Bookstore for the lowest price using this ISBN number:  ISBN: 9781-119298014 |
| **Starting June 23, 2016** |  | **OPTIONAL: For Introduction to Auditing and Assurance Services** |
| https://images-na.ssl-images-amazon.com/images/I/41E6Aum9xFL._SX384_BO1,204,203,200_.jpg |  | Auditing and Assurance Services by Arens, Elder & Beasley (14th Edition.)  <http://www.amazon.com/Auditing-Assurance-Services-Alvin-Arens/dp/0132575957?ie=UTF8&me=&ref_=mt_hardcover>  Note: This textbook is under $25 on Amazon. It is optional, but recommended for those who know very little about auditing or who like the security of a textbook for understanding concepts. |
| **Starting June 30, 2016** |  | **For Management Accounting and Control Systems** |
|  | 2. | [Managerial Accounting, 14th ed, Garrison, Noreen and Brewer; McGraw-Hill 2011.](http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0078111005/information_center_view0/)  ISBN: 978-0078111006  NOTE—we are using the 14th edition. You should be able to purchase or rent this book for very low cost.  [AMAZON](http://www.amazon.com/gp/offer-listing/0078111005/ref=sr_1_1_olp?ie=UTF8&qid=1397578034&sr=8-1&keywords=0078111005&condition=used) order early to ensure prompt delivery |

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| **Starting July 22, 2016** |  | **For Advanced Accounting Concepts** |
| Cover | 3. | [Advanced Accounting; 12th Edition; Hoyle, Schaefer, Doupnik., McGraw Hill, Boston, MA (HSD)](http://catalogs.mhhe.com/mhhe/viewProductDetails.do?isbn=0077862228).  ISBN: 978-007786222-0 (hard cover version) ISBN: 978-0077632595 (loose-leaf version)  [AMAZON](http://www.amazon.com/gp/offer-listing/0077862228/ref=tmm_hrd_new_olp_sr?ie=UTF8&condition=new&sr=8-1&qid=1397580659)  This textbook will be available for purchase [or rental at the USC Bookstore](http://uscbookstore.com/t7-rentals.aspx), or you can find it through secondary sources**.**  **Note**: A Course Pack of cases and exercises will be provided to you before the start of this class. |

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| **Starting August 1, 2016** |  | **For Introduction to Taxation—DO NOT BUY** |
| https://images-na.ssl-images-amazon.com/images/I/51ASuiypqVL._SX369_BO1,204,203,200_.jpg |  | **DO NOT PURCHASE THIS BOOK**.  We will provide you with the Taxation textbook for your use during the summer program. MBT students will keep this text for future use.  South-Western Federal Taxation 2016 or 2017: Essentials of Taxation: Individuals and Business Entities  **DO NOT PURCHASE THIS BOOK** |

Be sure you also have a **financial or graphing calculator** and KNOW HOW TO USE IT before you arrive. In the past, we have recommended Texas Instruments BA II Plus, but that model is not required. Just something that helps you calculate present and future values.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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| **Welcome Lunch (Optional)** | **Friday, June 10** |
| **Program Orientation** | **Monday, June 13** |
| **First Day of Classes** | **Monday, June 13** |
| **First Language and Culture Session** | **Saturday, June 18** |
| **Excel Session—Team A** | **Saturday, June 18** |
| **Last Day to Drop with Refund** | **Tuesday, June 21** |
| **Intermediate A Exam** | **Wednesday, June 22** |
| **Business Process Simulation** | **Wednesday, June 22** |
| **SOCIAL EVENT—Evening** | **Wednesday, June 22** |
| **Excel Session—Team B** | **Saturday, June 25** |
| **Audit Fieldtrip to Nestle** | **Tuesday, June 28** |
| **Audit Exam** | **Wednesday, June 29** |
| **HOLIDAY—No Class** | **Monday, July 4** |
| **Managerial Accounting Exam** | **Friday, July 8** |
| **DODGER BASEBALL GAME (Sunday)** | **Sunday, July 10** |
| **Intermediate B Exam** | **Thursday, July 21** |
| **FALL CLASS REGISTRATION** | **Thursday, July 21** |
| **FUN DAY OUT** | **Saturday, July 23** |
| **Language & Culture Special Event** | **Monday, July 25** |
| **Last Day to Drop with W** | **Wednesday, July 27** |
| **Advanced Accounting Exam** | **Friday, July 29** |
| **Careers Panel Discussions** | **Friday, July 29** |
| **Tax Exam** | **Tuesday, August 9** |
| **End of Intensive--Celebration** | **Tuesday, August 9** |

**COMMUNICATION EXPECTATIONS**

We will use “Blackboard” course management system to post information and course documents for you. Please see one of the teaching assistants if you have difficulty using Blackboard for ACCT 525. If you are not registered in Blackboard, please see one of the administrative TAs in ACC 101.

**ILLNESS: If you are ill or otherwise unable to attend class**, immediately EMAIL the following three people. Send one email with all three included:

1) Professor Maxey (smaxey@marshall.usc.edu)

2) Cathy Cowan (ccowan@marshall.usc.edu)

3) Professor or Lead TA of course segment (See page 2)

If you need to leave class before the late afternoon break, please notify a Lead TA before you leave. **REMEMBER: Missing one day of class is equivalent to missing a full week of a normal semester.** Once you fall behind, it is extremely difficult to catch up.

As a program, we believe in the importance of professionalism as demonstrated through behaviors, attitudes, and communications. **We expect all students to attend every day of class, arrive on time and stay throughout each day.** Obviously some things may come up, and we expect you to communicate with us about special situations. In general, it is best to notify us in person and follow up in writing. Please plan to stay until 5:00 pm during Intermediate A. If you do not need the extra help, please help others. After Intermediate A, you may choose to leave after the quizzes are returned in the afternoon. If you leave regularly, however, please do not ask for additional assistance from the TAs.

**About the Teaching Assistants**

We have a team of graduate teaching assistants to work with you throughout the summer program. Lead teaching assistants are assigned to each course within the program. These individuals work directly with the professor and teach certain elements of the daily classes. In addition to the lead TAs, lead tutors will sit in on the lectures so they will be prepared to assist you in the afternoons and increase the effectiveness of your studying. Finally, even more classroom TAs will be joining the sessions in the afternoon to help you review learning points related to the homework and quizzes.

Each class has a **Grading Manager, and all questions about grading should be submitted to that person**—not the professor and not the other TAs. We also have Administrative TAs who support all of us by working in the main office to manage all the administrative details of the program.

All Summer Intensive Teaching Assistants are successful graduates of last year’s Master’s Programs. We expect that students and teaching assistants will demonstrate mutual respect for each other. The Teaching Assistants represent the faculty and the administration and they are charged with making important decisions each day. Below is a list of the TAs and their major responsibilities.

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| **Summer TA** | **Roles** | **Email Address** |
| Kaitlyn Belt | Lead Tutor (A); Grade Mgr (Mgrl); LeadTA (Tax) | kbelt@usc.edu |
| Mingyue Chu | Language and Culture sessions | mingyuec@usc.edu |
| Joe DeLaTorre | LeadTA (A,B); LeadTutor (Audit, Tax) | jadelato@usc.edu |
| Monika Fitschen | GradeMgr (A, Tax) LeadTA (Mgr); LeadTutor (Adv); | fitschen@usc.edu |
| Sharon Kim | LeadTutor (A, B); LeadTA (Tax) | Sharon.jin.kim@usc.edu |
| James Li | Lead Tutor (Mgrl) Lead Tutor,(Advanced) | ruolinli@usc.edu |
| Kaiyi Qin | Language and Culture; Classroom Tutor | kqin@usc.edu |
| Taylor Reis | Lead TA (Audit); Lead TA (B) | treis@usc.edu |
| Danny Ryhal | LeadTA (Mgrl); LeadTutor (B); GradeMgr (Adv) | ryhal@usc.edu |
| Jade Simmons | Administrative Support; Prep for Fall | jssimmon@usc.edu |
| Demetrio Tacad | LeadTA (A, Adv); GradeMgr (Audit) | tacad@usc.edu |
| Rachel Umukoro | Administrative Support; Social Events | rumukoro@usc.edu |
| Jason Wechter | LeadTA (Audit,Adv); LeadTutor (Mgrl,Tax);GradeMgr (B) | jwechter@usc.edu |

**PERFORMANCE EVALUATION/GRADING**

This 15-unit course is divided into six segments or classes. You complete one class at a time before moving to the next. In addition, there is a “Professionalism” component that figures into the final grade and runs throughout the program.

After each course segment, you will be assigned a point total and an UNofficial grade based on the total points earned for that segment and in relation to the performance of your peers. This unofficial grade will give you an idea of where you stand in comparison to the other students in the class. It’s not based on percentages. You will know if you are above average, average, or below average for that segment, or if you are on the cusp between those areas. However, there is only one final grade reflected on your official transcript at the end of the 15-unit program.

Several steps are required to arrive at the final grade for the Summer Intensive Program. First, we look at your ranking in the total points earned and determine where there are natural point breaks to separate each grade. Second, we look at the six separate unofficial grades and determine if there is an obvious average. If you earned six unofficial B+ grades, for example, it is likely your final grade in the course would be a B+. However, **point totals vary by course, so the unofficial letter grades are not weighted equally.**

Professionalism is related to behaviors. Everyone begins with full credit for professionalism and loses points only by exhibiting unprofessional behaviors or actions contrary to the expectations described in this syllabus. Professors, teaching assistants, program administrators and occasionally your peers have input regarding professionalism. See page 9 for examples of problematic behaviors that reduce professionalism points.

Professor Maxey will compute your final course grade based on your performance in the six separate segments, your Professionalism Points, and your overall ranking in the class. Historically, the average of all intensive grades at the end of the term has been 3.4. Your transcript will reflect only the final course grade, which will count toward your overall graduate GPA. You must earn a 3.0 GPA or higher to graduate from a USC Master’s program. If your performance in Summer Intensive is far below average, we will discuss with you your options related to moving forward with the Master’s Program.

Below is a table indicating the relative weight of the components of each class. As you can see, the final exam for most classes carries about 75% of the points for that segment.

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| **Section** | **Total Section Points** | **Breakdown of Section Points** | |  |  |
| **% of Class Points** | **% of Total Course** |
| **Intermediate A** | 235 | Exam | 175 | 75% | 14% |
| Quizzes | 36 | 15% | 3% |
| Homework | 24 | 10% | 2% |
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| **Professionalism** | 60 | See description | 60 | 100% | 4.5% |
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| **Auditing** | 140 | Exam | 84 | 60% | 7% |
| Quizzes | 14 | 10% | 1% |
| Homework | 14 | 10% | 1% |
| Participation | 28 | 20% | 2% |
| **Management** | 200 | Exam | 150 | 75% | 12% |
| Quizzes | 30 | 15% | 2% |
| Homework | 20 | 10% | 1.5% |
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| **Intermediate B** | 235 | Exam | 175 | 75% | 14% |
| Quizzes | 36 | 15% | 3% |
| Homework | 24 | 10% | 2% |
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| **Advanced** | 200 | Exam | 150 | 75% | 12% |
| Quizzes | 30 | 15% | 2% |
| Homework | 20 | 10% | 1.5% |
| **Tax** | 200 | Exam | 150 | 75% | 12% |
| Quizzes | 30 | 15% | 2% |
| Homework | 20 | 10% | 1.5% |
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| **TOTAL** | **1,270** |  |  |  | 100% |

**Exams**

Depending on the class subject, exams consist of open-ended problems, essay questions, multiple choice and/or true/false questions. Each exam must be taken on the scheduled day and time. Each professor decides what materials you may have available to you during his or her exam.

**Quizzes**

Each class includes almost daily quizzes designed to help you test your understanding of the course material. Quizzes are held from 8:45 to 9:15am. They will be graded and returned to you that afternoon, and TAs will work with you to review areas where you are struggling. We will drop the lowest quiz grade in three course segments: Intermediate A; Intermediate B; and Introduction to Taxation. If you miss a quiz, you may be able to take it for learning purposes but not for points. Quizzes are of low point value to help you learn without too much stress.

**Homework**

Homework is assigned to help you practice and learn the material presented.

Homework is collected at the beginning of the day it is due, and you must be present in class to turn in your homework and receive credit for it. Roommates or friends may not turn in homework unless you are ill. Late homework will be accepted the morning it is due, for reduced credit. Homework is evaluated more for completeness and effort than for accuracy, so it is in your best interest to attempt all questions and make it easy for the teaching assistants to see your work. Homework is returned in the afternoon of the day it is due. **Most professors will encourage you to work together on the homework if it helps you learn. Please check with each professor for rules regarding discussion and preparation of homework in each class.**

**Professionalism**

Each student begins with 60 points toward Professionalism, and can retain all those points throughout the program. Points may be deducted for arriving late to class, leaving during classes, unexcused absences, being unprepared for class discussions throughout the day, sleeping during class, using electronic devices during class, being unresponsive to program requests for information (such as event RSVP details) and for other unprofessional behaviors and communications toward others involved in the program. Professionalism points are related to the full program rather than how well you do in Professional Development classes.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

This is a professional program, and we value the personal and professional integrity required to enter and remain a member of the profession of accounting. As such, truthfulness is a core value in our program. Unprofessional behaviors that threaten the reputation of the program will not be tolerated and are grounds for dismissal from the program. Please be mindful of your interactions with peers, TAs, staff, faculty, and visiting professionals.

Students are expected to adhere to the Leventhal School of Accounting Student Honor Code, the Marshall School of Business Code of Conduct, and University policies governing academic integrity. In addition, by accepting admission to the USC Leventhal Masters Programs, you are expected to conduct yourself at the highest levels of personal integrity in your interactions in and out of class, with peers, professors, staff, and accounting and tax professionals. Please see Shirley Maxey or Cathy Cowan if you notice or are involved in any issues related to academic integrity.

The Leventhal School of Accounting Student Honor Code applies to ACCT 525. The Honor Code is applicable to all individual work, group work, quizzes and exams. Each student is expected to follow and adhere to the principles of the Honor Code. **Make sure you familiarize yourself with the Student Honor Code, and ask each faculty member for the rules governing collaboration in his or her class.**

**Note:** Gaining access to current or past quizzes, exams, notes or homework is a violation of the Student Honor Code *unless* the faculty member has distributed them to you or granted access to everyone.

**Retention of Graded Papers**

All homework assignments and quizzes will be returned to you. You may review your performance on all exams, but they must be returned to the professor before you leave the room. The exams will be retained through the Summer 2017 semester.

**Students with Disabilities**

In general, this is not a good learning environment for students needing academic accommodations or who need ample time to reflect on their learning. Classes simply move too quickly. If you think this may be a problem for you, please see Shirley Maxey to discuss the options. Any student requesting academic accommodations based on a disability is required to register with Disability Services and Programs (DSP) each semester. A letter of verification for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP. DSP is located in STU 301 and is open 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number for DSP is (213) 740-0776.

Please make sure the DSP letter is delivered to the program office as soon as possible. We will advise the faculty of any special arrangements needed.

**INDIVIDUAL CLASS TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

As a separate handout, you have received the Summer Intensive Calendar. Daily schedules of class topics and homework assignments are distributed before each separate course begins. These handouts are considered part of this syllabus. They are also posted and updated in Blackboard. This general syllabus applies to all segments of the Summer Intensive Accounting Principles course.

**DO YOUR BEST. WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU SUCCEED.**