

DBS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

LJMU DEGREE PROGRAMMES

MODULE PROFORMA

Module Title: Financial Reporting

Level: 3

Assessment: Continuous Assessment: 30%

Examination: 70%

Prerequisites: Financial Accounting

Credits: 12

Objectives:

- To build on previous financial accounting studies with a greater emphasis on the theoretical foundations of accounting practice and the development of alternative systems of financial reporting.
- To develop strong skills in the preparation and presentation of financial statements for external reporting.
- To familiarise students with current and potential future developments in financial reporting and regulation on both national and international levels.

Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this module students will be able to:

- Demonstrate competence in the preparation and presentation of financial statements at an advanced level in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice and current professional and legal requirements.
- Analyse and interpret financial statements and recognise their limitations.
- Critically appraise current accounting practice from the viewpoint of the various stakeholders within a framework of good corporate governance.
- Display awareness of the international dimension to financial accounting and the associated variances in accounting practices.

Syllabus:

Financial Statements

- Preparation and presentation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice (GAAP) to include an understanding of the development and rationale for current accounting standards. The application of the statements to practical situations. Supplementary financial information issued with financial statements e.g. Operating & Financial Review.

Consolidated Financial Statements

- Preparation of group accounts involving one or more subsidiaries and/or associated companies. Incorporating fair values and goodwill into business combinations.

Income and Value Measurements

- Problems of profit measurement and alternative approaches. Review of alternative measurement bases such as historical cost versus current values. Principles of Revenue Recognition. Concept of inflation accounting. Reporting asset values.

Interpretation of Accounts

- Advanced aspects of the preparation and interpretation of accounts, cash flow statements and related reports including the implication of current reporting standards.

Regulatory Framework

- The development and status of the local and international Regulatory Framework including International Accounting Standards. Comparative accounting systems.

Developments in Accounting:

- Environmental and social responsibility accounting issues. Current developments in accounting theory and practice including good corporate governance and ethical considerations