



DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

COURSE OUTLINE – Fall 2026

BA1110 (B2): Introduction to Accounting – 3 (3-0-1) UT 60 Hours for 15 Weeks

Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live, and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation, and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge the history of this land, and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm, and Friday 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, or by appointment

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

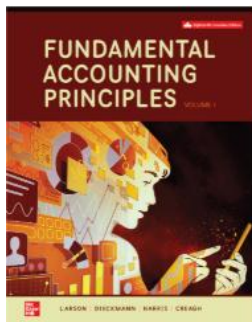
This course provides an introduction to accounting procedures and statements and their underlying concepts and principles. Within this framework, accounting practice is integrated with the development of accounting information for effective decision-making.

PREREQUISITE:

Math 20-1 or Math 20-2 with 60% or Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 with 50%.

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

1. PRINT TEXT/E-BOOK + CONNECT



Larson, K. Dieckmann, H., Harris, J., Erin Creagh; **Fundamental Accounting Principles, Volume 1, Eighteenth Canadian Edition**, McGraw-Hill, 2025. (ISBN: 9781264532599)

This ISBN includes the Connect online learning system. **The Connect online learning system is a requirement for this course.** The text will be used extensively in each class for this course.

2. FINANCIAL CALCULATOR

Students will require a financial calculator. Students may use only approved calculators for examinations. Cell phones and programmable calculators may not be used in testing or examinations. Approved financial calculators include:

- a) Sharp (EL-738) (used in BA1050), or
- b) Texas Instruments (BA II Plus)

DELIVERY MODE: On-campus (face-to-face)

This type of course will be delivered on campus in a specific location which will be indicated on the student timetable. Students are expected to attend in-person.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Describe the various forms of business organization.
- Identify and apply basic generally accepted accounting principles.
- Analyze transactions, journalize, and post entries to a ledger.
- Prepare and explain the use of a trial balance.
- Prepare adjusting entries for prepaid expenses, depreciation, unearned revenues, accrued expenses, and accrued revenues.
- Describe and prepare a worksheet and explain its usefulness.
- Prepare financial statements from an adjusted trial balance.
- Prepare and post-closing entries and a post-closing trial balance.
- Analyze and record transactions for a merchandising company.
- Compute ending inventory and cost of goods sold for the perpetual inventory system.
- Apply the gross profit method to estimate inventory.
- Prepare a bank reconciliation and journalize resulting adjustments.
- Record petty cash transactions.
- Apply the allowance method to account for uncollectible accounts receivable.
- Prepare entries for short-term notes receivable and compute interest.
- Calculate and account for depreciation and amortization.
- Account for the purchase and disposition of property, plant and equipment, and intangibles.

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page [Transfer Alberta](#)

**** For courses with alpha (letter) grading, a grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability. Note that, in many cases, BA1110 and BA1120 together are required for transferability.**

EVALUATIONS:

Chapter Assignments	15%
Quizzes (2 @ 5% each)	10%
Term Test I	20%
Term Test II	20%
Final Exam* (All chapters covered)	35%
Total	100%

*In order to receive credit for BA 1110, you must achieve 50 percent on the final examination, and a course composite grade of at least D (50%).

GRADING CRITERIA:

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines		Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	95-100		C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-94		C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84		C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79		D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76		D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72		F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

The schedule is tentative and may vary slightly at the discretion of the instructor.

Week Beginning	Topic	Required Reading
September 2	Accounting in Business	Chapter 1
September 7 September 14	<i>Labour Day – September 7 – No Classes</i> Analyzing and Recording Transactions	Chapter 2
September 21	Adjusting Accounts for Financial Statements	Chapter 3
September 28 October 5	Completing the Accounting Cycle and Classifying Accounts	Chapter 4
October 8	Term Test #1 (Chapters 1-4)	Chapters 1-4
October 12	Accounting for Merchandising Activities	Chapter 5
October 19 October 26	Costing and Valuation of Inventory	Chapter 6
November 2	Implementing Internal Controls	Chapter 7
<i>November 9</i>	<i>Fall Break – No Classes</i>	
November 16	Implementing Internal Controls	Chapter 7
November 19	Term Test #2 (Chapters 5-7)	Chapters 5-7
November 23	Accounting for Receivables	Chapter 8
November 30 December 7	Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangibles	Chapter 9
December 12 – 19	COMPREHENSIVE FINAL EXAM	Chapters 1-9

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Registered students are expected to abide by the rules and regulations of NWP. It is the student's responsibility to be fully acquainted with and adhere to NWP's policies, procedures or rules; see [Student Rights and Responsibility Policy](#)



STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

Academic Misconduct will not be tolerated. For a more precise definition of academic misconduct and its consequences, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy available: [Student Rights and Responsibility Policy](#)

****Note:** all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page. [Policies Directory | Northwestern Polytechnic](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes, arrive on time, and remain for the duration of the scheduled class. Students may be refused permission to write the final examination on the advice of the instructor. This usually happens when absences are more than six absences (2 weeks), if significant assessments like assignments, quizzes, tests, and/or exams are not completed, or if the student is mathematically unable to pass the course, even by scoring 100% on the final exam. The instructor will notify any student in these situations before the final exam period; see Final Examination Policy: <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/>.

Time Management

The expectation for this course is that students read the material and attempt the quick studies prior to class. Reading the textbook and reviewing the additional resources on Connect are excellent ways to prepare for classroom activities. Your focus should be on recording journal entries and preparing financial statements. Note that you will not learn accounting by simply reading and looking over solutions.

Recording

Recording lectures or taking photos in class is prohibited unless advance permission is obtained from the instructor and any guest presenter(s). In the event permission is granted, such recordings may only be used for individual study, and may not be reproduced, transferred, distributed, or displayed in any public manner. Any images taken without the instructor's consent will need to be deleted immediately.

Webmail

Students may contact the instructor by webmail. Webmail will be answered within two business days outside of stated office hours. Webmail correspondence must be sent to your instructor from your NWP Webmail account. Webmail should be professionally formatted with correct spelling and grammar. Webmail must include a subject line and a reference to the course code and material(s) and/or textbook pages, etc.

Study Skills Hub

Adopting and adhering to effective learning habits in this course will likely take up a great deal of time, so plan your schedule accordingly. The NWP Study Skills Hub will help you develop the skills you need to succeed in your program and cope with the demands of higher education. Click on the following link for free access:

<https://libguides.nwpolytech.ca/learningportal/studyskills>

ASSIGNMENT, QUIZ, TEST AND EXAM POLICIES:

- Assignments will be located on the Connect Online Learning System. Assignments must be submitted by the due date. You will have two attempts on all assignments. Connect will automatically submit your assignments on the due date. Late assignments will not be accepted. No extensions or rewrites will be granted. Any missed assignments will receive a grade of zero.
- Quizzes will be given throughout the semester. Scheduling will take place for quizzes as the course progresses, and you will be given ample advance notice of these dates. Unexcused absences during a test or quiz will earn a grade of zero. For excused absences, the weighting of the test may be transferred to the final exam at the instructor's discretion. No re-writes will be granted for missed exams or unsuccessful attempts.
- Term tests are tentatively scheduled for **October 8, 2026, and November 19, 2026**. Do not plan activities or trips on these days. Unexcused absences during a test will be assigned a grade of zero.
- The two-hour final exams will be written as scheduled by the Registrar's office during the exam period from **December 12 – 19, 2026**. Do not plan activities or trips during this period. Unexcused absences will earn a grade of zero. Students who arrive after the first student has left the examination room will not be allowed to write the final exam and will receive a grade of zero. Students who submit a blank or substantially incomplete exam will not be eligible for a repeat final examination.