

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE BUSINESS SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING**

ACC 3603 Assurance & Attestation

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Reference Textbook

Eilifsen, Messier, Glover & Prawitt, Auditing and Assurance Services, McGrawHill, Third International Edition, 2014. (“EMGP”)

Course Aims & Objectives

This module provides the knowledge and understanding of the audit process required by assurance and attestation engagements. It aims to ensure students acquire the necessary attitude, skills, and knowledge for a career in auditing, in the accounting profession or in business management.

This is a content heavy module. Students are reminded that they should read the notes and watch the relevant eVideos for each topic before the lesson.

Assessment

Case Presentation:	10%
Group Project:	20%
Class Participation:	10%
Final Exam:	<u>60%</u>
	<u>100%</u>

Course Schedule

Week beginning	Week	Activity	Reading References
14 Aug 2017	1	Introduction to Audit and Attestation & the Regulatory Framework: <i>Notes 1</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Audit & Statutory Audit • Regulatory Framework <i>Notes 1b</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of the Audit Committee 	EMGP: Ch 1, 2 & 19 SSA 200,210 ISCA webpages on standard setting process (http://isca.org.sg/tkc/aa/standards/) Companies Act
21 Aug 2017	2	Introduction to Audit and Attestation & the Regulatory Framework: <i>Notes 1c</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditors Independence 	Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct (EP100) (http://isca.org.sg/media/777626/code-of-ethics-for-isca-code-of-professional-conduct-and-ethics-2015-clean.pdf)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section C Professional Accountants in Business <p><u>Notes 1d</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct, & Independence Rules Illustration <p><u>Notes 1e</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of Auditors: Professional Clearance Procedures & Engagement Letter <p><u>Notes 1f</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit Quality 	
28 Aug 2017	3	<p>Auditors Liabilities</p> <p><u>Notes 2</u></p> <p>Audit Planning, Internal Controls & Risk Assessment:</p> <p><u>Notes 3a</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit Risk Model Objectives & General Principles of Audit Planning Obtaining an Understanding of the Entity, and its Business and Internal Controls Preliminary Analytical Procedures Internal Control & Tests of Control (<i>Aspects relating to specific accounts taught under relevant Audit Evidence sub-topics</i>) Assessing the Risk of Material Misstatement 	EMGP: Ch 3, 4, 6 & 7. SSA 300, 315, 320, 330, 450, 520
4 Sept 2017	4	<p><i>Case Presentation 1: Regulatory Framework & Ethics</i></p> <p>Audit Planning, Internal Control & Risk Assessment (Cont'd):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materiality Level Audit Strategy and Approach / Assertions 	EMGP: Ch 3, 4, 5 SSA 230, 300, 315, 320, 330, 450, 500, 520

		Audit Evidence & Internal Control (I): <u>Notes 3b</u>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing, Documentation & Audit Evidence • Data Analytics in Audit 	
11 Sep 2017	5	Case Presentation 2 on Audit Planning Audit Evidence & Internal Control (II):	EMGP: Ch 13 & 14. SSA 505
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property, Plant & Equipment <u>Notes 4</u> • Using the work of others <u>Notes 4</u> (to do evidences) • Inventories <u>Notes 5</u> 	
18 Sep 2017	6	Case Presentation 3: Audit of Property, Plant & Equipment Audit Evidence & Internal Control (III):	EMGP: Ch 10 SSA 505, 550, AGS 2
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale <u>Notes 6</u> • Accounts Receivable <u>Notes 7</u> <i>including impairment</i> • Related Party Transactions <u>Notes 7b</u> 	
Mid-term break			
2 Oct 2017	7	Case Presentation 4: Inventories Audit Evidence & Internal Control (IV):	EMGP: Ch 16 SSA 505, AGS 2, 6
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash & Bank & LT Loans <u>Notes 8</u> 	
9 Oct 2017	8	Case Presentation 5: Sales & Accounts Receivable Audit Evidence & Internal Control (IV):	EMGP: Ch 12
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wages <u>Notes 9</u> 	
16 Oct 2017 (Deepavali PH: Wed 18 Oct 2017)	9	Case Presentation 6: Cash Audit Evidence & Internal Control (V):	EMGP: Ch 11, 15
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchases <u>Notes 10</u> • Accounts Payable & Equity <u>Notes 11</u> 	
23 Oct 2017	10	Case Presentation 7: Wages Audit Review & Reporting to Board/Management/Members (I): <u>Notes 12</u>	EMGP: Ch 17 & 18. SSA 560, 570, 700, 705, 706

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Going Concern & Events After Balance Sheet Date <p><i>Project Submission during lessons</i></p>	
30 Oct 2017	11	<p><i>Case Presentation 8: Purchases & Accounts Payable</i></p> <p>Audit Review & Reporting to Board/Management/Members (II): <i>Notes 13</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalisation & Audit Report, • Management Representation Letter • Communication on Internal Controls to the Audit Committee (Management Letter) <p>Miscellaneous Topics [<i>Notes 14</i>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>14a</i>: Computer-assisted Audit Techniques • <i>14b</i>: Auditing for Not-For-Profit Organisations • <i>14c</i>: Group Audits • <i>14d</i>: Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing • <i>14d</i>: Review engagements for interim financial information and historical financial information. 	<p><u>Audit Review & Reporting:</u> EMGP: Ch 17 & 18. SSA 580, 700, 701, 705, 706, 720</p> <p><u>Miscellaneous Topics:</u> SSA 600, 610 EP 200 SSRE 2400, SRE 2410</p>
6 Nov 2017	12	<p><i>Case Presentation 9: Closeout Procedures/GC/PBSE</i></p> <p><i>Case Presentation 10: Audit Report</i></p>	
13 Nov 2017	13	<p><i>Project Presentation</i></p> <p>Course Overall Review</p>	
[] Nov 2017		Final Exam (closed book)	

IMPORTANT: Please bring along lecture notes of the current and the following week to class, as I will start the next set of notes if there is excess time. URL of the eVideos will be posted on IVLE in due course.

Group Project

More details would be announced later. Tentative dateline for submission of the project will be during the week beginning **16 October 2017** during the classes.

Case Presentations & Forum MCQ For Self-Practice

The Case Presentations provide a practical illustration of the application of theoretical principles on practical scenarios, e.g., the audit of individual accounts (which will be taught in subsequent weeks). Groups will be assigned case presentations for which they would be graded. In addition, MCQ self-practice questions for some topics will be uploaded to IVLE Forum. Students are advised to go through them to enhance their understanding of the topics taught.

Some Case Presentations include optional questions for self-practice. Please do not wait till exam reading week to try them. The lecturer may not have enough time to respond to all late stage enquiries relating to these questions.

Instructions on Case Presentations

A written submission (ppt format) is required for each group assigned to present a case set. Each presentation is not to exceed 32 slides. Marks would be deducted for presenting more than necessary required to answer the questions.

The written submission is to be emailed to biztwc@nus.edu.sg **by the preceding Saturday 12 noon. 5% marks deduction (of case total) would be made for late submissions.** The presentation must be consistent with the written submission.

The focus on the presentation is on the technical content – 7 marks (correctly identifying accounting issue, audit issue and audit procedures as required in the case), 1 mark for organisation of the presentation and 2 marks for presentation and Q&A ability.

Please restrict your presentation to within 20 minutes and focus on application to the case.

“Optional” questions in the question sheet need not be answered.

After the class presentation, the presenting group must upload their slides to the IVLE folder “Student Case Presentation Submissions – [class]”, for sharing with fellow classmates.

Any intention to make a submission for peer review should be made as soon as possible. The last date where such a submission may be made is **10 November 2017**. Submissions beyond this date will not be entertained.