



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2007/2008

GRA 6262 Auditing III and IV: Advanced Topics in Auditing

Program

Master in Professional Accountancy

Responsible for the course

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Department

Accounting - Auditing and Law

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

12

Language of instruction

Norwegian

The purpose of external financial auditing is to attest in the auditor's report that the financial statements have been prepared according to relevant legislation, rules and standards.

Objective

The purpose of Auditing III is to give the students an in-depth understanding of the interaction between the objectives and strategies of companies and how accounting systems and internal control can help achieve those objectives. The students should understand the quality features of various systems solutions and accounting as well as related tasks. The objective and professional practice of internal auditing tasks are introduced and corresponding international standard are discussed.

Based on the three prior auditing courses, Auditing IV covers selected major areas of study within auditing that are especially important for the auditor's profession and work. Particular emphasis is placed on recent international developments in auditing, including new legislation and its impact on auditing. Examples are the the US Sarbanes Oxley Act, EU 8th Directive, various types of assurance services, etc. Further subjects to be covered include financial crime and criminal procedure factors, and auditing for other purposes such as environmental audits, due diligence, etc.

Prerequisites

GRA 6250 Introduction to auditing and GRA 6257 Audit theory and methodology.

Compulsory literature

Books:

Arens, Alvin A. Randal J. Elder, Mark S. Beasley. 2005. Auditing and assurance services : an integrated approach. 11th ed. Upper Saddle River, N.J. : Pearson Education
Dunn, Cheryl, J. Owen Cherrington, Anita S. Hollander. 2005. Enterprise information systems : a pattern-based approach. 3rd ed. Boston: McGraw-Hill/Irwin
Hunton, James E., Stephanie M. Bryant, Nancy A. Begranoff. 2004. Core concepts of information technology auditing. Hoboken, N.J. : Wiley
Kinney, William R. 2006. Information quality assurance and internal control for management decision making. 2nd ed. London: Mc-Graw-Hill
Tvedt, Terje, Tove-Gunn Moen og Siri Helen Reidulff. 2005. Ny bokføringslov : en presentasjon av lov og forskrift. 2. utg. Oslo: DnR forl

Other:

Artikler og annet materiale utdelt til forelesningene.
IIAs standarder. Siste utgave. The Institute of Internal Auditors, Norges Interne Revisorers Forening
Intern kontroll: Et integrert rammeverk. Oversettelse av COSO-rapporten. 1996. Oslo: Cappelen Akademisk Forlag. Nettversjon av COSOrapport

Recommended literature

Books:

Committee on the financial aspects of corporate governance. 1992. Report of the Committee on the financial aspects of corporate governance. London : GEE. (Cadburyrapporten)

Garfinkel, Simson with Gene Spafford. 2002. Web security, privacy, and commerce. 2nd ed. Sebastopol, Calif. : O'Reilly

Havstein, Bjørgunn, Tove-Gunn Moen. 2005. Regnskapsorganisasjon : bokføring og intern kontroll. 4. utg. Oslo: Cappelen Akademisk Forlag. Kravet til forkunnskaper dekkes ved denne boken.

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales. 1999. Internal control : guidance for directors on the combined code. London : Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales. (Turnbullrapporten)

Knapp, Michael C. 2006. Contemporary auditing : real issues and cases. 6th ed. [Mason, Ohio] : Thomson/South-Western

Romney, Marshall B. and Paul John Steinbart. 2006. Accounting information systems. 10th ed. Upper Saddle River, N.J. : Pearson Prentice Hall. Kravet til forkunnskaper dekkes ved denne boken.

Other:

AICPA. 1997. Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) 82: Consideration of Fraud in a Financial Statement Audit. New York: The Institute

ISACA. SISAS (Statements on Information Systems Auditing Standards). Online. Tilgjengelig via URL: <http://www.isaca.org/>.

Relevante norske lover, forskrifter og standarder, samt Revisors Håndbok

Course outline

Auditing III

Basic model for accounting systems
The quality concept and securing of data quality
Continuous Auditing and Monitoring.
Data protection
Event-driven systems, systems in stages
Databases, excerpts, extractions, control systems and electronic signatures
Accounting legislation and good accounting practice
Data exchange between accounting systems
Operational auditing and quality auditing
Internal audit
IT auditing, IT-risks and –controls
Standards and models for IT-audits: good IT practice, ISACA and ITIL
IT and statutory financial auditing

Auditing IV

Errors and Irregularities, RS 240 and related standards
Financial crime, corruption, misappropriation of funds, tax evasion
Money laundering
Environmental auditing
Criminal procedure
Sarbanes-Oxley legislation
Other certification tasks than financial audit
Auditing of the public sector
Auditing across national borders. Human relations and intercultural collaboration.

Computer-based tools

Course structure

72 hours of lectures.

Specific Information regarding student evaluation will be provided in class. Please note that while attendance is not compulsory in all courses, it is the student's responsibility to obtain any information provided in class that is not included on the course homepage/Blackboard or text book.

Evaluation

6-hour written examination.

Evaluation code(s)

GRA 62621 accounts for 100 % of the final grade in the course GRA6262

Aids at the examination

Auditor's Manual, latest edition.
Approved Code of laws

Support materials at written examinations are explained under exam information in our web-based student handbook. Please note use of calculator. <http://www.bi.no/studenthandbook>.

Makeup exam

A makeup exam is held in connection with the next regular scheduled exam in the course. If the course evaluation consists of class participation or process elements, the whole course must be evaluated if a student wants to retake an exam.

Honor code

Academic honesty and trust are important to all of us as individuals, and represent values that are encouraged and promoted by the honor code system. This is a most significant university tradition. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the ideals of the honor code system, to which the faculty are also deeply committed.

Any violation of the honor code will be dealt with in accordance with BI's procedures for cheating. These issues are a serious matter to everyone associated with the programs at BI and are at the heart of the honor code and academy integrity. If you have any questions about your responsibilities under the honor code, please ask.