



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010

GRA 6234 Auditing II and III: Advanced Topics in Auditing

Programme

Master in Professional Accountancy

Responsible for the course

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Department

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Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

15

Language of instruction

Norwegian

Introduction

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.

Learning outcome

The purpose of Auditing II and 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 prior auditing course Auditing I, Auditing II and III covers selected major areas of study within auditing that are especially important for the auditor's profession and work. Particular emphasis is placed on the rest of the audit process that is not covered by the course Auditing I, 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 public audits, environmental audits, due diligence, etc.

Prerequisites

GRA 6257 Auditing I: Audit theory and methodology.

Compulsory reading

Books:

Arens, Alvin A. Randal J. Elder, Mark S. Beasley. 2008. Auditing and assurance services : an integrated approach. 12th ed. Upper Saddle River, N.J. : Pearson Prentice Hall. Kap. 18-23, 25-26

Dunn, Cheryl L., 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. 2000. Information quality assurance and internal control for management decision making. London : MacGraw-Hill

Tvedt, Terje, Tove-Gunn Moen og Siri Helen Reidulff. 2005. Ny bokføringslov : en presentasjon av lov og forskrift. 2. utg. Oslo : DnR forlaget

Other:

-I løpet av kurset kan det bli delt ut materiale på flere emner som er relevante for kurset og eksamen

Artikler og annet materiale utdelt til forelesningene.

IAs 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 reading

Books:

1999. Internal control : guidance for directors on the combined code. London : Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales. (Turnbullrapporten)
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. 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.
Knapp, Michael C. 2008. Contemporary auditing : real issues and cases. 7th ed. Australia : South-Western Educational Pub.
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 II and III

The rest of the audit process that is not covered by GRA 6257
Basic model for accounting systems
Data exchange between accounting systems
Operational auditing and quality auditing
Internal audit
The quality concept and securing of data quality.
Data protection
Databases, excerpts, extractions, control systems and electronic signatures
IT auditing, IT-risks and –controls
Standards and models for IT-audits: good IT practice, ISACA and ITIL
IT and statutory financial auditing
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

Learning process and workload

90 hours of lectures, practical cases / plenary discussions and discussions in groups.

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

Examination

6-hour written examination.

Specific information regarding student evaluation beyond the information given in the course description will be provided in class. This information may be relevant for requirements for term papers or other hand-ins, and/or where class participation can be one of several elements of the overall evaluation.

Exam code(s)

GRA 62341 accounts for 100 % of the final grade in the course GRA6234

Examination support materials

Auditor's Manual, latest edition.
Approved Code of laws.
BI approved exam calculator

Exam aids at written examinations are explained under exam information in our web-based Student handbook. Please note use of calculator and dictionary.
<http://www.bi.edu/studenthandbook/examaids>

Re-sit examination

Re-takes are only possible at the next time a course will be held. When the course evaluation has a separate exam code for each part of the evaluation it is possible to retake parts of the evaluation. Otherwise, the whole course must be re-evaluated when a student wants to retake an exam. Retake examinations entail an extra examination fee.

Additional information**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 academic integrity. If you have any questions about your responsibilities under the honor code, please ask.