



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/2015

GRA 6274 Auditing II and III: Advanced Topics in Auditing

Programme

Master in Professional Accountancy

Responsible for the course

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Department

Department of Accounting - Auditing and Law

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

12

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. This task is supplemented by related tasks with an independent purpose or that are included in the basis for financial auditing.

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 standards are discussed.

Based on prior auditing courses, this course covers selected major areas of study within auditing that are especially important for the auditor's profession and work. The auditor's general conditions and the design and content of the audit report are important themes.

Particular emphasis is placed on recent international developments in auditing, including new legislation and its impact on auditing (the US Sarbanes Oxley Act), 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 Audit Theory and Methodology

Compulsory reading

Books:

Arens, Alvin A., Randal J. Elder, Mark S. Beasley. 2014. Auditing and assurance services : an integrated approach. 15th ed. Pearson

Gulden, Bror Petter. 2012. Den eksterne revisor. 8. utg. Gyldendal akademisk

Revisors håndbok. Siste utg. Den norske revisorforening

Other:

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

Recommended reading

Books:

1996. Intern kontroll : et integrert rammeverk : oversettelse av COSO-rapporten. Cappelen akademisk forlag

Course outline

Auditing II:

Data protection

Databases, excerpts, extractions, control systems and electronic signatures

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 III

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
The auditor's external conditions
The audit report

Computer-based tools

It's learning

Learning process and workload

A course of 12 ECTS credits corresponds to a workload of 320-360 hours.

It is expected that the students have understood the lectures and hand-outs from lectures.
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/It's learning or text book.

Examination

6-hour written exam.

Examination code(s)

GRA 62741 written exam accounts for 100% of the grade in the course.

Examination support materials

Auditor's Manual, latest edition, and ISA(2010) in Norwegian.
Laws and regulations. BI-approved exam calculator.

Laws and regulations: students may choose one of four valid codes of law :

- 1) Norges Lover
- 2) Ole Gjems-Onstad: Skattelovsamling, Gyldendal forlag
- 3) Erik Friis Fæhn: Jarøy skattelovsamling, Jacob Jarøy Forlag
- 4) Sverre Faafeng Langfeldt: Lov og rett for næringslivet, Universitetsforlaget

Examination support materials at written examinations are explained under examination information in the student portal @bi. Please note use of calculator and dictionary in the section on support materials.

Re-sit examination

It is only possible to retake an examination when the course is next taught.
The assessment in some courses is based on more than one exam code.
Where this is the case, you may retake only the assessed components of one of these exam codes.
Where this is not the case, all of the assessed components of the course must be retaken.
All retaken examinations will incur an additional 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.