



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/2016

GRA 6257 Audit Theory and Methodology

Programme

Master in Professional Accountancy

Responsible for the course

Flemming Ruud

Department

Department of Accounting - Auditing and Law

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

Language of instruction

Norwegian

Introduction

The course aims to give students a deeper understanding of the theoretical and methodological basis for the subject area of financial auditing and how it is practised.

Learning outcome

The students are given an in-depth comprehension of the theoretical and methodological basis for auditing the annual accounts. Internationally established practice based on legislation and standards (particularly IFAC/RS) are discussed in detail.

Prerequisites

All courses in the Masters programme will assume that students have fulfilled the admission requirements for the programme. In addition, courses in second, third and/or fourth semester can have specific prerequisites and will assume that students have followed normal study progression. For double degree and exchange students, please note that equivalent courses are accepted.

Compulsory reading

Books:

Arens, Alvin A., Randal J. Elder, Mark S. Beasley. 2014. Auditing and assurance services : an integrated approach. 15th ed. Pearson. Kapitlene 1-3 og 5-17 og 24

Beasley, Mark S ... [et al.]. 2014. Auditing cases : an interactive learning approach. 6th ed. Pearson
Revisors håndbok. Siste utg. Den norske revisorforening. Revisjonsstandarder

Other:

Aktuelle artikler og annet materiale utdelt eller henvist til i forelesningene.

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

Recommended reading

Course outline

- Auditing, certification and assurance services and connected auditor tasks
- The objective of the audit
- Comprehension of the need for financial audits – legal regulation vs. market mechanisms
- Acceptance of audit assignments, content and formulation of appointment letter, including an understanding of the company's activities, legal conditions
- The role of auditing in a corporate governance perspective
- The audit process

planning of auditing, auditing of business processes

understanding of materiality and risk assessments, including organizations'

- Strategic

- Detailed

business

risk, with consequences for the audit and the audit risk model

auditor's assessment of the client's internal control (must be considered in connection with the course Auditing III and IV)

and combinations of audit evidence for various audit areas

Analytical auditing

the sales and collection cycle

for testing, random checks and test methods, including the use of statistical checks

Assessment of faults and irregularities, discovered violations of the law, consequences for further auditing and reporting

obligations

after balance sheet date

Assessments of the conditions for continued operations

the board's annual report, management obligations

requirements of the audit (including generally accepted auditing standards)

auditor's reporting to external users, formulation of the auditor's report, types of reports

against the auditor

- The
- Types
-
- Audit of
- Samples
- random
-
- Latent
- Events
-
- Audit of
- Quality
- The
- auditor's
- Sanctions

Computer-based tools
Not applicable

Learning process and workload

ECTS credits corresponds to a workload of 160-180 hours.

of lectures, cases, plenary and group discussions. Seminars in smaller groups in which the work (written assignments and active participation) are evaluated.

A course of 6

A combination

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

Form of assessment	Weight	Group size
Written examination 3 hours	100%	Individual

Specific information regarding student assessment will be provided in class. This information may be relevant to requirements for term papers or other hand-ins, and/or where class participation can be one of several components of the overall assessment.

Examination code(s)

GRA 62571 written exam accounts for 100 % of the final grade in the course GRA 6257.

Examination support materials

Auditor's manual
BI approved exam calculator
Bilingual dictionary

Permitted examination support materials for written examinations are detailed under examination information in the student portal @bi. The section on support materials and the use of calculators and dictionaries should be paid special attention to.

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. All retaken examinations will incur an additional fee. Please note that you need to retake the latest version of the course with updated course literature and assessment. Please make sure that you have familiarised yourself with the latest course description.

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.