



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/2017

GRA 6257 Audit Theory and Methodology - RE-SIT EXAMINATION

Programme

Master in Accounting and Auditing

Responsible for the course

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Department

Department of Accounting - Auditing and Business Analytics

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
- Strategic planning of auditing, auditing of business processes
- Detailed understanding of materiality and risk assessments, including organizations' business risk, with consequences for the audit and the audit risk model
- The auditor's assessment of the client's internal control (must be considered in connection with the course Auditing III and IV)
- Types and combinations of audit evidence for various audit areas
- Analytical auditing

- Audit of the sales and collection cycle
- Samples for testing, random checks and test methods, including the use of statistical random checks
- Assessment of faults and irregularities, discovered violations of the law, consequences for further auditing and reporting
- Latent obligations
- Events after balance sheet date
- Assessments of the conditions for continued operations
- Audit of the board's annual report, management obligations
- Quality requirements of the audit (including generally accepted auditing standards)
- The auditor's reporting to external users, formulation of the auditor's report, types of auditor's reports
- Sanctions against the auditor

Computer-based tools

Not applicable

Learning process and workload

A course of 6 ECTS credits corresponds to a workload of 160-180 hours.

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

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. Candidates may be called in for an oral hearing as a verification/control of written assignments.

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

Honour code. Academic honesty and trust are important to all of us as individuals, and are values that are integral to BI's honour code system. Students are responsible for familiarising themselves with the honour code system, to which the faculty is deeply committed. Any violation of the honour code will be dealt with in accordance with BI's procedures for academic misconduct. Issues of academic integrity are taken seriously by everyone associated with the programmes at BI and are at the heart of the honour code. If you have any questions about your responsibilities under the honour code, please ask. The learning platform itslearning is used

in the teaching of all courses at BI. All students are expected to make use of its learning.