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**FINAL ON CAMPUS FACE TO FACE TEACHING TIMETABLE**  
**FOR SEMESTER ONE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026 AS AT AUGUST 01, 2025**

## FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

**Detailed blended Teaching and Learning Almanac for Semester One 2025/2026 for Postgraduate studies**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Year One</b>	<b>Year Two</b>
August 11 – 17, 2025	1	On-Campus	Online (MUBSEP)
August 18 – 24, 2025	2	On-Campus	Online (MUBSEP)
August 25 – August 31, 2025	3	Online (MUBSEP)	On-Campus
September 01 – 07, 2025	4	Online (MUBSEP)	On-Campus
September 08 – 14, 2025	5	On-Campus	Online (MUBSEP)
September 15 – 21, 2025	6	On-Campus	Online (MUBSEP)
September 22 – 28, 2025	7	Online (MUBSEP)	On-Campus
September 29 – October 05, 2025	8	Online (MUBSEP)	On-Campus
October 06 – 12, 2025	9	On-Campus	Online (MUBSEP)
October 13 – 19, 2025	10	On-Campus	Online (MUBSEP)
October 20 – 26, 2025	11	Online (MUBSEP)	On-Campus
October 27 – November 02, 2025	12	Online (MUBSEP)	On-Campus
November 03 – 09, 2025	13	On-Campus	Online (MUBSEP)
November 10- 16, 2025	14	Online (MUBSEP)	On-Campus
November 17 – Dec. 06, 2025	15-17	Examinations	Examinations

**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY  
MAKERERE UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL  
MSC ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026  
SEMESTER I**

<b>Course name:</b>	<b>Accounting and Finance Theory</b>
<b>Course code:</b>	<b>ACC 7103</b>
<b>Semester:</b>	<b>One</b>
<b>Course category:</b>	<b>Core</b>
<b>Credit units:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Credit Hours:</b>	<b>30</b>

**Course Description.**

This course explores the theoretical foundations and principles underpinning the accounting and finance fields. It provides students with a deep understanding of the conceptual frameworks and models used in these disciplines to analyze, interpret, and communicate financial information and make informed financial decisions and explores the theoretical foundations that guide accounting and financial decision-making.

**Course objectives.**

**The objective of the course is to enable students;**

- a) To appreciate how knowledge of different financial accounting theories increases our ability to understand and evaluate various alternative financial accounting practices.
- b) To understand that there are many theories of financial accounting and that the different theories of financial accounting are often developed to perform different functions, such as to *describe* accounting practice, or to *prescribe* particular accounting practices.
- c) To develop proficiency in various theoretical frameworks and models that underpin accounting and finance, including the efficient market hypothesis, agency theory, and capital structure theories.
- d) To Foster critical thinking skills to evaluate financial data and apply theoretical concepts to real-world financial problems.
- e) To explore the ethical dimensions of accounting and finance, understanding the importance of professional ethics and integrity in these fields.

**Learning outcomes:**

**By the end of the course, students will be able to;**

- a) The student will understand that theories, including theories of accounting, are developed as a result of applying various value judgments and that acceptance of one theory, in preference to others, will in part be tied to one's value judgements.
- b) The student is required to critically assess the current debate and controversies, and their implications for the way financial accounting is practiced. Accounting is examined from the financial, organizational and social contexts.
- c) Apply theoretical concepts to analyze financial statements, make investment decisions, and assess the financial health of organizations.
- d) Be aware of the ethical issues and dilemmas in the accounting and finance sectors and be equipped with the knowledge to navigate them with integrity.
- e) Gain the ability to conduct research in accounting and finance and solve complex financial problems using theoretical knowledge and critical thinking.

- f) Be adaptable and capable of applying various accounting and finance theories and models to a dynamic and evolving business environment.

### Course Content

S/No	TOPIC	SUBTOPIC
1	Introduction to Financial Accounting Theory	a) The nature of a theory b) Importance of understanding accounting theories c) An Overview of the Development of Accounting Theory <b>(Prof. Twaha Kaawaase : 11<sup>th</sup> August to 24<sup>th</sup> Aug )</b>
2	The Normative Accounting Theories and Accounting Choices	a) Normative accounting theories and the Conceptual Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meaning of conceptual framework</li> <li>• Conceptual frameworks as normative theories</li> <li>• The rationale for a conceptual framework</li> <li>• The IASB Conceptual framework (IASBVs FASB - Building blocks, Users of General Purpose Financial Reports; Objectives; Qualitative Characteristics and Elements of General-Purpose Financial Reports;</li> </ul> b) Normative Accounting Theories: Accounting for Changing Prices and Asset Values / Alternative valuation approaches c) What is Historical cost accounting and what are its limitations in terms of coping with changing prices and changing market conditions d) What are the alternative methods of accounting that have been developed to address problems associated with changing prices (meaning, strength & weaknesses - of Fair value accounting; Current Purchasing Power e) Accounting-CPPA, Current Cost Accounting-CCA, Chambers' Continuously Contemporary Accounting (CoCoA) and Fair Value Accounting (FVA) <b>(Prof. Twaha Kaawaase 25<sup>th</sup> Aug – 7<sup>th</sup> Sept)</b>

3	Positive Accounting Theory and Positive Theories of Accounting (Systems Oriented Theories) and disclosure practices	a) Positive Accounting Theory (Watts and Zimmerman, 1986) and Accounting Choice b) Positive Theories of Accounting and Accounting & Disclosure Practices – Mandatory and Voluntary Financial, Social and Environmental Disclosures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political Economy Theory</li> <li>• Legitimacy theory and disclosure practices Stakeholder theory and disclosure practices</li> <li>• Institutional theory and disclosure practices</li> <li>• Signaling theory, Agency theory and accounting policy/disclosure choices</li> </ul> <b>(Prof. Twaha Kaawaase 8<sup>th</sup> Sept to 14<sup>th</sup> Sept)</b>
4	The Regulation Theory of Financial Accounting	a) What is regulation? The rationale for regulating accounting practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 'free-market' perspective</li> <li>• The 'pro-regulation' perspective</li> <li>• Public Interest theory</li> <li>• Capture theory</li> <li>• Lobbying and Economic Interest group theory</li> <li>• Accounting Regulation as an outcome of a political process</li> </ul> <b>(Prof Twaha Kaawaase 15<sup>th</sup> Sept to 19<sup>th</sup> Sept )</b>
5	Social and Environmental Factors and External Reporting / Integrated Reporting	a) The notion of sustainability and sustainable development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSR and Environmental Accounting</li> <li>• Integrated Reporting</li> </ul> <b>( Prof. Twaha Kaawaase 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept to 26<sup>th</sup> Sept )</b>
6	Factors shaping International Accounting	a) Internationalization of Accounting b) Harmonization of Accounting _ Case for and barriers to Harmonization <b>(Prof. Twaha Kaawaase 26<sup>th</sup> Sept )</b>
7	Financing theories/ Capital structure theories	a) Traditional Approach b) Modigliani and Miller (MM) Approach, c) Trade-off Theory d) Pecking Order Theory <b>( Dr. Isaac Nkote 29<sup>th</sup> Sept to 10<sup>th</sup> Oct)</b>
8	Theories of financial institutions and banking	a) Theory of Financial fragility b) Theory of Bank run and risk management c) Loan pricing theory d) Credit Risk Theory e) Liquidity Theory of Credit f) Theory of Economic of informal finance & Microfinance <b>(Dr Isaac Nkote 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – 24<sup>th</sup> Oct )</b>
9	Theories of investment	a) Efficient Market Hypothesis

		b) Greater Fool Theory c) Rational Expectations Theory, d) Prospect Theory e) The Short Interest Theory. <b>(Dr Isaac Nkote 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – 7<sup>th</sup> Nov)</b>
<b>10</b>	Financial Liberalization Theory of IMF & Institutional-centric theory of finances	a) Originated in the separate work of McKinnon (1973) and Shaw (1973). b) The hypothesis supporting this theory c) Proposed by Arestis, Nissanke and Stein (2005) d) Key tenets of the theory e.t imperfect information and informal e) Five institutions of financial systems <b>(Dr Isaac Nkote 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – 28<sup>th</sup> Nov )</b>

### Mode of Assessment

Mode	Score
Course Work	40%
Final Examination	60%
Total	100%

### Mode of delivery.

- 1) Lectures.
- 2) Online classes
- 3) Case analysis and discussions.
- 4) Presentations by individual students.

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16. The Course Facilitator will provide guidance to other references.

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