

Important MA713 (financial accounting) announcements

MA713 students

Welcome to the core MBA accounting course. We were pleased to meet with some of you yesterday and look forward to getting to know all of you in the next few weeks. Here are some important announcements regarding the course and, in particular, Monday's class:

1. Register your iclicker at the Agora portal. If you can't find the Agora iclicker link, see "iclicker registration agora portal," located in the "Introduction" section at the top of the listings on the course Blackboard Vista site. (To access Blackboard Vista, go to <https://cms.bc.edu/webct/entryPageIns.dowebct>)
2. Prepare the assignment in the Session 1 Map located in the course packet and syllabus. (The syllabus is in the Introduction section of the course Blackboard Vista site.)
3. We revised Chapter 1 of *Navigating Accounting* during the summer, so the version in the course packet differs from the version that was distributed for summer reading. The first 35 pages in the version in the course packet are mostly new material. We have also posted a pdf of the chapter to the Session 1 section of the course Blackboard Vista site. You will find this useful for zooming in to the illustrations (as indicated in the hard copy version in the course packet.) The pdf will also be on the CD we will be distributing during class Monday.
4. For those of you who prefer lecture-type videos rather than text, we have just posted a balance-sheet chapter on-line: www.navigatingaccounting.com/book/balance-sheets-3.0 There is no need to use the on-line chapter if you prefer the text version in the course packet. To learn how to access and use the on-line version, see "Accessing and Navigating the On-Line Balance Sheet Chapter" in the Introduction section of the course Blackboard Vista site.
5. Take the seat you wish to sit in for the entire course Monday.
6. Do not bring the entire course pack to class each day. We recommend you keep the entire packet in a large three-ring binder at home and transfer the relevant pages for each class to a smaller binder (which you can bring to class). You can also bring the CD to class in case you need to reference materials from prior sessions.
7. If you left your name card at Wednesday's orientation session, you can pick it up between 8:30-9:00 AM Friday (tomorrow) in Fulton 150.
8. Read the course policies very carefully. We will not be going over them in class but they are very important. Here are a clarification and addition.
 - a. Clarification: We are concerned that in the past some students have interpreted the policy regarding office visits to mean they should exhaust all other alternatives before setting up an office appointment. This is not our intent. While we will not discuss topics before the related class session, we strongly encourage you to see us as soon thereafter as you feel you need help.
 - b. Addition: Learn about the echo videos as soon as possible (see the Introduction section of the course Blackboard Vista site). Here is the best way to use them: If you get confused during class or an optional help session, note the time. Later, use this time stamp to access the related part of the session on the echo video. This is a highly

efficient way to gain a better understanding of issues. If this does not work, set up an office appointment.

We are looking forward to the case discussion tomorrow morning and to class on Monday.

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