

Course Outline

Course Code	RSM 220 H1S
Course Name	Intermediate Financial Accounting I
Term, Year	Winter, 2025
Course Meets	L0101 T9 –11am: WO T5101 T 6-7pm: SS
Web page URL	https://q.utoronto.ca

Instructor Details

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Course Description

This course introduces Rotman Commerce students to intermediate financial accounting, including both the conceptual and technical aspects. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the purpose and importance of financial accounting, learn to prepare financial statements, and explore accounting for key business activities and assets. Through a "learn by doing" approach, the course fosters critical thinking and encourages students to connect the material to other courses within the program.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Analyze the conceptual framework underlying financial reporting;
2. Prepare financial statements; and
3. Assess the accounting for revenue recognition, current assets (including cash, receivables, and inventory), and long-term assets (including property plant and equipment, as well as intangibles, excluding goodwill).

Course Prerequisites

RSM 219 H1; Completion of the Rotman Commerce Guaranteed Admission requirements.

Course Materials (Required Readings)

1. Kieso, et al., Intermediate Accounting 13th Canadian Ed. V1 loose-leaf textbook with WileyPLUS Vol 1 Access: 9781119740513. 2022 John Wiley & Sons Canada, Ltd. (Alternatively, Kieso, et al., Intermediate Accounting 13ce V1 WileyPLUS Access: 9781119740421)
2. CPA Canada Standards and Guidance Collection (CPACHB): Electronic version is available through the University's library e-resources at: <https://www.rotman.utoronto.ca/faculty-and-research/milt-harris-library/> under "CPA Canada Standards and Guidance"
3. Additional readings will be posted on the course website.

Evaluation and Grades

Grades are a measure of the knowledge and skills developed by a student within individual courses. Each student will receive a grade on the basis of how well they have command of the course materials, skills and learning objectives of the course.

Work	Percentage of Grade	Due Date
Homework (WileyPLUS via Quercus)	15%	8 weekly HW (Starting Week 3)
Midterm Exam	35%	TBA (Week of February 10)
Assignment: Case	10%	TBA
Final Exam	40%	FAS Final Exam Period

Homework – via WileyPLUS on Quercus

You are required to complete homework for the chapter(s) covered after the lecture. Homework is accessed through your WileyPLUS account on Quercus. **Homework will be accessible on Tuesdays at 8pm, and due the following Tuesdays at 8pm** unless the due date falls on a holiday, which will be extended to 8pm the following day. Homework must be completed individually and may consist of different types of questions (e.g., multiple choice, short-answer, essay, etc.). There will be 8 to complete over the term, as well as one optional practice homework (in week 2).

Late submissions will not be accepted and failure to successfully compete and submit your homework before the deadline will result in a mark of zero. Given that you have one week to complete and submit your homework, missed submissions will be considered only in extreme situations (and mark will be allocated to other homework submissions).

Group Assignment

Details for the group assignment will be posted on the course website.

The group assignment is intended to help you develop your communication skills. How well you communicate your ideas will be considered in the evaluation of the assignment. In your written assignments, you should aim for clarity, strong organization, concision, professionalism, and correct grammar. Sources in written assignments, should always be correctly attributed.

Support is available through the RC Centre for Professional Skills (CPS) for students who would like help or feedback on their writing or speaking (presentations). CPS offers both individual and group appointments with trained writing instructors and presentation coaches who are familiar with the RC program and common types of business assignments. You can also access your college Writing Centres for help with written assignments.

You can book an appointment with a writing or presentation coach through the RC Centre for Professional Skills Writing Centre. For more information about writing centres, student supports, and study resources, see the [Writing and Presentation Coaching academic support page](#).

The group assignment requires students to work in teams of no more than four. Learning to work together in teams is a crucial transferrable skill you will use not only in your coursework, but also in your future careers. Support is available if you encounter common teamwork challenges such as:

- Team members feeling left out of the team.
- Team members not responding in a timely manner to communication.
- Division or quality of work among team members being unequal or unfair.

Consult the [Centre for Professional Skills Teamwork Resources page](#) for tips, strategies, and best practices. You can also [book an appointment with a teamwork mentor](#) through the RC

Centre for Professional Skills Writing Centre. Teamwork mentors can help you resolve or mitigate conflict, strategize on planning, or improve team communication.

If you are a student registered with Accessibility Services, and extensions are one of your academic accommodations, consult with your Accessibility Advisor about the teamwork in this course.

Midterm Exam

The midterm exam date and time will be announced later. Additional information will be posted on the course websites. Mid-term test will cover material from weeks 1 through 5.

Aids Allowed

No study aids are allowed. You may use a non-programmable hand-held calculator.

Final Exam

The final exam will be held during the University Final Exam Period. The date and time of the final exam will be announced later. It may consist of multiple choice questions, short answer questions, problems, and/or a case. Additional information will be posted on the course website. It will cover all materials from the entire course.

Aids Allowed

No study aids are allowed. You may use a non-programmable hand-held calculator.

Missed Tests and Assignments

Students who miss a term test or assignment for reasons entirely beyond their control (e.g. illness) may request special consideration **within 2 business days** of the missed midterm/test/assignment due date.

In such cases, students must:

1. Complete the Request for Special Consideration form: <https://uoft.me/RSMConsideration>
2. Provide documentation to support the request, eg. Absence Declaration from [ACORN](#), medical note etc.

Please note: As of September 2023, students may use the Absence Declaration on ACORN ***one time per term*** to report an absence and request consideration. **Any subsequent absence will require a [Verification of Illness form](#) or other similar relevant documentation.**

Students who do not submit their requests and documentation within 2 days may receive a grade of 0 (zero) on the missed course deliverable.

Students who follow the above procedures may have their individual midterm marks reallocated to the final exam, and missed weekly homework marks to the rest of the weekly homework assignments. If you fail to provide the required documentation, you will be assigned a mark of zero. There will be no make-up midterm exam or weekly homework.

Final Exam: If you miss the final exam in this course for a legitimate reason (illness, etc) you will need to contact your College Registrar to file a petition for a deferred exam. This deferred exam will be written at a later date as established by the Faculty of Arts & Science. Instructions can be found here: <https://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/current/faculty-registrar/petitions-appeals/preparing-petition>

Late Assignments

Group assignment is due on the date to be announced later in class or on the course webpage. Late submissions will normally be penalized by 20% if the assignment is not received on the specified date, at the specified time. A further penalty of 10% will be applied to each subsequent day. Students who, for reasons beyond their control, are unable to submit the assignment by its deadline must obtain approval from the instructor for an extension on a case by case basis. Supporting documentation will be required as per the policy on tests and assignments.

Course Participation & Contribution

Course participation is important to your understanding of the material. Discussion is an essential part of learning, and it is also the most interesting way to conduct a class. In addition, class participation will enhance your presentation and communication skills, which will help you in recruiting and in your career.

Class participation is not graded but is highly encouraged. There are multiple ways to participate, including but not limited to participating during class sessions, and posting on discussion board (questions, answers/response to other students' questions, etc.). You will not be penalized for wrong answers to the questions raised in class/on discussion board. To facilitate class participation, you are required to put your name in front of you in every class.

Statement on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

The University of Toronto is committed to equity, human rights and respect for diversity. All members of the learning environment in this course should strive to create an atmosphere of mutual respect where all members of our community can express themselves, engage with each other, and respect one another's differences. U of T does not condone discrimination or harassment against any persons or communities.

Commitment to Accessibility

The University is committed to inclusivity and accessibility, and strives to provide support for, and facilitate the accommodation of, individuals with disabilities so that all may share the same level of access to opportunities and activities offered at the University.

If you require accommodations for a temporary or ongoing disability or health concern, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please [email Accessibility Services](#) or visit the [Accessibility Services website](#) for more information as soon as possible. Obtaining your accommodation letter may take up to several weeks, so get in touch with them as soon as possible. If you have general questions or concerns about the accessibility of this course, you are encouraged to reach out to your instructor, course coordinator, or Accessibility Services.

Plagiarism Detection

Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to the University's plagiarism detection tool for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the tool's reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of this tool are described on the [University's Plagiarism Detection Tool FAQ](#) page from Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation.

Generative AI / ChatGPT

Students may use artificial intelligence tools for creating an outline for an assignment, but the final submitted assignment must be original work produced by the individual student alone.

Specifically, students may choose to use generative artificial intelligence tools as they work through the assignments in this course; this use must be documented in an appendix for each assignment. The documentation should include what tool(s) were used, how they were used, and how the results from the AI were incorporated into the submitted work. Any content produced by an artificial intelligence tool must be cited appropriately. Many organizations that publish standard citation formats are now providing information on citing generative AI (e.g., MLA: <https://style.mla.org/citing-generative-ai/>)

Academic Integrity

Academic Integrity is a fundamental value essential to the pursuit of learning and scholarship at the University of Toronto. Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in this academic community ensures that the U of T degree that you earn will continue to be valued and respected as a true signifier of a student's individual work and academic achievement. As a result, the University treats cases of academic misconduct very seriously.

[*The University of Toronto's Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters*](#) outlines the behaviours that constitute academic misconduct, the process for addressing academic offences and the penalties that may be imposed. You are expected to be familiar with the contents of this document. Potential offences include, but are not limited to:

In papers and assignments

- Using someone else's ideas or words without appropriate acknowledgement.
- Submitting your own work in more than one course without the permission of the instructor.
- Making up sources or facts.
- Obtaining or providing unauthorized assistance on any assignment (this includes collaborating with others on assignments that are supposed to be completed individually).

On test and exams

- Using or possessing any unauthorized aid, including a cell phone.
- Looking at someone else's answers.
- Misrepresenting your identity.
- Submitting an altered test for re-grading.

Misrepresentation

- Falsifying institutional documents or grades.
- Falsifying or altering any documentation required by the University, including (but not limited to) medical notes.

All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated by the procedures outlined in the [*Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters*](#). If you have any questions about what is or is not permitted in the course, please do not hesitate to contact the course instructor. If you have any questions about appropriate research and citation methods, you are expected to seek out additional information from the instructor or other U of T or RC resources such as the RC Centre for Professional Skills, the College Writing Centres or the Academic Success Centre.

Email

At times, the course instructor may decide to communicate important course information by email. As such, all U of T students are required to have a valid UTmail+ email address. You are responsible for ensuring that your UTmail+ email address is set up and properly entered on ACORN. For more information visit the [Information Commons Help Desk](#).

Forwarding your utoronto.ca email to a Gmail or other type of email account is not advisable. In some cases, messages from utoronto.ca addresses sent to Gmail accounts are filtered as junk mail, which means that important messages from your course instructor may end up in your spam or junk mail folder.

Recording Lectures

Lectures and course materials prepared by the instructor are considered by the University to be an instructor's intellectual property covered by the Canadian Copyright Act. Students wishing to record a lecture or other course material in any way are required to ask the instructor's explicit permission and may not do so unless permission is granted. Students who have been previously granted permission to record lectures as an accommodation for a disability are excepted. This includes tape recording, filming, photographing PowerPoint slides, Quercus materials, etc.

If permission for recording is granted by the instructor (or via Accessibility Services), it is intended for the individual student's own study purposes and does not include permission to "publish" them in any way. It is forbidden for a student to publish an instructor's notes to a website or sell them in any other form without formal permission.

RSM220 – Winter 2025 Weekly Class Schedule (subject to revision)

Class	Week of	Topic	Textbook Readings	Weekly HW
1	Jan. 6	The Canadian Financial Reporting Environment	Ch.1	
2	Jan. 13	The Conceptual Framework Underlying Financial Reporting	Ch. 2	Practice HW
3	Jan. 20	Measurement and Accounting Theory	Ch. 3	HW #1
4	Jan. 27	Financial Position and Cash Flows	Ch. 5, Appendix 5A	HW #2
5	Feb. 3	Reporting Financial Performance	Ch. 4	HW #3
6	Feb. 10	Midterm Exam Exact date and time to be announced		
	Feb. 17	No Classes (Reading Week)		
7	Feb. 24	Revenue Recognition	Ch. 6	HW #4
8	Mar. 3	Cash and Receivables	Ch. 7	HW #5
9	Mar. 10	Inventory	Ch. 8	HW #6
10	Mar. 17	Property, Plant, and Equipment: Accounting Model Basics	Ch. 10	HW #7
11	Mar. 24	Depreciation, Impairment, and Disposition	Ch. 11	HW #8
12	Mar. 31	Intangible Assets	Ch. 12 (excludes "Goodwill")	

Please note that the last day you can drop this course without academic penalty is Monday March 10, 2025.

RSM220 – Winter 2025 Tutorial Schedule (subject to revision)

Week of	Tutorial Topics
Jan. 6	No Tutorial
Jan. 13	No Tutorial
Jan. 20	Journal Entry review
Jan. 27	Statement of Cash Flow
Feb. 3	Reporting Financial Performance
Feb. 10	No Tutorial (Week of Midterm)
Feb. 17	No Tutorial (Reading Week)
Feb. 24	Revenue Recognition
Mar. 3	Receivables
Mar. 10	Inventory
Mar. 17	PPE 1
Mar. 24	PPE 2
Mar. 31	No Tutorial

Other Useful Links

- [Become a volunteer note taker](#)
- [Accessibility Services Note Taking Support](#)
- [Credit / No-Credit in RSM courses](#)
- [Rotman Commerce Academic Support](#)
- [Where to find teaching assistant opportunities](#)

URL links for print

- ACORN: <http://www.acorn.utoronto.ca/>
- Email Accessibility Services: accessibility.services@utoronto.ca
- Accessibility Services website: <http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/as>
- University's Plagiarism Detection Tool FAQ: <https://uoft.me/pdt-faq>
- The University of Toronto's Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters: <http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm>
- Information Commons Help Desk: <http://help.ic.utoronto.ca/category/3/utmail.html>
- Become a volunteer note taker: <https://studentlife.utoronto.ca/program/volunteer-note-taking/>
- Accessibility Services Note Taking Support: <https://studentlife.utoronto.ca/service/note-taking-support/>
- Credit / No-Credit in RSM courses: <https://rotmancommerce.utoronto.ca/current-students/degree-requirements/credit-no-credit-option/>
- Rotman Commerce Academic Support: <https://rotmancommerce.utoronto.ca/current-students/academic-support/>
- Book an appointment with a writing or presentation coach: <http://uoft.me/writingcentres>
- Writing and Presentation Coaching academic support page: <https://rotmancommerce.utoronto.ca/current-students/academic-support/writing-and-presentation-coaching/>
- Centre for Professional Skills Teamwork Resources page: <https://rotmancommerce.utoronto.ca/teamwork-resources>
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