



Course Syllabus: Accounting Information Systems  
Dillard College of Business Administration  
ACCT 3023-101, Fall 2025  
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Meets in DB 336 for regular lectures (DB 324 for QuickBooks)

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### Textbook & Instructional Materials

1. Required TEXT #1: Connect Access and Textbook for Spiceland, Nelson, and Thomas, **Intermediate Accounting**, 11th edition (2025 release), McGraw-Hill.

Required digital materials for this text are part of the Courseware Access and Affordability Program at MSU Texas. Students are charged for required course materials on their student account with the Business Office. The payment is for three semesters of this text as it will be used by two subsequent accounting classes. Any students who wish to opt-out of the Program and purchase the required course materials on their own must do so prior to the date provided by the bookstore. Opt-out instructions are sent to students' official my.msutexas.edu email address after the first day of class. Please contact the MSU Bookstore if you have any questions about the opt-out process. The [link](#) for completing the assignments online is:  
<https://connect.mheducation.com/class/3023-lwang-fall-2025>

Required TEXT #2: Hartley, **QuickBooks Online: Comprehensive, Academic Year 2025-2026**, Labyrinth Learning. ISBN: 978-1-64061-602-8 (print + ebook + eLab) or 978-1-64061-603-5 (ebook + eLab). Either option comes with access to eLab for QBO assignments. For instant access, purchase the "ebook + eLab" version. The [link](#) for purchasing this textbook is:  
<https://www.lablearning.com/QBO-Comp-2025-2026-Print.html>

Please purchase the newest edition for Academic Year 2025-2026 only, because previous editions are very different. This text is NOT part of the Courseware Access and Affordability Program at MSU Texas. You need to purchase it separately. The link to enroll in eLab will be provided during the semester before we start QuickBooks.

2. You must have access to the Internet. QuickBooks Online software requires access to the Internet. All assignments will be completed online via Connect and eLab. The Desire2Learn (D2L) website will be utilized extensively for posting course materials, communications, and gradebook. You should regularly check D2L and the email hosted via D2L for important course information.

3. You must register a "Preferred" email address in Banner/WebWorld. This should be an email address that you monitor closely, since I will communicate with you periodically via email.

### **Course Description**

Use of accounting data as an information system; general ledger programs and subprograms relevant to the basic accounting cycle.

### **Course Prerequisites**

Basic computer skills are necessary prior to enrollment. Students must have completed both ACCT 2143 (grade of "C" or higher) and ACCT 2243 (grade of "C" or higher) AND must either (a) be majoring or minoring in accounting or (b) have consent of the chair.

### **Learning Goals**

#### **General Learning Goals**

Problem solving and decision-making abilities through critical analysis, evaluation, and interpretation of business information. There will be instruction on the needed problem solving and decision making skills during class. Students will practice these skills in the assigned homework problems. Students' skills will be assessed through exams and projects.

#### **Course Specific Learning Goals**

This class is designed to give students a solid foundation and a sound understanding of how accounting information systems works. Both manual and computerized systems will be demonstrated.

After completing this course, students should:

- Understand the steps in the accounting processing cycle.
- Be able to complete the accounting cycle of a company using a manual accounting information system.
- Know the basic skills to plan, build, and maintain a company's accounting system using QuickBooks Online software.
- Understand the concept of time value of money and be able to calculate present value and future value of a single amount and annuities.

### **Course Policies**

#### **1. Attendance Policy**

**Regular, on-time attendance is expected and roll will be taken at the beginning of each class.** I follow the university's policies with respect to class attendance (See Midwestern State University Undergraduate Catalog). This catalog is electronic only and may be found on the MSU website using the Registrar button then University Catalogs button. University class attendance policy is then found under Registrar.

If you know in advance that you are going to miss a class, please contact me before that class. If you must miss a class due to illness or other emergency, please contact me as soon as possible. If you must leave early, contact me before class begins.

**Documentation of excuses is required.** If you do not contact me, your absence will be unexcused.

Tardiness is not acceptable. Tardy arrival is rude to me and disruptive to your classmates. Roll will be taken only once at the start of each class. **At the instructor's discretion, a deduction to the course grade may be assessed for unexcused absences and tardiness.**

You are responsible for any material or announcements missed due to absence or tardiness. Note: An excused absence only excuses you from attending class. It does not change the deadline for turning in assignments, nor does it grant you a make-up exam.

## **2. Participation**

Learn is a verb, which means it is an action or activity. Learning requires action and effort on your part. Participation, especially when I ask a question in class, is highly encouraged and will help you learn. However, it sometimes happens that a few individual students dominate the discussion. That has a negative impact on the class as a whole. If this happens, I will ask those students to please be mindful of the need to include other students and ask them to scale back their participation. Also, if you have a question or comment, please raise your hand and wait to be recognized. **Active participation is expected from every student.**

## **3. Instructor Drop**

"An instructor may drop a student any time during the semester for excessive absences, for consistently failing to meet class assignments, for an indifferent attitude, or for a disruptive conduct." (Midwestern State University Student Handbook, p. 52)

## **4. Classroom Behavior**

Your requirements for each class are as follows:

- Be on time and remain seated (except for emergencies)
- Be prepared (reading requirements)
- Remain awake and attentive and be prepared to engage in class discussions at all times
- Bring a non-programmable 4-function calculator for examinations
- Turn off your cell phones, laptops/tablets/similar devices and put them away, unless you are using your laptop or tablet for the ebook or to take notes.
- No food or drinks are permitted in the classroom, except clear water in a bottle with a cap (Dillard College of Business Administration policy).

## **5. Questions Regarding Course Grade**

Grades are confidential by law. Therefore, I do not reveal grades over the telephone or by e-mail/fax. Grades will be posted on D2L. The course letter grade will be posted on Banner only. **Grades are not negotiated, you will receive the grade you earn, based on your performance on graded material in the class.**

## **6. Grading and Evaluation**

Grading and evaluation for this course will be assigned as follows:

Table 1 Grading Scheme

	Points
Exam 1	100
Exam 2 (QuickBooks Certified User Exam)	100
Comprehensive Final Exam	100
QuickBooks Assignments (15 x 4 points)	60
Connect Homework (5 x 15 points)	75
Connect SmartBook (5 x 8 points)	40
Data Analytics Project	25
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>500</b>

**Assignments are important practices. Every single assignment counts toward your grade.** So please hold yourself accountable and don't miss any assignment as there is no extension of due dates for missed assignments.

At the instructor's discretion, a deduction to the course grade may be assessed for unexcused absences and tardiness.

Your score in this class will be based on the points you earn out of the maximum 500 points. Minimum letter grades for this course will be assigned according to the table below.

Table 2 Letter Grade Assignment

Total Points Earned	Letter Grade
450 - 500	A
400 - 449	B
350 - 399	C
300 - 349	D
0 - 299	F

**Lower Grade:** I reserve the right to lower any student's final grade two letter grades (i.e., A to C, C to F) for:

- Unpreparedness in class when called upon, or,
- A negative, rude, unreasonably argumentative, or inattentive attitude in class, or,
- Repeatedly absences or tardiness, or,
- Repeatedly disrupting the class for any reason, or,
- Repeatedly leaving and returning to your class seat during class, or,
- Not showing respect for fellow classmates' questions, opinions, or class presentations, or,
- Violation of use of electronic devices or food and drink policies listed above, or,
- Violation of exam rules and procedures.

**Extra credit/curves:** There is no extra credit or curve beyond any given during the semester, so don't ask! I cannot and will not offer extra credit or curves individually.

**Midterm Progress Report:** In order to help students keep track of their progress toward course objectives, the instructor for this class will provide a Midterm Progress Report through student's WebWorld account for students who are at risk of earning a D or an F. Midterm grades will not be reported on the students' transcript; nor will they be

calculated in the cumulative GPA. They simply give students an idea of where they stand at the midpoint of the semester. Students earning below a C at the midway point should schedule a meeting with the professor and academic advisor to discuss ways to improve performance.

## **7. Exam Protocol**

You will need:

- 1) A ScanTron Form 882-E. These may be purchased at the MSU Bookstore (no ScanTron means no points).
- 2) Several No. 2 pencils for marking answers on your ScanTron.
- 3) A basic 4-function, non-programmable calculator with only a single line of display. You will not be permitted to use your cell phone as a calculator. If I see you with a cell phone, watch, or glasses with a camera out for any reason during an exam, that will be considered cheating and you will receive the maximum punishment allowed by the University.
- 4) Caps must be turned in back during exams.

## **Student Handbook**

**Refer to:** [Student Handbook-2024-2025](https://msutexas.edu/student-life/_assets/files/handbook.pdf)

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## **Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures**

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given).

In short, cheating, collusion, and plagiarism will not be tolerated. The term "cheating" generally means representing someone else's work as your own and includes, but is not limited to:

- Failing to report to your professor any suspicion of cheating on exams.
- Acting with intent to promote or assist cheating, including soliciting, encouraging, directing, or aiding attempts of fellow students to cheat before, during, or after an exam.
- Soliciting information about exam questions from students who have taken a test.
- Intentionally or negligently aiding someone taking an exam or quiz.
- Looking or glancing at another student's exam while the exam is being taken.
- Soliciting answers from a fellow student during an exam or quiz.
- Using a cellphone or any electronic device while taking a test.
- Using any device to record a test, including eyeglasses, cellphones, watches, and calculators.
- Acquiring an exam or quiz or other academic testing material without the express permission of the professor who authored the exam.
- Copying, disseminating, spreading, circulating, sharing, or publicizing any questions on an exam given for credit.
- Violation of exam rules and procedures.

The minimum penalty is an "F" in this course and referral to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action, which may result in expulsion from the University.

Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

[Office of Student Conduct](#)

## **Assignments**

**QuickBooks Assignments:** QuickBooks assignments are on eLab, and may include assigned readings, practices and quizzes. You have three attempts on all quizzes, and the highest attempt will be counted. Fifteen assignments with the highest grades will be counted toward overall grade.

Completing the practices and assignments are extremely important because they help you prepare for the QuickBooks Certified User Exam. Due dates of assignments are posted on eLab. **Late submission will always get zero point, no matter the reason.**

If you need any help on eLab, contact Student Support at 1-800-522-9746 (Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 6:00pm CST) or at the following [link](#) at <https://www.lablearning.com/connect-contact-us.html>

**Connect SmartBook Pre-chapter assessments:** You have to complete assigned pre-chapter reading and practice on Connect SmartBook prior to attending lectures over that chapter. Due dates are available on Connect. The pre-chapter assessments allow you to read the chapter in the most efficient and productive manner by specifically providing the most important material to you at the time you are studying. It is a personalized system and helps prepare you to learn at a higher level in class, participate and also prepares you for exams. Each pre-chapter assessment will take approximately 30 minutes or longer, though there is no time limit, and it involves reading key areas of the chapter while demonstrating mastery of the concepts in Connect. Your score on these is based on completion and you are not scored lower for incorrect answers. You are only asked to work on each module until it is 100% complete. Late completion receives a grade of zero.

**Connect Homework Assignments:** Connect homework assignments are due by the date and time posted on Connect (may be different from the syllabus). Monitor due dates and times for homework carefully. Late completion will receive a grade of zero. You will have unlimited attempts at online homework problems, so **submit your homework each time you work on it.** Note that any website, including Connect, can go down from time to time. **Do not wait until the last minute to submit your assignment. Late homework will always get zero point, no matter the reason, no excuses including Connect being down.**

**Late assignments will always receive zero points, no matter the reason. There is no extension of due dates for missed assignments per individual request, so don't ask. Keep in mind that the due date is NOT the day you start working on an assignment, but the deadline for submission. You should start working on assignments at least one week before they are due.**

If you have technical problems with Connect, you need to contact customer service ((800) 331-5094 or website at <http://mpss.mhhe.com/>). The instructor will not be able to resolve any technical issues.

**Data Analytics Projects:** You will work on data analytics projects. Detailed instructions will be provided during the semester. You must work on these projects by yourself. You should never share your work with anyone and never copy others' work. Violation of these rules will be considered cheating and results in a grade of zero for the projects. Late submission will also receive zero point, no matter the reason.

## **Exams**

**1) The QuickBooks Certified User Exam is required.** The QuickBooks Certified User certification is an industry-recognized credential that effectively validates one's skills in QuickBooks accounting software. The certification program validates QuickBooks accounting skills while providing students with credentials that demonstrate real-world abilities to prospective employers. Once passed, test takers receive an official digital certificate representing their skills in QuickBooks, and can put the certificate on the resume!

You must score 70% or higher to pass the exam. Your QuickBooks exam grade for this course is calculated based on your percentage grade out of 100. You can take a second attempt if you fail to pass on the first attempt. The second attempt must take place at the instructor's designated time. There is a fee to take the QuickBooks exam and our college covers the fee for each student.

All relevant information and documents on this exam is posted on D2L, including exam objectives. These are important documents that will help you prepare for the exam, so please review them carefully and practice frequently.

**2) Exam 1 and Final Exam** cover what you learn in the Intermediate Accounting part of this course. Exams will consist of multiple-choice questions, short answer, and/or problems-type questions. They will cover assigned chapters, in-class lectures, homework, and any assigned problems. Each exam is worth 100 points. Final exam is comprehensive and mandatory for everyone.

**Neither make-up exam nor early/late exam will be given.** If you miss Exam 1 for any reason, you will receive a zero for the missed exam. In that case, you will use the final exam grade to replace the grade for Exam 1. In addition, if you do not miss any exams and your percentage grade on the final exam is higher than Exam 1, your percentage grade on the final exam will replace your Exam 1 grade.

**Incomplete Grade Policy:** A grade of "incomplete" is given **only** in the case of emergencies and **comprehensive** documentation of the situation is required.

## **Services for Students with Disabilities**

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be

individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#). Students with disabilities and request accommodations must provide the documentation to the Instructor within the first two weeks of the semester.

### **Syllabus Change Policy**

This syllabus is a guide for the course and is subject to change. Syllabus changes will be communicated in class and may or may not result in document changes. The number of homework assignments is subject to change. Assignment due dates and exam dates are also subject to change. The tentative schedule included with this syllabus will be changed as necessary to accommodate the progress of the class.

### **Student Responsibility to the Professor**

The first obligation, particularly operative the first day of class, is to read and understand the content of this syllabus. Your second responsibility is to be fully present in every class and to approach the material with curiosity and commitment, aiming for genuine understanding that grows stronger through regular practice. You will find yourself grow with the material. True understanding comes step by step, and each practice builds your confidence and success. College is supposed to be a demanding and at times an uncomfortable experience. College is where a student leaves behind the rote learning of high school and accepts the anxiety, discomfort, and challenge of complexity that leads to the acquisition of deeper knowledge and improved critical thinking skills. College is not supposed to be easy. You should pursue your studies seriously with rigor. There is ample time to be both a serious student and enjoy extracurricular activities in college. However, there should be no doubt that organizing your study time is your highest priority. You should understand that I do not give grades; you earn them. Grades are earned based on objective performance on scheduled assessments, regardless extraneous circumstances causing problems with your performance. Your priorities are 100% your responsibility. Self- accountability is the most important attribute leading earning a grade.

### **Tentative Course Schedule**



Week	Day	Date	Class Topics	To Do List, Estimated Due dates of Homework Assignments
1	M	08/25	Syllabus and Course Overview; Intermediate Accounting: Chapter 2 – Review of the Accounting Process;	Get both Textbook #1 & #2. Read IA-Chapter 2; Do SmartBook.
	W	08/27	Intermediate Accounting: Chapter 2	<a href="#">Connect SmartBook – Ch.2</a> Due: 08/31 at 11 p.m.
2	M	09/01	Labor Day - No Classes Scheduled	
	W	09/03	Intermediate Accounting: Chapter 2	<a href="#">Connect HW – Ch.2</a> Due: 09/07 at 11 p.m.
3	M	09/08	Intermediate Accounting: Chapter 2; Chapter 3 – Balance Sheet and Financial Disclosures;	<a href="#">Connect SmartBook – Ch.3</a> Due: 09/14 at 11 p.m.
	W	09/10	Intermediate Accounting: Chapter 3;	
4	M	09/15	Intermediate Accounting: Chapter 3;	<a href="#">Connect HW – Ch.3</a> Due: 09/21 at 11 p.m.
	W	09/17	Intermediate Accounting: Chapter 4 – Income Statement, Comprehensive Income, and Statement of Cash Flows;	<a href="#">Connect SmartBook – Ch.4</a> Due: 09/21 at 11 p.m.
5	M	09/22	Intermediate Accounting: Chapter 4;	
	W	09/24	Intermediate Accounting: Chapter 4; Review.	<a href="#">Connect HW – Ch.4</a> Due: 09/28 at 11 p.m.
6	<b>M</b>	<b>09/29</b>	<b>Exam 1: Intermediate Accounting - chapters 2,3,4</b>	Must get access to <b>QBO</b> textbook and eLab ready by 09/30 before class.
	W	10/01	QBO - Chapter 1	<a href="#">eLab QBO assignment – Ch.1</a> Due: 10/05 at 11 p.m.
7	M	10/06	QBO – Chapters 2,3	<a href="#">eLab QBO assignment – Ch.2</a> Due: 10/12 at 11 p.m.

	W	10/08	QBO – Chapter 3	eLab QBO assignment – Ch.3 Due: 10/19 at 11 p.m.
8	M	10/13	QBO – Chapters 3,4	
	W	10/15	QBO – Chapters 4,5	eLab QBO assignment – Ch.4 Due: 10/19 at 11 p.m.
9	M	10/20	QBO – Chapter 5	eLab QBO assignment – Ch.5 Due: 10/26 at 11 p.m.
	W	10/22	QBO – Chapter 7	eLab QBO assignment – Ch.7 Due: 10/26 at 11 p.m.
10	M	10/27	QBO – Chapters 8,9	eLab QBO assignment – Ch.8 Due: 11/02 at 11 p.m.
	W	10/29	QBO – Chapters 9,10	eLab QBO assignment – Ch.9 Due: 11/02 at 11 p.m.
11	M	11/03	QBO – Chapters 10,11	eLab QBO assignment – Ch.10 Due: 11/09 at 11 p.m.
	W	11/05	Review	eLab QBO assignment – Ch.11 Due: 11/09 at 11 p.m.
12	<b>M</b>	<b>11/10</b>	<b>Exam 2: QBO Certified User Exam</b>	
	W	11/12	Intermediate Accounting: Chapter 5 – Time Value of Money	Connect SmartBook – Ch.5 Due: 11/16 at 11 p.m.
13	M	11/17	Intermediate Accounting: Chapter 5	Project Due: 11/23 at 11 p.m.
	W	11/19	Intermediate Accounting: Chapter 5	Connect HW – Ch.5 Due: 11/30 at 11 p.m.
14	M	11/24	Intermediate Accounting: Chapter 5;	<b>Last day to drop a class and receive a “W” @ 4:00 p.m. Drops after 11/24 receive an “F”</b>
	W	11/26	Thanksgiving Break - No Classes Scheduled	
15	M	12/01	Intermediate Accounting: Chapter 1 – Environment and Theoretical Structure of Financial Accounting	Connect SmartBook – Ch.1 Due: 12/07 at 11 p.m. Connect HW – Ch.1 Due: 12/07 at 11 p.m.
	W	12/03	Final Exam Review	

16	<b>M</b>	<b>12/08</b>	<b>Comprehensive Final Exam (mandatory)</b> 10:30am – 12:30pm	
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