ACCOUNTING 475
Special Problems Course
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This syllabus is provided to you as a guide for the class content and expectations this semester. It is not a contract, and is subject to change as necessary.

Course Description:
Students are individually assigned to an instructor on the basis of the type of studies needed for the program pursued. May be repeated under different topics.

Study Schedule:
A tentative schedule is attached.

Program Learning Outcome:
1. Student will conduct research and complete a research paper on the topic of the current topics in governmental accounting. Specifically the topic of the move from GASB 34 to the proposed Financial Reporting Model Improvements.

Program learning outcomes define the knowledge, skills, and abilities students are expected to demonstrate upon completion of an academic program. These learning outcomes are regularly assessed to determine student learning and to evaluate overall program effectiveness. You may access the program learning outcomes for your major and particular courses at http://www.sfasu.edu/cob/grad-plo.asp.

Student Learning Outcomes: [outcomes are required but not necessarily these; may customize according to the specific course; make sure they sync with the Course Requirements]
Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:
1. Identify and refine a research topic appropriate to the field of study.
2. Conduct independent primary and/or secondary research to support the identified topic.
3. Organize and interpret research findings.
4. Write a formal report on the identified research topic.
6. Complete other course requirements as specified by the Supervising Professor.
Textbooks:
N/A

Grading:
Your grade will be determined as follows:

| Research Paper | 100% |

General Student Policies:

Student Academic Dishonesty (University Policy 4.1)
Copy and paste the following information regarding Academic Integrity into your syllabus. In addition, you may include your own guidelines for academic integrity as appropriate.

Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes, but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials on any assignment or exam; (2) falsifying or inventing of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were one’s own. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when is at least partly the work of another person; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from the Internet or another source; and/or (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author credit. Penalties may include, but are not limited to reprimand, no credit for the assignment or exam, re-submission of the work, make-up exam, failure of the course, or expulsion from the university. Please read the complete policy at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/student_academic_dishonesty.pdf

Course Grades (University Policy 5.5)
Copy and paste the following information regarding Withheld Grades into your syllabus. Add additional information as needed to meet your departmental or course needs.

At the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic unit head, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F, except as allowed through policy related to active military service. If students register for the same course in future semesters, the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average. Please refer to the complete policy at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-grades.pdf.

Students with Disabilities
Copy and paste the following statement and place in your course syllabus.

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Room 325 in the Human Services Building, 468-3004/468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

Student Conduct (University Policy 10.4)
Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the full Student Conduct Code at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/student-conduct-code.pdf.) Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic, or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/ inappropiate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the iCare Early Alert Program. This program provides students with recommendations for resources or other assistance that is available to help SFA students succeed.

Class Calendar

Calendar:
Week 1 and 2 (ends 9/1) Identification and discussion of topic with the professor.
Weeks 3-8 (ends 10/20) Conducting of primary and/or secondary research as outlined with the professor.
Week 9-13 (ends 11/24) Preparation and submission of a rough draft of the written report, followed by consultation with the professor.
Week 14 (ends 12/1) Submission of the final written report, followed by consultation with the professor. VI.
Week 16 (ends 12/15) Completion of other course requirements as directed by the professor.

Upon completion of the course, a copy of the final paper or project will be delivered to the College of Business Dean's Office.