ACCOUNTING 5375  
Advanced Graduate Studies  
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Class time: Independent Study

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 based on 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. The student will conduct research and complete a manuscript on the topic of the demand for conservative auditors that has increased post-covid.

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:

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Presentation
Student is expected to present research findings to the faculty at a time agreeable to both the student and supervising faculty member.

**Course Grades (University Policy 5.5)**
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 coursework 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](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-grades.pdf).

**Attendance:**
Regular class attendance is expected. You are responsible for all announcements made during class. You are also responsible for getting notes and learning what was covered in class if you miss a class. This class is a seminar-style course; this means that a high portion of your grade depends on you coming to class with assignments complete and ready to discuss the class assignments. Class participation is mandatory. **Bring your book to class.**

**Classroom Behavior:**
I do not allow students to have phones out or headphones on or in their ears during class time. If you are late to class, you will not receive any credit for being in a class that day. This includes quizzes, attendance points, etc. Additionally, I reserve the right to dismiss any student from class if they are disruptive or not following the policy.

**Class Policies**
When assignments that are to be physically or electronically handed to the professor are made, they are due at the beginning of class. If you are late to class, your assignment will not be accepted. **Please DO NOT email me in D2L, and only use vegajg1@sfasu.edu email to contact me.** Recording and/or videoing the seminar is prohibited.

**General Student Policies: Academic Integrity (4.1)**
*The Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity* outlines the prohibited conduct by any student enrolled in a course at SFA. It is the responsibility of all members of all faculty, staff, and students to adhere to and uphold this policy.

Articles IV, VI, and VII of the new Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity outline the violations and procedures concerning academic conduct, including cheating, plagiarism,
collusion, and misrepresentation. Cheating includes, but is not limited to: (1) Copying from the test paper (or other assignment) of another student, (2) Possession and/or use during a test of materials that are not authorized by the person giving the test, (3) Using, obtaining, or attempting to obtain by any means the whole or any part of a non-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program, or using a test that has been administered in prior classes or semesters without permission of the Faculty member, (4) Substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for one’s self, to take a test, (5) Falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other records or academic work offered for credit, (6) Using any sort of unauthorized resources or technology in completion of educational activities.

Plagiarism is the appropriation of material that is attributable in whole or in part to another source or the use of one’s own previous work in another context without citing that it was used previously, without any indication of the original source, including words, ideas, illustrations, structure, computer code, and other expression or media, and presenting that material as one’s own academic work being offered for credit or in conjunction with a program course or degree requirements.

Collusion is the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any provision of the rules on academic dishonesty, including disclosing and/or distributing the contents of an exam.
Misrepresentation is providing false grades or résumés; providing false or misleading information in an effort to receive a postponement or an extension on a test, quiz, or other assignment for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit for oneself or another individual or to injure another student academically or financially.

**Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (5.5)**
Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the coursework 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. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course to compute the grade point average. For additional information, go to https://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-grades-5.5.pdf.

**Students with Disabilities**
To obtain disability-related accommodations, alternate formats, and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 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 promptly
may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to
http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/

**Student Wellness and Well-Being**
SFA values students’ overall well-being, mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. Students may experience stressors that can impact both their academic experience and their personal well-being. These may include academic pressure and challenges associated with relationships, emotional well-being, alcohol and other drugs, identities, finances, etc.

If you are experiencing concerns, seeking help, SFA provides a variety of resources to support students’ mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.

**On-campus Resources:**
The Dean of Students Office (Rusk Building, 3rd floor lobby)
www.sfasu.edu/deanofstudents
936.468.7249
dos@sfasu.edu

SFA Human Services Counseling Clinic Human Services, Room 202
www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp
936.468.1041

The Health and Wellness Hub “The Hub”
Location: corner of E. College and Raguet St.
To support the health and well-being of every Lumberjack, the Health and Wellness Hub offers comprehensive services that treat the whole person – mind, body, and spirit. Services include:

- Health Services
- Counseling Services
- Student Outreach and Support
- Food Pantry
- Wellness Coaching
- Alcohol and Other Drug Education

www.sfasu.edu/thehub
936.468.4008
thehub@sfasu.edu

**Crisis Resources:**
- Burke 24-hour crisis line: 1.800.392.8343
- National Suicide Crisis Prevention: 9-8-8
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1.800.273.TALK (8255)
- johCrisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741

**ExamSoft:**
*Students are required to pay $8.50 once per semester for the ExamMonitor AI proctoring service. This fee covers proctoring for all 300-level or above accounting courses the students*
are enrolled in, no matter how many classes you are taking. The fee must be paid through ExamSoft prior to taking your first exam or mock exam. Please use the instructions provided by your instructor to access ExamSoft and pay the fee.

Class Calendar

Due dates:
Week 2 Identification and discussion of the topic with the professor.
Week 3 Conducting primary and/or secondary research as outlined with the professor.
Week 7 Preparation and submission of a rough draft of the written report, followed by consultation with the professor.
Week 12 Submission of the final written report, followed by consultation with the professor
Week 16 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 Dean's Office of the College of Business.