

COURSE CODE: BUAD 365

COURSE TITLE: Cost Accounting

Calendar Description

This course provides an in-depth analysis of management and cost accounting issues. Costing methods for manufacturing and service businesses are examined. Other topics include service department cost allocation, variance analysis and profitability analysis. (also offered by Distance Education)

Prerequisite(s): BUAD 121, 264

Co-requisite(s): None

Prerequisite For: BUAD 466

Substitutable Courses: None

Graduation Requirement: BBA & Diploma - Elective

Transfer Credit: CPA (credit with BUAD 466)

Special Notes: Students with credit for BUAD 274 cannot take BUAD 365 for further credit.

Credits: 3

Hours per Week: 3

Originally Developed: January 2004

EDCO Approval: May 2021

CHAIR'S APPROVAL: 

Learning Outcomes

Outcome	Upon completion of this course students will be able to:
1	Calculate and record costs for products using appropriate costing methods.
2	Allocate revenues, joint costs, indirect costs and period costs using appropriate costing methods.
3	Develop flexible budgets and perform extensive variance analysis of costs and revenues.
4	Account for byproducts, spoilage, rework and scrap.
5	Prepare an income statement using absorption costing and variable costing.
6	Explain non-financial costs and benefits relevant to decision making.

Course Objectives

Objectives	This course will cover the following content:
1	Develop flexible budgets
2	Perform extensive variance analysis
3	Prepare an income statement using absorption costing and variable costing
4	Examine different cost allocation methods
5	Allocate costs for joint products and by-products
6	Prepare journal entries for process-costing systems
7	Account for spoilage, rework, and scrap
8	Calculate revenue and sales variances

Professors

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Evaluation Procedure

Term Work

Course Work**	25 %
Midterm Exam	35 %
Final Exam	40 %
Total	100 %

**as assigned by the Professor

Generative AI tools are not permitted unless explicitly stated otherwise

The use of generative artificial intelligence tools is strictly prohibited in all course assignments unless explicitly stated otherwise by the instructor in this course. This includes ChatGPT and other artificial intelligence tools and programs. Whenever generative AI tools are permitted and used, they must be appropriately cited. (See [How to cite ChatGPT \(apa.org\)](#))

Required Materials

Cost Management: A Strategic Emphasis, Blocher, Stout, Juras, Smith, 9th Edition, Mc Graw Hill, 2021

McGraw Hill's Connect online software is also used in this course and is mandatory. It is included with the purchase of a new text or it must be purchased separately if a new text is used.

Notes

Students are expected to write mid-term and final examinations at the scheduled times and dates; medical certificate or other supporting documentation will be required for approval of out-of-time exams.

All topics are examinable for the final exam.

Course Schedule

(Subject to change at the discretion of the professor)

Date		Topic	Textbook
2025 Week of:		Wed, Sep 3 - Classes begin Fri, Sep 12 - Add/drop date - Last day to register for a course and last day to receive a refund for course drop Tue, Sep 30 - Statutory Holiday (no classes) Mon, Oct 13 - Statutory Holiday (no classes) Fri, Oct 24 - Last day to withdraw from a course without academic penalty Mon, Nov 10 - No classes Tue, Nov 11 - Statutory Holiday (no classes) Fri, Dec 5 - Last day of regularly scheduled classes Tue, Dec 9 - Thu, Dec 18 - Final exam period – see policy .	Chapter(s):
Sept 5	1	Cost Management and Strategy	Ch 1
Sept 12	2	Cost Management and Strategy Basic Cost Management Concepts NOTE: This course will be an Asynchronous Class. There will be no Scheduled class in person of virtually on this day.	Ch 1 Ch 3
Sept 19	3	Absorption and Variable Cost Financial Statements Process Costing	Assigned Reading Ch 6
Sept 26	4	Process Costing Spoilage in Process Costing	Ch 6 Ch 4 Appendix Ch 6 Appendix
Oct 3	5	Cost Allocation: Departments, Joint Products and By-Products	Ch 7
Oct 10	6	Cost Allocation: Departments, Joint Products and By-Products	Ch 7
Oct 17	7	High-Level Budgeting Considerations Direct Cost	Ch 10 (p.382-394)
Oct 24	8	Midterm Direct Cost Variances and the Role of Non-Financial Performance Measures	Ch 14
Oct 31	9	Direct Cost Variances and the Role of Non-Financial Performance Measures	Ch 14
Nov 7	10	Indirect Cost Variances and Resource Capacity Management	Ch 15
Nov 14	11	Further Analysis of Productivity and Sales	Ch 16

Nov 21	12	Further Analysis of Productivity and Sales	Ch 16
Nov 28	13	Term Project – Class Attendance Required	
Dec 5	14	Term Project Rubric and Analysis Discussion and Course Review	

Skills Across the Business Curriculum

The School of Business promotes core skills across the curriculum. These skills include reading, written and oral communications, computers, small business, and academic standards of ethics, honesty and integrity.

Student Conduct

What is the Disruption of Instructional Activities?

At Okanagan College (OC), disruption of instructional activities includes student “conduct which interferes with examinations, lectures, seminars, tutorials, group meetings, other related activities, and with students using the study facilities of OC”, as well as conduct that leads to property damage, assault, discrimination, harassment and fraud. Penalties for disruption of instructional activities include a range of sanctions from a warning and/or a failing grade on an assignment, examination or course to suspension from OC.

Academic Honesty: Students have a responsibility to read the [OC Academic Integrity Policy](#).

What is Cheating?

“Cheating includes but is not limited to dishonest or attempted dishonest conduct during tests or examinations in which the use is made of books, notes, diagrams or other aids excluding those authorized by the examiner. It includes communicating with others for the purpose of obtaining information, copying from the work of others and purposely exposing or conveying information to other students who are taking the test or examination.”

Students must submit independently written work. Students may not write joint or collaborative assignments with other students unless the instructor approves it in advance as a group/team project. Students who share their work with other students are equally involved in cheating.

What is Plagiarism?

Plagiarism is defined as “the presentation of another person’s work or ideas without proper or complete acknowledgement.” It is the serious academic offence of reproducing someone else’s work, including words, ideas and media, without permission for course credit towards a certificate, diploma, degree and/or professional designation. The defining characteristic is that the work is not yours.

“Intentional plagiarism is the deliberate presentation of another’s work or ideas as one’s own.” Intentional plagiarism can be a copy of material from a journal article, a book chapter, data from the Internet, another student, work submitted for credit in another course or from other sources.” “Unintentional plagiarism is the inadvertent presentation of another’s work or ideas without proper acknowledgement because of poor or inadequate practices. Unintentional plagiarism is a failure of scholarship; intentional plagiarism is an act of deceit.”

What are the Students’ Responsibilities to Avoid Plagiarism?

Students must acknowledge the sources of information used on all their assignments. This usually involves putting the authors’ name and the year of publication in parentheses after the sentence in which you used the material, then at the end of your paper, writing out the complete references in a Reference section.

“Students are responsible for learning and applying the proper scholarly practices for acknowledging the work and ideas of others. Students who are unsure of what constitutes plagiarism should refer to the UBC publication *“Plagiarism Avoided; Taking Responsibility for your Work”*. This guide is available in OC bookstores and libraries.

Students are expected to understand research and writing techniques and documentation styles. The School of Business requires the use of the APA or MLA style but suggests that students cite references using the APA guidelines (see Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th edition (2009)). A copy of the APA manual is available in the reference section and available for circulation from OC libraries. The library website has access to these two major citing styles.

What are the Penalties for Plagiarism and Cheating?

The Okanagan School of Business does not tolerate plagiarism or cheating. All professors actively check for plagiarism and cheating and the Okanagan School of Business subscribes to an electronic plagiarism detection service. All incidents of plagiarism or cheating are reported and result in a formal letter of reprimand outlining the nature of the infraction, the evidence and the penalty. The Dean of the School of Business and the Registrar record and monitor all instances of plagiarism and cheating. Penalties for plagiarism and cheating reflect the seriousness and circumstances of the offence and the range of penalties includes suspension from OC.

Last Updated: April 7, 2025 (New Academic Integrity Policy Link)
