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**Accounting Information
Systems**

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INTRODUCTIONS

- Name (Personal name, ~~FAMILY NAME~~)
- Rutgers ID #
- Home Town or Country
- College and Fraternity/Sorority
- Computer Skills
- Work Experience
- Hobbies and Interests

INTRODUCTIONS

- I shall be doing my best to get to know everyone's name, not only because it is friendlier that way, but also so that you can have your OWN participation grade at the end of the semester
- For at least the first three weeks, whenever you speak to me, or I speak to you, PLEASE tell me your name again
- Please DON'T BE EMBARRASSED to do this
- I am meeting 138 people today, most for the first time
- There are a lot of ways of assigning 138 names to 138 faces
- Help me help you by REMINDING ME WHO YOU ARE

SYLLABUS

- Memorandum
- Contact Information
- Objectives
- Background
- Grading
- Extra Credit
- Homework and Assignments

SYLLABUS

- Participation
- Examinations
- Academic Integrity
- Withdrawal Policy
- University Closings
- About the Instructor
- Note about Printing

Course Objectives

What do you expect these to be?

Textbooks

- We will use two textbooks:
 - * An online textbook: "Accounting Information Systems: A Database Approach" from *Cybertext*
 - * A regular book: "Building Accounting Systems using Access 2003"
 - You will not need this until October

On-Line Textbooks

■ Cybertext

- * You need to set up an account for this right away
- * Be sure you do NOT supply fake information to Cybertext – or you will NOT receive credit for the on-line quizzes
- * Random quizzes of 5 questions will be generated for each student
- * You may download the same quiz as often as you want
- * You may take as long as you wish to respond
- * You can only submit your answers once – you will be advised of your score and the correct answers
- * You must do so before the start of your class on the due date
- * Chapter 1 is due next Monday
- * Quiz 1 – which you will take *on-line at Cybertext's site* is also due then
- * Email me if you need the password for check-payers

On-Line Textbooks

- Material updated twice each year
- Typos and other errors corrected upon notification
- Material developed to meet RUTGERS requirements
- Browser may be used as a study aid (e.g., Ctrl-F, hyper-links)
- Hyper-links for enriched study context
- Carry a chapter at a time
- Save \$100!

Initial Computer Assignment

- Located at: <http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~gillett>
 - * click to reach the biography
 - * click on the picture
 - * select Courses
 - * click on Fall 2008: Accounting Information Systems
- Blackboard:
<https://blackboard.newark.rutgers.edu>
 - * Accounting Information Systems 2008 is in bottom right corner under "My Organizations Plus"
 - * click on Assignments

Initial Computer Assignment

- Obtain an e-mail account
- Visit my Web Site
- Print the Syllabus
- Print the Timetable
- Print the Initial Computer Assignment
- Visit Blackboard and check the Discussion Board
- Obtain a textbook account – follow the link
- Register on my Student Database for Grading Purposes

Blackboard

- Rutgers Business School course web site
- Use netid and password
- If you have NOT been set up, send me email . . .
- Should show all courses for which you are enrolled
- Remember, our “combined” course is shown as an Organization!

Email

- Be sure you have entered an email account that either you check regularly, or that is forwarded to one that you do check; you are responsible for any information sent to this address!

Why Accounting Information Systems?

- You already learned the principles of accounting – especially of recording transactions
- Intermediate Accounting teaches you the rules for financial reporting
- In class and in examinations, T-accounts suffice for all the problems you meet
- In the real world, we need practical methods for recording, maintaining and reporting large numbers of transactions
- We need a systematic approach . . .
- . . . and that's where AIS comes in!

Why Accounting Information Systems?

- A starting point is considering what are business enterprises, and how do they generate and use information
- That's where we will start next class
- Until then – what do YOU think an business enterprise is?

What is a business enterprise?

- Discuss and propose definitions for:
 - * Manufacture
 - * Produce
 - * Industry
 - * Trade
 - * Commerce
 - * Profession
 - * Practice
 - * Business
 - * Organization
 - * Enterprise

The A.I.S. Class

- Will have an accountant's focus – technology chapters will be deferred till after Thanksgiving
- Will be your broadest-based accounting class
- Requires hard work, commitment and time, but is NOT rocket science
- Involves problem solving
- Requires you to accept change as a constant
- Requires a tolerance for ambiguity – you won't find right and wrong answers all the time
- Requires you to acquire some practical software design and implementation skills by using them – not by being lectured on them

The Junior Year

- The Junior year is a whole new level of challenge
 - * Every one of you is an above average student
 - * Now your peer group is smarter too, and the competition is tougher
 - * Two years ago, most of you were High School kids with 'senioritis'
 - * In two years time, most of you will be working on someone's accounts, representing the interests of your employer, and highly paid!
 - * That is one BIG TRANSITION
 - * GOOD LUCK!!!