

ACC3717 Carbon Accounting and Management

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides a comprehensive understanding of carbon accounting as a critical tool for achieving decarbonization goals. Students will delve into the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol, exploring corporate, value chain, production, and project standards, as well as carbon markets and offsets. The course will cover setting targets and tracking progress, developing decarbonization strategies, and conducting scenario analysis. Additionally, students will learn about ESG ratings and data and the practical aspects of sustainability reporting and analysis. Through interactive case discussions and presentations, students will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in the growing field of carbon accounting.

PREREQUISITE

ACC1701 or ACC1701X Accounting for Decision Makers

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. Understand the increasing need for sustainability information and its impact on business practices and reporting.
2. Gain proficiency in the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol standards, including corporate, value chain, production, and project standards.
3. Conduct scenario analysis, set carbon reduction targets, and develop effective decarbonization strategies.
4. Comprehend the mechanisms of carbon markets and carbon offsets and integrate them with carbon accounting practices.
5. Perform detailed sustainability reporting analysis, utilizing sustainability disclosure and data, and effectively present findings to diverse audiences.

TEACHING AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

1. **Seminars:** Most weeks would be spent on seminar discussions covering current topics and issues on sustainability.
2. **Cases:** Some weeks would be spent on student presentations on cases based on real-life business entities and issues.

READINGS

There is no compulsory textbook for this course.

ASSESSMENT

Component	Weightage
Participation	15%
Assignments	15%
Midterm Quiz	10%
Project	30%
Final Test	30%
Total	100%

SCHEDULE

Session	Dates	Description	
1	13 Aug	Introduction - Course Overview; Demand for Sustainability Information	
2	20 Aug	Sustainability Reporting Frameworks and Standards (IFRS S1)	Case
3	27 Aug	Sustainability Reporting Frameworks and Standards (IFRS S2)	
4	3 Sep	Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol	
5	10 Sep	Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol	Case
6	17 Sep	Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol	
		Recess Week	
7	1 Oct	Midterm Quiz; Financed Emissions	Case
8	8 Oct	Setting Targets and Tracking Progress; Scenario Analysis and Decarbonization Strategy	Case
9	15 Oct	Carbon Markets and Management	Case
10	22 Oct	ESG Integration; Sustainability Assurance	Case
11	29 Oct	ESG Data and Ratings; Wrap-Up	
12	5 Nov	Presentations	
13	12 Nov	Final Test	

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