



*Kuwait University
College of Business Administration
Accounting Department*

Course Syllabus

ACCT 577: Advanced Topics in Accounting Information Systems Fall 2021

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Class hours: Tuesday

From: 4:00 to 6:50 pm

Room:

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CBA Vision:

To be the leading provider of quality business education in the region.

CBA Mission:

As part of Kuwait University, the leading national institution of higher education, the College of Business Administration is committed to providing quality business education, engaging in research and community services to contribute to the socio-economic development of the country.

Course Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, students should have gained:

- An enhanced understanding of business enterprises and business processes and an awareness of the role of information and accounting systems in business management.
- An understanding of traditional accounting information systems and criticisms of them
- An understanding of semantic modeling and event driven accounting information systems
- Understanding of the concepts of computer fraud
- Familiarity with the concept of "continuous auditing" and the different auditing techniques used to audit accounting information systems
- Understand the concepts of computer fraud and auditing accounting systems
- An understanding of the effects and implications of "big data" on accounting information systems
- Appreciation of the benefits gained from business intelligence techniques

Policies

- **Respect.** Respect is number one priority. Show respect and you will be treated with respect. Do not chit chat in class, do not use cell phone in class, come prepared and show you did some effort.
- **Cheating.** All of the following acts will be considered as cheating:
 - Presenting work that you copied from someone else as yours
 - Talking to others during exams or quizzes
 - Looking over someone else's exam during the exam or quizzes
 - Using your mobile phone during exams or quizzes (regardless of what are you using it for)
 - Communicating with anyone else during any quiz or exam
 - **Punishment for cheating is as follows (from the university guidelines)**
- **Class Time.** Be on time for the lecture, I will not lock the door or not allow you to enter if you arrive late, but I will take note and this might affect your final curve
- **Make-up Exams.** Make-up Exams will be given for missed exams **only** with a University approved excused absence.
- **Professor – Students Communication.** For ease of communication between us, I will post announcements in twitter and myU related to my classes.
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 - myU: mas2rs
 - MS Teams: a.salawadhi@ku.edu.kw
- **Disability.** Any student who has a need for accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact me privately to discuss the specific situation **NO** later than the first week. You should contact the Dean of Students Affairs Office for proper documentation to maintain an individualized service plan of accommodations.

Class Materials:

Required Text:

Accounting Information System, 14th Edition, by Romney and Steinbart. (Global Edition)

Other:

Papers and notes will be handed out 1 week before each class. Students are required to read papers provided before each class. There will be a discussion on each paper

Grading

The grades for this class are distributed as follows:

Grade	Activity
10	Class discussions
60	3 Exams (20 each)
30	Term paper / Presentation
100	Total

Grade distribution

Range	Grade
≥ 95	A
90-94\	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
65-69	D+
60-64	D
≤ 59	F

Grades will be posted on my website: www.aalawadhi.com under your course section and in Moodle website: <https://moodle.ku.edu.kw/login/index.php>

Tentative Class Outline*

Week	Chapters	Objectives
Week 1,2	1,2	An understanding of accounting information systems, ERP systems, and business transaction cycles. Gaining insights on future trends in AIS
Week 3		Exam 1
Week 4,5,6	4,17,18	An understanding of semantic modeling and event driven accounting information systems. An understanding of the effects and implications of "big data" on accounting information systems. Appreciation of the benefits gained from business intelligence and data analytics
Week 7		Exam 2
Week 8,9	5	Understand the concepts of computer fraud. Introduction to new trends in fraud detections, forensic accounting and continuous auditing
Week 11,12	8,9,10	Understanding of system reliability controls such as security, privacy, and confidentiality and the impact of big data and technology advancements on them
Week 13		Exam 3

* This tentative schedule is subject to changes.