## COURSE OUTLINE

**Title:** Fraud and Forensic Accounting  
**Abbreviation and Number:** ACCA425  
**School:** Business  
**Department:** Accounting  
**Credits:** 3  
**Pre-requisite(s):** Fourth Year Standing or Permission of Chair/Instructor  
**Co-requisite(s):** None

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students evaluate accounting information for fraud identification, prevention and risk management. They focus on occupational and organisational fraud and the legal environment as it pertains to forensic accounting. Evaluation techniques, evidence collection and interrogation methods are also examined.

### SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to

1) Analyse the role of financial accountants and internal auditors as it relates to fraud investigation and forensic accounting;  
2) Assess the importance of forensic accounting and the legal environment within which accountants and auditors must perform their duties;  
3) Recognise types of fraud, their investigation and engagement processes;  
4) Develop procedures for fraud investigation, prevention and evidence collection;  
5) Prepare fraud reports, make recommendations, and develop strategies for recovery; and  
6) Evaluate the nature of occupational and organisational fraud and the relative compliance criteria.

### COURSE CONTENT

I Fraud Examination and Forensic Accounting  
A. Legal environment  
B. Accounting information system  
C. Auditing environment  
D. Importance  

II Fraud Examination Theory, Practice and Methods  
A. Prevention and risk management  
B. Detection  
C. Investigation and engagement process  
D. Evidence  
   i. Collection process  
      a. Physical  
      b. Documentation  
      c. Observation  
   ii. Examination  
      a. Interview  
      b. Interrogation  
E. Forensic science and computer forensics  
F. Report  
G. Litigation  
H. Recovery
III Occupational and Organisational Fraud
   A. Employee
   B. Vendor
   C. Financial Statement
   D. Sarbanes Oxley Act (SOX) compliance

IV Specialised Fraud
   A. Tax
   B. Bankruptcy
   C. Divorce
   D. Identity theft
   E. Loan
   F. Insurance
   G. Organised crime
   H. Terrorism
   I. Counter-terrorism
   J. Money laundering
   K. Anti-money laundering
   L. Other

VI Forensic Accounting Services
   A. Business valuation
   B. Dispute resolution

ASSESSMENT
Assignments ......................................................10%
Case studies ....................................................20%
In-Class Tests ....................................................40%
Final Examination .............................................30%
Total ..........................................................100%

REQUIRED TEXT

SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS/MATERIALS

JOURNALS
Accounting and Business Research
Accounting Horizons
The Accounting Review
Accounting Today
The CPA Journal
Title: Fraud and Forensic Accounting
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Financial Analysis Journal
The GAAP Guidebook
Journal of Accounting
Journal of Accounting Research
The Practical Accountant

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