

# AMIS 7520 Fraud Examination: Misappropriation of Assets Spring 2024

#### Instructor

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# Class Meeting Schedule

Gerlach 305: Monday / Wednesday 9:45-11:15 AM (section 5040)

### **Course Materials**

Required: "Fraud Examination" by Albrecht, Albrecht, Albrecht, Zimbelman, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, Cengage Learning,
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- ISBN-10: 1337619671

- ISBN-13: 978-1337619677

- ISBN-13 ebook: 978-0357688670

- Required: ACCTMIS 7520: Fraud Examination e-case course pack, Helios Digital Learning. Purchase
  instructions provided on the last page of this syllabus.
- Recommended: Wall Street Journal subscription

# **Prerequisites:**

Students to have completed MBA 6211 or enrollment in MAcc program.

# **Course Description:**

This course will introduce students to the fundamental concepts of fraud and misappropriation of assets. This includes all major methods employees use to commit occupational fraud, factors that motivate individuals to commit fraud, recognize weaknesses in business processes and internal control as well as fraud prevention and fraud detection.

#### **Learning Course Outcomes:**

By the end of the course, students should have a basic understanding of the following fraud concepts:

- Introduction to fraud
  - Nature of fraud
  - Fraud triangle
  - o Pervasiveness
- Fraud prevention
- Fraud detection
- · Occupational fraud
- Management fraud common elements of financial statement fraud
- · Other types of fraud

My goal is to make this a useful course for your career.

# **How this course works:**

This course will be taught in the classroom. Lectures will be live and students are expected to attend in person. We will also use class discussion and assignments (in-class and homework). I will use Carmen Canvas for the following:

- Announcements
- Assignments
- Quizzes
- Gradebook
- Modules: I will post class slides, answer to review questions and other material.

This is a 1.5 credit-hour course. Students should expect around an average of 3 hours per week of time spent on direct instruction, in addition to 6 hours of homework (readings, assignments, review question, study....).

# **Grading and Evaluation:**

Grades will be based on total point earned in the course as shown below:

	Points	Percent
Midterm quiz	90	31%
Final quiz	90	31%
Helios quizzes	10	3%
Individual assignments	30	10%
Team assignment	45	16%
Participation / professionalism	25	9%
	290	100%

#### Quizzes

Each quiz is mandatory and will be given on an announced basis. Each quiz will be given in the
classroom and delivered through Canvas. Quizzes will be objective and subjective in nature. If a
medical, family emergency or university sponsored conflict arises, you must contact me
before the quiz (via phone call, text or e-mail).

# Individual assignments

There will be short readings and cases assigned through Helios Digital Learning (digital learning website).
 Helios assignments will include a short quiz and short writing assignment. Assignments include readings, problems, analyses, short quizzes, etc. Assignments are to be completed and submitted to me through canvas.

#### Helios quizzes:

• Each Helios assignment will include a short quiz. A final quiz grade will be based on how the student performs on the quizzes in total.

# Team assignment

• There will be one group assignment. Students will work in assigned groups. The assignment will provide an opportunity to apply course material to a real-world fraud.

# Participation and Professional Conduct

- Students will earn points for participation and professional conduct. Students that participate and add to
  the classroom discussion may earn additional points. Students that that are chronically absent or display
  other unprofessional behavior will have points deducted.
- Contact me if you plan to be absent due to an appropriate reason.

# **Grading Scale**

Final course grades will be based on plus / minus grading system. Letter grades will be based on natural breaks within the points distribution. In other words, letter grades will be based upon a student's relative performance in the class. The overall class GPA will reflect my assessment of the degree to which the class has mastered the material.

I am available to discuss grading concerns. Specific grade issues should be discussed in person and outside the classroom. Throughout the semester, scores will be available on Canvas.

#### **Additional Policies**

# **Artificial Intelligence**

Use of artificial intelligence (AI)-powered programs, including but not limited to ChatGPT, for course assignments

must be first discussed and permitted by the faculty instructor. The scope of use may range from not permitted (with exception of Al-powered search engines such as Google, Bing, etc.) to a broader spectrum of allowed applications. When Al-powered programs are permitted, and used by students, the scope of use and content must be specified and referenced by students accordingly. Students are expected to be aware of the shortcomings of use of Al-powered programs, including risk of academic misconduct (e.g., plagiarism; etc.).

#### **Testing Policy:**

Missed quizzes will be recorded as a "0". Missed exams can only be made-up in extreme cases (e.g., death of family member, personal hospitalization, etc.) with proper documentation (e.g., a physician's note, ER paperwork, obituary, etc.). Each decision of potentially allowing a make-up exam is made by the instructor on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, you MUST contact the instructor (insert instructor's email) as soon as you know of a potential problem or conflict with an exam date. Alternative methods (e.g., oral exam, essay) of testing may be used for make-up exams. If you are experiencing an extreme situation or emergency, please attempt to notify the instructor email ASAP.

# **Attendance / Participation Expectations:**

Any student who fails to attend without giving prior notification to the instructor will be dis-enrolled after the third instructional day of the term, the first Friday of the term, or the second scheduled class meeting of the course, whichever occurs first. Additional requirements for attendance are outlined in the grading policy. I do take attendance and will deduct points for excessive absences.

#### **Technology Policy:**

For help with your password, university email, Carmen, or any other technology issues, questions, or requests, contact the Ohio State IT Service Desk. Standard support hours are available at <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/journ.com/ocities/">ocio.osu.edu/help/hours</a>, and support for urgent issues is available 24/7.

**Baseline technical skills for online courses:** Basic computer and web-browsing skills including navigating Carmen: for questions about specific functionality, see the <u>Canvas Student Guide</u>.

**Required software:** Microsoft Office 365: All Ohio State students are now eligible for free Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus through Microsoft's Student Advantage Program. Full instructions for downloading and installation can be found at <a href="mailto:go.osu.edu/office365help">go.osu.edu/office365help</a>.

# **Course-specific Copyright Policy:**

Material provided by the instructor may not be re-posted anywhere without the explicit permission of instructors. See University Copyright Policy. The materials used in connection with this course may be subject to copyright protection and are only for the use of students officially enrolled in the course for the educational purposes associated with the course.

# **Additional University Policies and Resources**

You can find a list of university policies and resources at go.osu.edu/UPolicies, but here are a few important ones.

# **Academic Misconduct**

Academic integrity is essential to maintaining an environment that fosters excellence in teaching, research, and other educational and scholarly activities. Thus, The Ohio State University and the Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM) expect that all students have read and understand the University's Code of Student Conduct, and that all students will complete all academic and scholarly assignments with fairness and honesty. Students must recognize that failure to follow the rules and guidelines established in the University's Code of Student Conduct and this syllabus may constitute Academic Misconduct.

The Ohio State University's Code of Student Conduct (Section 3335-23-04) defines academic misconduct as: Any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the University or subvert the educational process. Examples of academic misconduct include (but are not limited to) plagiarism, collusion (unauthorized collaboration), copying the work of another student, and possession of unauthorized materials during an examination. Ignorance of the University's Code of Student Conduct is never considered an excuse for academic misconduct, so I recommend that you review the Code of Student Conduct and, specifically, the sections dealing with academic misconduct.

If I suspect that a student has committed academic misconduct in this course, I am obligated by University Rules to report my suspicions to the Committee on Academic Misconduct. If COAM determines that you have violated the University's Code of Student Conduct (i.e., committed academic misconduct), the sanctions for the misconduct could include a failing grade in this course and suspension or dismissal from the University.

If you have any questions about the above policy or what constitutes academic misconduct in this course, please contact me. You can also review these resources:

- <u>Committee on Academic Misconduct</u> (go.osu.edu/coam)
- Ten Suggestions for Preserving Academic Integrity (go.osu.edu/ten-suggestions)
- Eight Cardinal Rules of Academic Integrity (go.osu.edu/cardinal-rules)

#### **Your Mental Health**

As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. The Ohio State University's Student Life Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) is here to support you. If you find yourself feeling isolated, anxious or overwhelmed, on-demand mental health resources go.osu.edu/ccsondemand) are available. You can reach an on-call counselor when CCS is closed at 614- 292-5766. **24-hour emergency help** is available through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline website (suicidepreventionlifeline.org) or by calling 1-800-273-8255(TALK). The Ohio State Wellness app (go.osu.edu/wellnessapp) is also a great resource.

# **Disability Statement (with Accommodations for COVID)**

The university strives to maintain a healthy and accessible environment to support student learning in and out of the classroom. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic, or temporary medical conditions), please let me know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. To establish reasonable accommodations, I request that you register with Student Life Disability Services. After registration, make arrangements with me as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion. You can connect with them at <a href="mailto:slds@osu.edu">slds@osu.edu</a>; 614-292-3307; or <a href="mailto:slds.osu.edu">slds.osu.edu</a>; or in person at 98 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Ave.

If you are isolating while waiting for a COVID-19 test result, please let me know immediately. Those testing positive for COVID-19 should refer to the Safe and Healthy Buckeyes site for resources. Beyond five days of the required COVID-19 isolation period, I may rely on Student Life Disability Services to establish further reasonable accommodations.

# Creating an Environment Free from Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct

The Ohio State University is committed to building and maintaining a community to reflect diversity and to improve opportunities for all. All Buckeyes have the right to be free from harassment, discrimination, and sexual misconduct. Ohio State does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, pregnancy (childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom), race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, academic programs, admission, and employment. Members of the university community also have the right to be free from all forms of sexual misconduct: sexual harassment, sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, and sexual exploitation.

To report harassment, discrimination, sexual misconduct, or retaliation and/or seek confidential and non-confidential resources and supportive measures, contact the Office of Institutional Equity:

- 1. Online reporting form at equity.osu.edu,
- 2. Call 614-247-5838 or TTY 614-688-8605,
- 3. Or email <a href="mailto:equity@osu.edu">equity@osu.edu</a>

The university is committed to stopping sexual misconduct, preventing its recurrence, eliminating any hostile environment, and remedying its discriminatory effects. All university employees have reporting responsibilities to the Office of Institutional Equity to ensure the university can take appropriate action:

- All university employees, except those exempted by legal privilege of confidentiality or expressly identified
  as a confidential reporter, have an obligation to report incidents of sexual assault immediately.
- The following employees have an obligation to report all other forms of sexual misconduct as soon as practicable but at most within five workdays of becoming aware of such information: 1. Any human

resource professional (HRP); 2. Anyone who supervises faculty, staff, students, or volunteers; 3. Chair/director; and 4. Faculty member.

# **Grievances and Solving Problems:**

According to University Policies, if you have a problem with this class, you should seek to resolve the grievance concerning a grade or academic practice by speaking first with the instructor or professor. Then, if necessary, take your case to the department chairperson, associate dean for programs in the college, and to the provost, in that order. Specific procedures are outlined in Faculty Rule 3335-7-23. Grievances against graduate, research, and teaching assistants should be submitted first to the supervising instructor, then to the chairperson of the assistant's department.

# Weather / Short-Term Closing

- Although Ohio State strives to remain open to ensure continuity of services to students and the
  public, extreme conditions can warrant the usage of the university's Weather or Other Short-Term
  Closing Policy.
- Should in-person classes be canceled, we will meet virtually via CarmenZoom during our regularly scheduled time. I will share any updates via [Carmen Canvas, email or other mode of communication].

#### **Additional Expectations / Policies:**

- Use of computers during class is restricted to appropriate class usage note taking, slides, assignments (Please No Surfing the Net).
- I will communicate with the class mainly through e-mail or Canvas announcements. E-mail is the best way to communicate with me. If necessary, call me on my cell phone.
- Attend class, review your notes, and complete the review questions. Ask questions and participate.
- Course syllabus may change at my discretion to optimize the quality and flow of content.

#### **DRAFT SCHEUDLE AMIS 7520 Fraud Examination** # Date Topic **Suggested Study Questions** Assignments 1 1/8 CH 1: Introduction Discussion, TF, MC CH 2: Why People Commit Fraud 2 1/10 CH 3: Fighting Fraud Discussion, TF, MC 1/15 NO CLASS: Martin Luther King Holiday 3 1/17 CH 4: Preventing Fraud Discussion, TF, MC 99 Problems 4 1/22 CH 5: Recognizing Symptoms of Fraud / Review Discussion, TF, MC 1/24 CH6: Data Driven Fraud Detection Discussion, TF, MC Whistle While You Work 6 1/29 Quiz: covers 1-6 7 CH11: Financial Statement Fraud 1/31 Discussion, TF, MC 8 CH 12: Revenue and Inventory Related Financial Statement Fraud Discussion, TF, MC **Going South** 9 2/7 CH 13: Liability, Asset and Inadequate Disclosure / Presentations Discussion, TF, MC \$53 Million Dollar Question 10 2/12 Discussion, TF, MC **Team Project** Presentations 11 2/14 Presentations / SOX and FCPA 2/19 CH 14: Fraud Against the Organization Discussion, TF, MC 12

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Final Quiz: Last day of regularly scheduled class (covers Ch6, 11-14)

# AMIS 7520: Fraud Examination CoursePack (Izzo) Student Purchasing Information

- 1. Go to: https://store.heliosdigital.com/product?catalog=cpacks-Blzzo-AMIS7520
- 2. Click the **Buy Now** button (located in the lower left corner).
- 3. Enter a username (must be all lowercase letters, no spaces) then click **I am a new customer**. Click **Login**.
- 4. Complete Account Details then click Create Account.

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- 6. Enter payment information then click **Submit**.

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- 7. On your receipt, you will see **Training Access Details**. Click where it says **Click here** to be taken to your e-case.
- 8. To access your e-case again later, go to <a href="https://helios.remote-learner.net/login/index.php">https://helios.remote-learner.net/login/index.php</a> and login using the username and password you created to purchase the CoursePack.



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