SYLLABUS

ACC 496 – Senior Seminar

SUMMER (October-December) 2012

MEETING TIME: Wednesdays: 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

INSTRUCTOR: Britt Blackwell, MBA

OFFICE HOURS: I will try to arrive one half hour before scheduled class time. Other times arranged as needed.

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION: The course will build upon the concepts covered in prior accounting courses. The focus will primarily be on financial accounting concepts and methods of analysis applicable to accounting for corporate consolidated financial statements.

COURSE OBJECTIVE: With the guidance of the instructor, students will review all aspects of accountancy required to read and comprehend corporate annual reports. At the conclusion of the course, to demonstrate the knowledge and skills expected upon completion of the major, students will complete a standardized presentation designed to measure the knowledge and skills required for annual report understanding. Satisfactory completion of this course will demonstrate a solid understanding of the major, as well as the confidence and skills to work with existing and emerging aspects of the professional field.

PREREQUISITE: Interdisciplinary Studies 206, senior standing, C or higher for all accounting courses completed, and permission.

TEXT: REQUIRED:
Understanding the Corporate Annual Report by Prentice Hall
Authors: Fraser/Ormiston
ISBN: 0-13-100431-X (Used is Acceptable)

CALCULATORS: Basic 6 function calculators may be used for any class activity including Exams

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: Primarily through lecture, demonstration, and homework
review. Questions are encouraged and participation is expected.

**ATTENDANCE:** Most chapters in this course build upon the foundation of earlier chapters. Absences impair ability to master new material; the result will be lower grades without an imposed penalty. If the student expects to learn, (s)he must attend class.

**METHODS OF LEARNING:** Reading the textbook should be done prior to the scheduled class. This initial reading should be done in order to become familiar with the issues and to identify potential problem areas. After the discussion over the chapter/annual report, reread for mastery. For the majority of students, failure to do preparation results in failure to master the course content. Be prepared to solve assigned problems in class when called upon. It is best to try to refer to the textbook when preparing your presentation. As problems are discussed, make corrections in a different color; this will help identify problem areas to study for researching your assigned annual report(s). The textbook is a refresher for your previous accounting classes regarding financial accounting. At the conclusion of each chapter, refer back to these objectives and confirm that you have mastered each of them. I encourage you to form study groups to prepare for in-class activities and presentations.

**Presentations:** Will be in-class as assigned by instructor.

**GRADES:** The final grade will be determined as follows:

**Various presentations/participation plus 1 Final Presentation:**

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**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:** The Doane College Academic Integrity Policy will be adhered to in this class. All projects and presentations will represent your own work. Any use of others' ideas and words without proper citation is plagiarism and will result in penalties to be determined by the instructor and/or the dean of undergraduate studies. Students may work together to
complete homework assignments, but work should be substantially one’s own. In-class exams are to be the work of each individual only.

STUDENT INFORMATION: The Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act (FERPA), places strict restrictions upon school personnel, including instructors, regarding disclosure of personal information, including grades. Students may request exam results or grades by e-mailing a request from their Doane e-mail account. **Please do not ask to receive presentation results or grades via phone or another e-mail address. The instructor reserves the right to revise the schedule and/or assignments as the term develop. I am in the process of reviewing the chapters and assignments which may well change. It is the student's responsibility to keep up to date with any revisions.**

CURRICULUM

Week 1  
Chapter 1-The financial reporting Environment

Week 2  
Chapter 2-Earnings-Real and Imagined

Week 3  
Chapter 3-Assets, Liabilities, and Equity

Week 4  
Chapter 4-Cash Flows-Operating/Financing/Investing

Week 5  
Chapter 5-A Comprehensive Analysis

Week 6 & 7  
Preparation for Final In-Class Presentations

Week 8  
Final In-Class Presentations