

Fall 2026

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Final Exam: December 17 7:30 – 10:00 pm	Office hours: Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment (email); Zoom

PLNU Mission

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

Fermanian School of Business Mission

Character – Professionalism – Excellence – Relationships – Commitment - Innovation

As members of a vital Christian community, we strive to provide high quality business programs that equip students to make a positive impact in their workplace and community by connecting purpose to practice.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A study of accounting information systems used to assist decision makers through identifying, measuring, and processing relevant information and communicating the information through reports. Topics include cost concepts and allocations, cost volume profit analysis, budgeting, performance measurement and evaluation techniques, short run decision analysis, pricing decisions, and capital investment analysis.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Exhibit an understanding of various managerial accounting topics, including costing systems, cost-volume-profit analysis, budgeting, performance evaluation, differential analysis, capital investment analysis and pricing (PLO 1, A1, C1, D1 & F1).
2. Describe how management accounting supports management decisions in various costing systems and operating environments (PLO 1, A1 & F1).
3. Compute product unit cost under various costing systems and prepare cost-volume-profit and break-even calculations (PLO 2, A1 & A2).
4. Apply incremental analysis to short term decision making and evaluate capital investments using present value concepts (PLO 2, A1, C2 & F2).
5. Prepare budget and variance analysis reports and employ performance measurement and evaluation techniques (PLO 2, A1 & A2).
6. Identify and describe the standards of ethical conduct for management accountants. (PLO 1, 4 & A1).

REQUIRED TEXTS AND RECOMMENDED STUDY RESOURCES

1. Warren, Jones, Tayler, Financial and Managerial Accounting, 17th edition, Cengage Learning
2. CengageNow2 Access Key
3. Simple Calculator (no electronic communication/recording devices)

CENGAGE

We will be using the CengageNOWv2 online access for this course. Instructions for accessing and registering for our course in Cengage are as follows:

1. Go to
<https://www.cengage.com/dashboard/#/course-confirmation/E-Y84E59PG5BC9T/initial-course-confirmation>
2. If you already have an access code, register with that code.
3. If you do not already have an access code, purchase an access code online and register for the class.

LomaBooks Instructions for Students:

Note: For courses using materials available through LomaBooks

This course is part of our course material delivery program, [LomaBooks](#). The bookstore will provide each student with a convenient package containing all required physical materials; all digitally delivered materials will be integrated into Canvas.

You should have received an email from the bookstore confirming the list of materials that will be provided for each of your courses and asking you to select how you would like to receive any printed components (in-store pick up or home delivery). If you have not done so already, please confirm your fulfillment preference so the bookstore can prepare your [LomaBooks](#) materials.

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

Students will be evaluated based on the following scale:

Percent	Grade	Percent	Grade	Percent	Grade
93.0-100	A	80.0-82.9	B-	67.0-69.9	D+
90.0-92.9	A-	77.0-79.9	C+	63.0-66.9	D
87.0-89.9	B+	73.0-76.9	C	60.0-62.9	D-
83-86.9	B	70.0-72.9	C-	0.0-59.9	F

The approximate available point distribution is as follows:

Midterms (3 @ 100 points per exam)	300
Final Exam (Comprehensive)	150
Project	20
Adaptive Study Plans (Pre-Lecture)	55
Homework Assignments (Post-Lecture)	110
Class Participation and Attendance	<u>40</u>
Total approximate points available	<u>675</u>

Midterms & Final Exam: The exams may include Multiple-Choice or Problems based on text material, class discussions, and homework assignments. The final exam will be comprehensive. No makeup exams will be given without prior permission. Students should bring standard calculators, pencils, and an eraser to all exams.

Project: This assignment will be completed mostly in class and will allow students to partner up with peers, more information will be given at a later date. Separate instructions and a worksheet will be provided.

Adaptive Study Plan (Pre-Lecture): Prior to each class meeting, you will need to complete the assigned Adaptive Study Plan questions through the CengageNOWv2 website. These plans are designed to expose you to course concepts prior to coming to class. Based on the quiz results you are provided feedback and a study plan that will focus on the concepts you have not yet mastered. Once I begin class that day, your window to submit the Adaptive Study Plan is closed. Each chapter's Plan will be worth 5 points. The objective is to encourage you to read the chapters before they are discussed.

Homework Assignments (Post-Lecture): Homework assignments consist of questions and problems from the end of each chapter and will reinforce the most important chapter points. In general, homework will be due before class on the Thursday following the chapter lecture. Submit only your own original work for homework. You may not use AI to complete or check your homework. You may use the "Check my work" feature within Cengage or reach out to me via email with questions.

Homework will be completed and submitted through the CengageNOWv2 website. Late homework assignments will receive 50% credit, but no homework will be accepted after the exam on the chapter material. Homework is worth 10 points per chapter.

Class Participation & Attendance: You are to be prepared to answer questions, and participate in group activities and other in-class assignments. **Attendance at all class sessions is mandatory.** You may be dropped from the course if you are absent for more than 10% of the classes. **Be on time to class.**

Punctuality is an important attribute in any successful business endeavor. If you are late two times, it will be counted as one absence. Most note-taking will be done on hardcopy worksheets with paper and pencil. Occasionally, we use computers to look at specific topics. Please plan to keep your devices put away unless requested by the professor to have them out. Exceptions to this would be a flat laying tablet that you use to take notes with a stylus. Students may be excused from class for inappropriate computer/cell phone usage and the class will be counted as an unexcused absence for grading purposes.

Additional Learning Resources: Text bundles purchased through the PLNU Bookstore and online at Cengage.com contain codes for accessing additional learning resources, including self-quizzes, flash cards and instructional videos on the publisher's website.

The Tutorial Center is also available to students free of charge. Tutoring is available by appointment only, and appointments must be made at least one day in advance. Appointments may be arranged in person at the Tutorial Center, over the phone at (619) 849-2593, or via email at TutorialServices@pointloma.edu.

INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by the beginning of the class session when they are due—including assignments posted in Canvas and on Cengage.

FINAL EXAMINATION POLICY

Successful completion of this class requires taking the final examination on its scheduled day. The final examination schedule is posted on the [Traditional Undergraduate Records: Final Exam Schedules](#) site. If you find yourself scheduled for three (3) or more final examinations on the same day, you are authorized to contact each professor to arrange a different time for one of those exams. However, unless you have three (3) or more exams on the same day, no requests for alternative final examinations will be granted.

PLNU ACADEMIC BEHAVIOR POLICY

Both faculty and students at Point Loma Nazarene University have the right to expect a safe and ordered environment for learning. Students are expected to take the initiative to learn and conduct themselves in a mature and civil manner in the classroom environment. Any student

behavior that is disruptive or threatening is a serious affront to Point Loma Nazarene University as a learning community. Students who fail to adhere to these behavioral standards may be subject to disciplinary action, including removal from class or further university sanctions. For a full definition of disruptive behavior, response procedures, and the appeal process, please consult the Academic Behavior Policy in the University Catalog.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) POLICY

The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., ChatGPT, iA Writer, Marmot, Botowski, GrammarlyGo, Perplexity, etc.) is prohibited in this course for any aspect of your work, including idea generation, drafting, editing, or final submissions. This course is designed to assess your independent critical thinking, writing, and research skills without the assistance of AI technologies. Violations of this policy will be treated as breaches of academic integrity. Any reliance on AI tools in this course is subject to an academic honesty violation.

CONTENT WARNING

I acknowledge that each of you comes to PLNU with your own unique life experiences. This contributes to the way you perceive various types of information. In Managerial Accounting, all of the class content, including that which may be intellectually or emotionally challenging, has been intentionally curated to achieve the learning goals for this course. The decision to include such material is not taken lightly. If you encounter a topic that is intellectually challenging for you, it can manifest in feelings of discomfort and upset. In response, I encourage you to come talk to me or your friends or family about it. Class topics are discussed for the sole purpose of expanding your intellectual engagement in the area of accounting, and I will support you throughout your learning in this course.

GENERAL COURSE CONCERNS

If you have a concern related to the content or structure of this course, please bring your concern(s) to me (the instructor) in a timely manner, so that we have the opportunity to discuss your thoughts and work together toward a solution.

LANGUAGE AND BELONGING

Point Loma Nazarene University faculty are committed to helping create a safe and hospitable learning environment for all students. As Christian scholars we are keenly aware of the power of language and believe in treating others with dignity. As such, it is important that our language be equitable, inclusive, and prejudice free. Inclusive/Bias-free language is the standard outlined by all major academic style guides, including MLA, APA, and Chicago, and it is the expected norm in university-level work. Good writing and speaking do not use unsubstantiated or irrelevant generalizations about personal qualities such as age, disability, economic class, ethnicity, marital status, parentage, political or religious beliefs, race, gender, sex, or sexual orientation. Inclusive language also avoids using stereotypes or terminology that demeans persons or groups based on age, disability, class, ethnicity, gender, race, language, or national origin. Respectful use of language is particularly important when referring to those outside of the religious and lifestyle commitments of those in the PLNU community. By working toward precision and clarity of language, we mark

ourselves as serious and respectful scholars, and we model the Christ-like quality of hospitality.

If you (or someone you know) has experienced other forms of discrimination, you can find more information on reporting and resources via the [Nondiscrimination and Anti-harassment Policy](#).

LOMA WRITING CENTER

Getting feedback from the Loma Writing Center while you're in the process of working on an assignment is a great way to improve the quality of your writing and develop as a writer. You are encouraged to talk with a trained writing consultant about getting started on an assignment, organizing your ideas, finding and citing sources, revising, editing for grammar, and polishing final drafts, and more.

Walk-ins are welcome, but we recommend making an appointment in advance. For information about how to make in-person or online appointments, see [Loma Writing Center webpage](#) or visit the Loma Writer Center on the first floor of the Ryan Library, room 221.

- [Appointment Calendar](#)
- [Website](#)
- [Email](#)

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCRIMINATION

In support of a safe learning environment, if you (or someone you know) have experienced any form of sexual discrimination or misconduct, including sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, know that accommodations and resources are available through the [Title IX Office](#). Please be aware that under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, faculty and staff are required to disclose information about such misconduct to the [Title IX Office](#).

If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact [Counseling Services](#) or [consult the list of campus pastors](#).

If you (or someone you know) has experienced other forms of discrimination or bias, you can find more information on reporting and resources via the [Nondiscrimination and Anti-harassment Policy](#).

SPIRITUAL CARE

Please be aware PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as whole persons. To this end, we provide resources for our students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith.

If students have questions, a desire to meet with the chaplain or have prayer requests you can contact your professor or the [Office of Spiritual Life and Formation](#).

PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY

Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those

materials outside the class may violate the law.

PLNU RECORDING NOTIFICATION

In order to enhance the learning experience, please be advised that this course may be recorded by the professor for educational purposes, and access to these recordings will be limited to enrolled students and authorized personnel.

Note that all recordings are subject to copyright protection. Any unauthorized distribution or publication of these recordings without written approval from the University (refer to the Dean) is strictly prohibited.

PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. For all student appeals, faculty and students should follow the procedures outlined in the University Catalog. See [Academic Policies](#) for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY

PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center, by email or phone at 619-849-2533. Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will work with the student to create an Accommodation Plan (AP) that outlines approved accommodations. Professors are able to view a student's approved accommodations through Accommodate.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their approved accommodations in that particular course. Accommodations are not retroactive; as such, clarifying with the professor at the outset is one of the best ways to promote positive academic outcomes.

Students who need accommodations for a disability-related need should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to assure appropriate accommodations can be provided. In accordance with ADA, accommodations cannot constitute a fundamental alteration to course outcomes; therefore, planning ahead is vital in establishing appropriate accommodations for equal access to this course. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC. Students cannot assume that because they had accommodations in the past, their eligibility at PLNU is automatic. All determinations at PLNU

must go through the EAC eligibility process. This is to protect the privacy of students with disabilities who may not want to disclose this information and are not asking for any accommodations.

PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

Regular and punctual attendance at all class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions, the faculty member will issue a written warning of de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive an “F” grade.

COURSE SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS

See Canvas Weekly Modules for details on the Course Schedule and Assignments. This schedule is tentative and could change slightly.

WEEK	CLASS	CHAPTER	TOPIC
1	9/3/26	15	Introduction to Managerial Accounting/ Financial Statements for Manufacturing Businesses
2	9/10/26	16	Job Order Costing
3	9/17/26	17	Process Costing Systems
4	9/24/26	EXAM 1 20	Chapters 15-17 Cost -Volume- Profit Analysis
5	10/1/26	20 21	Cost -Volume- Profit Analysis Variable Costing for Management Analysis
6	10/8/26	22	Budgeting
7	10/15/26	EXAM 2 23	Chapters 20- 22 Evaluating Variances from Standard Costs
	10/22/26		Fall Break – No Classes
8	10/29/26	23 24	Evaluating Variances from Standard Costs Evaluating Decentralized Operations
9	11/5/26	24	Evaluating Decentralized Operations
10	11/12/26	25	Differential Analysis and Product Pricing
11	11/19/26	EXAM 3	Chapters 23-25
	11/26/26		Thanksgiving Break – No Classes
12	12/3/26	26 14	Capital Investment Analysis Financial Analysis of Performance
13	12/10/26	14 Review	Financial Analysis of Performance
14		FINAL EXAM	COMPREHENSIVE – Chapters 14- 26 December 17 4:30 – 7:00 pm

To learn this material: Focus your study efforts on understanding the material. Try not to simply memorize. Expect to spend 2-3 hours in study and homework for each 1 hour of class time. Additional time may be required to prepare for exams. Read each chapter before it is discussed in class and note questions for discussion. The most effective study strategy to prepare for tests is to **thoroughly understand problems worked in class** and assigned in the homework. You must keep up with the assignments. Accounting is a subject that builds on the previous chapter material. **It is important to not fall behind.** If you are experiencing problems, please notify me immediately and consider using a tutor from the Academic Support Center.

Schedule Changes: The information in this syllabus is subject to change. I will announce changes in class early enough to give you time to meet assignments, etc. It is your responsibility to maintain your schedule, making changes as necessary. I will not consider absence an excuse for not keeping your schedule updated. **Check your PLNU e-mail, Canvas and CengageNow website daily. If you miss class, check with a classmate.**

