Accounting and Finance for Business Analysis

Chapter 1:

Essentials of Accounting and Finance

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Identify the non-financial manager's concern with financial planning
- Recognize the responsibilities of financial managers.

Distinguish between different business entities.

Chapter 2:

Types of cost data and cost analysis

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

Identify the importance of cost data.

Define different types of costs and their allocation

Chapter 3:

Contribution Analysis

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Recognize financial components critical to decision analysis.
- Identify the concept of contribution margin.
- Recognize the contribution margin ratio.

Chapter 4:

Break-Even and Cost-Volume-Profit Analysis

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Recognize the relationships among costs, volume, and profit.
- Identify the computation used for break-even sales.
- Identify key financial ratio concepts.

Chapter 5:

Relevant Cost and Making Short-Term Decisions

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Identify relevant costs in manufacturing process.
- Recognize components for making financial decisions.
- Identify costs used in future business directions.

Chapter 6:

Forecasting Cash Needs and Budgeting

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Identify importance and value of sales forecasts.
- Recognize how sales forecasts and budgets affect other operational budgets.

Chapter 7:

Cost Control and Variance Analysis

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Identify variance analysis and its usefulness to financial analysis.
- Recognize when variance analysis should be applied.
- Identify cost variances.

Chapter 8:

Managing Financial Assets

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Identify components of working capital.
- Recognize methods to finance an asset.
- Identify ways to improve cash management.
- Recognize ways to accelerate cash receipts or delay cash payments.

Chapter 9:

Managing Accounts Receivable and Credit

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Recognize ways to improve rate of return with accounts receivable and credit.
- Identify and analyze accounts receivable values.

Chapter 10:

Managing Inventory

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Recognize inventory management considerations.
- Identify ways to optimize the economic order quantity.

Chapter 11:

The Time Value of Money

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Recognize future values and different loan types.
- Recognize the concept of time value of money.
- Identify capital rationing decisions.

Chapter 12:

Capital Budgeting Decisions

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Recognize each of basic capital investment analysis techniques.
- Recognize the various types of depreciation methods.
- Compute the ROI on an investment.

Chapter 13:

Improving Managerial Performance

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Recognize effects on the rate of return on investments (ROI).
- Identify the basic components of the Du Pont formula used to improve profit.

Chapter 14:

Evaluating and Improving Your Department's Performance

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

Recognize the types of responsibility centers.

Recognize the value of transfer pricing.

Chapter 15:

Sources of Short-Term Financing

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Identify sources of short-term financing.
- Recognize the value and process of issuing commercial paper and other financing activities.

Chapter 16:

Considering Term Loans and Leasing

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Identify intermediate-term bank loans.
- Recognize the advantages of revolving credit.

Chapter 17:

Long-Term Debt and Equity Financing

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Identify the process of investment banking.
- Recognize issues for venture capital financing.
- Recognize examples of types of long-term debt and their usefulness.
- Identify examples of equity securities.

Chapter 18:

Interpreting Financial Statements

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Recognize the different financial statements and their uses.
- Identify the major components of the balance sheet.

Chapter 19:

Accounting Conventions and Recording Financial Data

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

• Recognize the double entry system and the accounting equation.

- Recognize how to apply transaction analysis to simple business transaction in terms of the accounting model: Assets = Liabilities + Equity.
- Identify the entries entered into the journal.
- Recognize how certain transactions affect the balance sheet.

Chapter 20:

Assessing Financial Health and Fitness

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

Identify different financial ratios and how they are used.