

Understanding Financial Statements

Naperville Campus
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TIME Thursday: 6:30 – 9:30

COMPETENCES

- A-4 Can analyze a problem using two different ethical systems.
- H-2-X Can evaluate the impact of financial reporting on business organizations.
- F-X Can interpret financial statements in light of specific personal, business, ethical or societal evaluation objectives.

GENERAL COURSE DESCRIPTION

Business managers as well as private investors must have a basic understanding of financial statements as not only a management tool but also as a way of communicating the financial and operational well-being of a company. Citizens need to understand financial statements to determine the health of their various investment options. This course teaches students the essential elements of financial statements, their interpretation, their financial and ethical impact on investors and society. This is a particularly important topic and skill that will benefit students not only at work but in their personal life as well. No financial or accounting background is required to take this class although basic algebra skills are used.



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INSTRUCTOR BACKGROUND

Ed Paulson is an experienced business manager, engineer and entrepreneur who holds an MBA. He has written several financial analysis books related to mergers and acquisitions. Ed has over 30 years of industry experience in places like Chicago, Austin, TX and Silicon Valley and has taught for DePaul SNL since 2001. He can be reached by phone at 630-960-3299 or email at author@edpaulson.com.

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