Reports from Year Representatives

FIRST YEAR - ACCOUNTING

AG105 Introduction to Finance & Financial Statistics
No rep present, feedback is from Myplace.

Students like the handouts used in this class, they find them useful. The tutorial work covered also helps to enable learning.

Students would like if the excel section of statistics could be covered in tutorials. Sometimes the register has not been taken at the tutorials for this class.

AG111 Accounting Technologies
No rep present, feedback is from Myplace.

Lecturers for this class are friendly and engaging. Students find the lectures engaging and informative, this along with filling-in the blanks encourages Student attendance. In tutorials the lecturers are extremely helpful and approachable, they are willing to help with any problems or questions.

Some Students would appreciate more questions to try, e.g. more examples on how to construct financial statements.

FIRST YEAR - FINANCE

AG151 Introduction to Finance and Accounting
Students felt that David's lecture videos are extremely helpful especially when revising. They also felt the tutors have great teaching methods as everything is gone over step by step, in particular Frank was mentioned.

Students were under the illusion that David would be taking more of the lectures, they find the classes difficult to follow and found David’s teaching methods easier to understand however, he has taken very few of the classes. Also, although students find the lecture
videos very useful they would appreciate if there were more available. The Students feel the class has generally lacked in feedback as the assignment and test only provided them with a mark and no constructive feedback, they would benefit from more detailed feedback and if possible a detailed marking guide. Generally Students feel that the majority of the lectures so far have had no structure and are ill prepared. There are also some issues with the lecturers timekeeping. Many of the Students feel this class has too big a work load for 1st year and the lecturer is unable to explain the content.

Comments from David Hillier: We have responded fully to student concerns and introduced a number of additional support structures for the class. David Hillier will be back lecturing at the end of the course and he has started his videos again. Full use is also being made of the Online connect platform.

SECOND YEAR - ACCOUNTING

AG208 Intermediate Management Accounting
The students are enjoying both the lectures and tutorials for this class. The find Richard engaging and find the fill-in the blanks notes useful. They feel the tutorials are well run and they appreciate the fact that they go over the tutorial questions as this helps understanding.

Students would appreciate if the assignment could be provided earlier and if more revision could have been done for the class test.

AG209 Taxation
No rep present, feedback is from Myplace.

Students like how the lecturer talks about the examples provided as this helps to enable learning. They feel the tutorials run well and working through the questions helps them gain a better understanding of the class.

The lecturers timekeeping is sometimes an issue for this class. Also, Students would appreciate if substitutes are arranged for the class then they should have knowledge on the subject.

SECOND YEAR – FINANCE

AG211 Portfolio Analysis
Students are enjoying the optional workshops as they feel that this works well and if very efficient. They think the use of real life examples is beneficial. Students appreciated the use of the AG105 slides from the statistics section. Myplace is also used well for this class, this helps Students revise as everything is in one place.

They feel the lectures are going well but there are quite a few breaks which sometimes interrupts learning. They would appreciate if the course pack could have headings/titles so it is easier to navigate electronically. Some Students also find the pace of the class quite fast.
Comments from Jonathan Fletcher: The course pack has been revised to include the relevant pages in the class notes where the material is being covered.

THIRD YEAR - ACCOUNTING

AG308 Auditing and Assurance
Overall the class has been very positive, both lectures and tutorials are running well. Students like the use of real life examples as this gives the material a context. Students appreciate the tutorials questions as they are discussed thoroughly and help with exam preparation. Some Students liked the structure of the assignment and feel the feedback will be useful for the exam.

A few Students would appreciate if some form of marking criteria could be provided for the assignment so it is clear what is required. Lastly, they would appreciate if some recommended reading could be provided.

AG311 Advanced Financial Reporting
Students like the examples that are used in classes, they find them beneficial. Some of the class are a bit confused and find the notes provided hard to follow and revise with as the headings do not always match, they would appreciate if this was more organised. Students felt they were not given enough time for the assignment (1 week), they would like if more time or more details of the assignment in the class outline. Some students find the tutorials slightly confusing, they would like if solutions were provided at the start to help them follow. Overall they feel the class is slightly disorganised and the lecturers timekeeping can sometimes be an issue.

THIRD YEAR - FINANCE

AG307 Treasury Management and International Finance
Slides provided are very well explained, it can sometimes be hard to follow notations students would appreciate more room to take notes. Students appreciate the practical examples used, they find them very clear and concise. There were mixed opinions on the large workshop in this class, some students found this useful and others prefer the smaller tutorial group format.

Students find the lecture room a bit tight, there isn't very much spare room. There have also been 2 class cancellations, which concerned a few students. However, Chandra distributed an email which has helped any uncertainty. One of recommended books for AG307 and costs £160, this book is available from the library e-book system, however there are limited copies and they are only available for 7 days. Lastly, students sometimes find it hard to hear so would appreciate if a microphone could be used.
Other feedback
AG307 students would appreciate a bit more guidance on dissertations as they are struggling to decide on Accounting/Finance and on a possible topic.

Response from Juliane (in her role as departmental library representative): Additional copies of the textbook have been ordered and should arrive in the library shortly. As for the access to electronic versions, it depends on the relevant publisher how many people can simultaneously access a title and this is not under the control of the library. If a book has reached the maximum simultaneous user number you will be entered into a queue and this will be displayed to you on screen.

Response from Patrick McColgan (Dissertations) - there has been an introductory information session on finance honours and students were provided with references for past dissertations in finance, lists of topics covered by supervisors and reference to the finance honours guidance notes outlining the structure of the dissertation and the honours year in general. After this it is for individual students to contact potential supervisors, as advised during the pre-honours meeting. I'm happy to response to general requests for more information if students are specific on what more information they want, but otherwise it is on the individual to be pro-active in getting in touch with department staff.

FEEDBACK FROM SEMESTER 1 CLASSES

AG207 Intermediate Financial Accounting
Students enjoyed the content of this class. The lectures were well done as were the notes but they would like if there is more room to take notes.

Some Students have struggled with the transition from 1st year Accounting to 2nd year as Accounts are done differently. Some Students also found with two lecturers sometimes it can be hard to follow as they both have different teaching methods. Overall, the class was positive and the book used is great.

AG210 Business Finance
Students thoroughly enjoyed Patrick’s teaching. The class was well structured and organised and the content linked in well with 1st year.

Comments from Patrick McColgan – Thank you for the comments on the running of the class.