

## J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

### Course Content Summary

1. **Course Prefix and Number:** ACC 217 **Credit Hours:** 3
2. **Course Title:** Analyzing Financial Statements
3. **Course Description:** Explains how financial data are generated and limitations of the data, techniques for analyzing the flow of a business's funds, and the methods of selecting and interpreting financial ratios. Highlights the conceptual framework for analysis, and offers basic and advanced analytical techniques through the use of comprehensive case studies. Prerequisite: ACC 212 or equivalent. Lecture 3 hours per week. Offered in summer, even years.
4. **General Course Purpose:** An introductory course in financial statement analysis designed for designed for two year accounting majors, students in non-transfer business programs, and non-curricular students.
5. **Course Prerequisites / Corequisites:** ACC 211 or equivalent
6. **Course Objectives:**  
Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:
  - a. demonstrate an understanding of the need for financial analysis in business.
  - b. demonstrate the uses of financial analysis data for decision-making purposes.
  - c. define and discuss the methods used to determine ratios and other analytical means data used by a firm, which provides information regarding solvency, profitability, and stability.
7. **Major Topics to be Included:**
  - a. Fundamental Accounting Concepts and Financial Statement Introduction
  - b. Basics of Analysis, Including Liquidity Measures of Short-Term Assets, and Related Liabilities, Long-Term Debt Paying Ability and Profitability
  - c. Trend Analysis and Other Financial Information Including Working Capital, Cash Flow, and Statement of Changes in Financial Position
  - d. Financial Statement Analysis Coverage for Specialized Industries Including Banking, Transportation, Etc.
8. **Effective Date of Course Content Summary:** October 1, 2008