

## Module Specification

### **Module Title and Purpose**

#### **1. Module Title and Code:**

##### **Accountability and Governance**

ACCA30042

#### **2. Aims of the Module:**

- a) To develop the students' critical understanding of accountability and governance issues
- b) To consider different forms of accountability and governance.
- c) To explore issues relating to both the external and internal reporting of performance
- d) To critically examine the arguments relating to corporate citizenship.

### **Module Delivery**

#### **3. Contents**

The module will employ a combination of lectures, focused research studies involving both group and individual investigations, to develop the students' critical appreciation of the module's subject matter.

- a) current conceptions of accountability and governance, their rationale and their adequacy
- b) Governance as risk management, accountability as a relationship
- c) Internal governance issues
- d) Competing drivers for change
- e) Corporate citizenship

#### **4. Indicative Reading:**

Keasey, K., & Wright, M. . (1997) Corporate Governance: Responsibilities, Risks and Remunerations, , Wiley, Chichester  
Munro, R. and Mouritsen, J. . (1996) Accountability: Power, Ethos & the technologies of managing, , Thomson Business Press, London,  
Parker, M, (1998) Ethics and Organizations, , Sage, London  
Mallen, C., () Corporate Governance: an International Perspectives, , Pearson , London  
Warren, Richard C., , (2000) Corporate Governance and Accountability, , Liverpool Academic Press,  
Fisher, C. and Lovell. A, (2003) Business Ethics and Values, , FT Prentice-Hall, London  
Monks, R.A.G. & Minow, N. . (2001) Corporate Governance, 2, Blackwells, Oxford

#### **5. Learning and Teaching Methods:**

##### **Total Contact Hours:**

Full Time Contact: 23

Part Time Contact: 0

##### **Range of Modes of Contact:**

Lectures, seminars, tutorials, group fieldwork Email, Internet

##### **Range of other Learning Methods**

Directed reading, group discussions, internet based study material and critical evaluation

##### **Total Study Hours**

200

## **Module Assessment**

### **6. Module Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this module, assuming you have attended classes, completed the assessment(s) and undertaken the recommended amount of independent study, you should be able to:

- a) Demonstrate a critical understanding of accountability and governance issues
- b) Discuss different forms of accountability and governance.
- c) Assess the robustness of both external and internal governance processes and notions of performance
- d) Critically debate the issues relating to corporate citizenship

### **7. Assessment Methods:**

#### **Number, Type and Weighting of Element:**

Exam Split (%): 70                      Course Work Split(%): 30

Weighting(%): 30

Assessment Type: Individual/Essay

Description:

Number of words:

Outcomes Tested: a-c

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Weighting(%): 100

Assessment Type: Examination/Closed Book

Description:

Outcomes Tested: a - d.

Duration (hours): 3hr hours

Answer: 0

Out of: 0

Weighting(%): 70

Assessment Type: Examination/Closed Book

Description:

Outcomes Tested: a-d

Duration (hours): 0 hours

Answer: 0

Out of: 0

#### **Expected Form of Feedback**

Feedback will be detailed formative assessment.

## **Module Management**

### **8. Credit Points and Duration:**

Credit Points: 20

Module Length: Full Year

Half Year: Both Half Years

### **9. Module Leader**

Peter Sanderson

### **10. Subject:**

Accounting

### **Department:**

Accounting & Finance

### ***Programme(s) containing the Module with the designated Level, Status and Mode of Study of Module for each programme:***

#### ***As Compulsory***

ACCF001: BA (Honours) Accounting & Finance (S/W) (Level 4) G

ACCF002: BA (Honours) Accounting & Finance (F/T) (Level 3) G

#### ***As Option***

#### ***Non NBS***

### ***Pre- or Post requisites:***

BSc AIS and BAAF level 1 and 2

### ***Site of Delivery:***

City

### **11. Date:**

4 July 2002

### ***Approved by Head of Department***

Lovell, Alan

**Date Approved:** 16 June 2002

### ***Approved by Board of Studies***

Leopold, John

**Date Approved:** 4 July 2002

### ***Notes***

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