

AMBERTON UNIVERSITY
e-COURSE SYLLABUS

**ACC6150.E1 Forensic Accounting
Summer 2025**

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COURSE INFORMATION:

ACC6150.E1 Forensic Accounting

Level: Graduate

Beginning Date of Session: Saturday, June 14, 2025

Ending Date of Session: Thursday, August 21, 2025

Student access available to the Student Portal: Saturday, June 14, 2025.

Holiday Closings:

Juneteenth Observance- There will be no classes held and no assignments due on Thursday June 19, 2025.

4th of July Holiday: There will be no classes held and no assignments due on Friday, July 4, 2025.

Students enrolled in distance learning courses are not assessed any additional fees for security or identity verification.

COURSE PREREQUISITES:

ACC6130

TEXTBOOK(S) AND REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Title: Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination
Author: Mary-Jo Kranacher, Richard Riley
Publisher: Wiley
Year Published: 2023
Edition: 3rd
ISBN: 10: or 13: 978-1-394-20090-0
Price: Available at <http://amberton.ecampus.com>

Amberton University has an agreement with eCampus.com to provide a full-service online bookstore to students. The Amberton University Virtual Bookstore is accessible through the University's website, www.Amberton.edu. There is also a bookstore link in the Student Portal.

The AU Virtual Bookstore provides an easy to use interface, online buyback of books, and same day shipment of most titles with an average delivery time of 2-3 days depending on the student's location. Textbook options include new, used, rental, and electronic media as available.

Since no books are sold on campus, students should plan accordingly and purchase their books in advance of the first day of class, allowing time for shipping. Be certain you are enrolled in the course before purchasing your book(s). All textbook information (Title, Author, ISBN, etc.) is available in the course syllabi so students can shop competitively. Most textbooks can be purchased from many different textbook vendors. Some textbooks may only be available on the University's Virtual Bookstore. Students should be careful to obtain the exact resource(s) required for the course.

APA Requirement

APA (American Psychological Association) style is most commonly used to cite sources within the social sciences. This resource, revised according to the 7th edition, offers examples for the general format of APA research papers, in-text citations, endnotes/footnotes, and the reference page. For more information, please consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, (7th ed.). All coursework at Amberton University will comply with the standards contained in the APA Publication Manual.

COURSE COMPETENCIES

The following represents the course competencies for this class. Competencies are equivalent for all lecture and distance learning courses. Following each competency is the assignment used to gain mastery of this area of study.

This course explores the complex field of forensic accounting and fraud examination, offering a fundamental basis and examining the psychological and behavioral characteristics of individuals who commit fraud. The subject matter encompasses a broad spectrum of fraudulent activities, including embezzlement, bribery, and manipulation of financial records, while also considering the applicable laws and regulations. Students will acquire proficiency in sophisticated detection methods, employ information technology tools for the purpose of financial forensics, and cultivate expertise in conducting interviews and collecting evidence. The course provides a comprehensive examination of cybercrime and provides students with the knowledge for positions in litigation advisory services, with a specific emphasis on advising, damage assessments, and expert testimony.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, THE STUDENT WILL BE COMPETENT IN:

1. Acquiring a comprehensive understanding of the fundamental ideas and underlying concepts of forensic accounting and fraud examination.
2. Examining the psychological characteristics and motivations of persons who engage in fraudulent activities, gaining insights into the identities and reasons behind their fraudulent behavior.
3. Acquiring the skills to effectively navigate the complex legal, regulatory, and professional landscapes that influence forensic accounting techniques.
4. Classifying various fraudulent schemes, such as cash-receiving schemes and financial statement fraud and comprehending their mechanisms and consequences.
5. Identifying and assessing different fraudulent schemes involving cash disbursement and comprehend prevention strategies.
6. Investigating the Relationship Between Corruption and Human Factors in Fraud. Analyzing the influence of human factors and corruption on fraudulent actions within organizational settings.
7. Employing fraud detection techniques: Utilizing focused risk assessment methods to uncover indicators of fraudulent behavior.
8. Acquiring and performing comprehensive fraud examinations using a scientific approach based on evidence.
9. Acquiring effective interviewing and interrogation techniques.
10. Employing information technology and digital tools to enhance the efficiency and efficacy of fraud examinations and financial forensics.
11. Analyzing intricate fraud scenarios and financial crimes to improve investigative techniques and reactions.
12. Acquiring knowledge about fraudulent activities in the digital realm, encompassing techniques for identifying and averting cybercrime.
13. Formulating antifraud and compliance strategies by understanding the significance of ethics, prevention, and deterrence in formulating effective antifraud strategies and compliance initiatives.
14. Developing an understanding of consulting, providing litigation support, and serving as an expert witness, which involves doing assessments of damages and valuations.
15. Identifying the process of resolving issues, provide remedial services, and offer guidance on legal tactics to tackle the consequences of financial fraud.

COURSE POLICIES:

I have specific guidelines regarding late submissions to ensure fairness and maintain academic standards. Discussion questions are a critical component of our course, with an initial response required by Tuesday and two peer responses due by Friday of each week. It's important to note that late submissions for discussion

questions will not be accepted under any circumstances, emphasizing the importance of timeliness in these interactive components of the course.

For written assignments, the due date is set at Monday 6 AM each week. I understand that sometimes unforeseen circumstances can arise, so late submissions for these assignments will be accepted, but with a penalty. A deduction of 5% per day will be applied for each day the assignment is late. However, to maintain the integrity of the course timeline, no written assignments will be accepted if they are more than seven days late.

Examinations, including the midterm in Week Five and the final exam in Week 10, are critical assessments in this course. Late submissions for these exams are generally not permitted. However, in cases of extreme extenuating circumstances, students may request an exception. Such requests must be made in advance and will require a discussion with me, the professor, to assess the situation. Approval for late exam submissions is not guaranteed and is contingent upon this discussion.

Lastly, in special cases, a grade of incomplete may be granted. To be eligible, students must have completed at least 70% of the coursework with a passing grade. Granting of an incomplete is a discretion that I hold as the professor and will be based on a careful consideration of the student's extenuating circumstances. This option is intended to provide flexibility while ensuring that the majority of the course requirements are met. This policy is designed to balance the need for structure with compassion for individual student circumstances, and I encourage all students to communicate proactively about any challenges they may face in meeting these deadlines)

Student's Responsibilities

This syllabus contains information, policies, and procedures for a specific course. By enrolling, the student agrees to read, understand, and abide by the policies, rules, regulations, and ethical standards of Amberton University as contained in the current university catalog and schedule of classes.

Attendance Policy:

Regular and punctual class attendance and engagement is expected at Amberton University. In case of an absence, it is the student's responsibility to contact the professor as soon as possible. If a student intends on withdrawing from a course, it is the student's responsibility to follow the university's policy on formally withdrawing from a course. **Ceasing to attend classes does not constitute an official withdrawal.**

Attendance in a lecture course is defined as punctual arrival to, and engagement in, a full lecture session. A Student in a lecture course missing more than 20% (two class periods for weekday classes or one class period for Saturday classes) of the class meetings may be assigned a grade of an "F" or withdrawn at the discretion of Amberton University.

Attendance in a distance learning course is defined as active participation in the weekly online class sessions. "Active participation" can be defined as: submitting an academic assignment, taking an exam, engaging in an interactive tutorial, participating in an online discussion forum (or chat session), or initiating (or responding to) a communication with a faculty member about an academic assignment or the subject matter of the course. A student not meeting these requirements may be assigned a grade of an "F" or withdrawn at the discretion of Amberton University.

Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's work as though it were your own. If you use another person's words, ideas, or information; or if you use material from an outside source – whether a book, magazine, newspaper, business publication, broadcast, speech, or electronic media – you must acknowledge that source. Plagiarism is a violation of the University's code of student ethical conduct and is one that is taken seriously. Amberton University operates on an honor system; therefore, honesty and integrity are essential characteristics of all who are associated with the institution. All Amberton students are expected to abide by the honor system and maintain academic integrity in all their work. Amberton University and its instructors monitor student work for plagiarism and reserve the right to submit such work to technology-based plagiarism detection services and applications at any time.

Self-plagiarism means reusing work that you have already published or submitted for a class. It can involve:

- Resubmitting an entire paper
- Copying or paraphrasing passages from your previous work

Self-plagiarism misleads your readers by presenting previous work as completely new and original. Students may not submit the same paper in substance in two or more classes without prior written permission of the instructors involved.

Amberton University students who use Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated content must adhere to the following policies:

Originality: Students must avoid presenting AI generated content as their own original work. It is essential to acknowledge the involvement of AI in the content creation process in order to maintain academic and ethical standards.

Paraphrasing: When using AI generated content, students must rephrase and/or modify the generated text. Paraphrased AI generated content should also be properly cited.

Acknowledgement: When using AI generated content in any assignment, proper credit must be given to the AI system that generated the content. <https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/how-to-cite-chatgpt>

Students agree that by taking this course, all required assignments may be subject to submission for a textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism and self-plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism in future papers. Use of Turnitin.com service is subject to the Usage Policy posted on the Turnitin.com website.

Turnitin is a writing improvement and plagiarism prevention tool which uses special algorithms, to compare text-based student submissions to the Turnitin database and other online sources. Turnitin produces a detailed **similarity report** that can be customized and viewed by instructors and students.

Turnitin "Draft Coach" is a Google based add-on to Turnitin which supports students in developing high-quality academic writing; and serves as an integrity coach. Draft Coach helps address errors and improve the quality of student's writing by highlighting grammar mistakes, identifying incorrectly cited sources, and scanning for similarity across several databases. By providing formative feedback on how to address citation issues, incorrect grammar, and matches with the Turnitin database, Draft Coach provides explanations to help students become more confident writers, capable of producing higher quality work both in academics and in the workplace.

COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR:

In this Forensic Accounting course, students will engage in a variety of assignments designed to foster their understanding and application of forensic accounting principles. The first assignment type comprises discussion questions with peer interaction. These questions encourage critical thinking and analytical discussions on forensic accounting concepts while promoting collaboration among students. This peer interaction is essential for the exchange of diverse perspectives and the development of communication and reasoning skills.

Another integral component of the course involves written papers on forensic accounting topics. These papers require students to delve deeper into specific forensic accounting issues, conduct research, and present their findings coherently in writing. This assignment not only hones their research skills and data analysis abilities but also encourages independent thinking and a deeper understanding of forensic accounting practices and challenges.

To assess students' progress, I will administer a midterm exam. This exam serves as a checkpoint to gauge their comprehension, retention, and application of forensic accounting theories and concepts learned in the first

half of the course. It also allows students to practice time management and exam-taking skills, which are valuable in real-world scenarios.

Finally, to evaluate overall mastery of the course content, a final exam will be conducted. Covering material from the midterm to the end of the course, this exam assesses students' ability to synthesize information, apply forensic accounting principles to various scenarios, and demonstrate their knowledge and analytical skills. Final exams provide a thorough assessment of the learning outcomes and help students consolidate their learning.

These assignments collectively provide a well-rounded assessment of students' knowledge, skills, and abilities in forensic accounting. They align with various learning objectives, including critical thinking, research skills, communication, and mastery of forensic accounting concepts, ensuring a comprehensive and engaging learning experience for all participants.

Week	Topic	Assignment	Competencies Covered	Due Date
1	Core Foundation Related to Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination / Who Commits Fraud and Why: The Profile and Psychology of the Fraudster	Weekly Discussion Question. Brief Cases #1 and #2, Week one quiz.	1, 2	DQ, Initial response is due by Tuesday. Two peer responses due by Friday. Case Study due by Friday. Weekly quiz is due by Friday.
2	Legal, Regulatory, and Professional Environment	Weekly Discussion Question. Chapter 3 Brief Cases #1 & #2, Week two quiz.	3	DQ, Initial response is due by Tuesday. Two peer responses due by Friday. Brief Cases due by Friday. Weekly quiz is due by Friday.
3	Cash Receipt Schemes and Other Asset Misappropriations / Cash Disbursement Schemes	Weekly Discussion, Chapter 4 Brief Case #1, Chapter 5 Fraud Casebook Cynthia Cooper – The Courage to Do the Right Thing., Week three quiz	4, 5	DQ, Initial response is due by Tuesday. Two peer responses due by Thursday. Brief Case and Fraud Casebook due by Thursday. Weekly quiz is due by Thursday.
4	Corruption and the Human Factor, Financial Statement Fraud	Weekly Discussion, Chapter 6 Fraud Casebook, Chapter 7 Brief Case #1. Week four quiz	4, 5, 6, 7	DQ, Initial response is due by Tuesday. Two peer responses due by Friday. Brief Case and Fraud Casebook due by Friday. Weekly

				quiz is due by Friday.
5	Fraud Detection: Red Flags and Targeted Risk Assessment / Evidence-Based Fraud Examinations	Weekly Discussion, Midterm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	DQ, Initial response is due by Tuesday. Two peer responses due by Friday. Midterm due by Friday
6	Effective Interviewing and Interrogation	Weekly Discussion Question, Fraud Casebook, Week six quiz	7, 8, 9	DQ, Initial response is due by Tuesday. Two peer responses due by Friday. Fraud Casebook due by Friday. Weekly quiz is due by Friday.
7	Using Information Technology for Fraud Examination and Financial Forensics	Weekly Discussion Question, Brief Cases 1-6. Week seven quiz.	10, 11	DQ, Initial response is due by Tuesday. Two peer responses due by Friday. Brief Cases due by Friday. Weekly quiz is due by Friday.
8	Cybercrime: Fraud in a Digital World / Antifraud and Compliance Efforts	Weekly Discussion Question, Brief Cases 1- 4, Week eight quiz	12, 13	DQ, Initial response is due by Tuesday. Two peer responses due by Friday. Brief Cases due by Friday. Weekly quiz is due by Friday.
9	Consulting, Litigation Support, and Expert Witnessing	Weekly Discussion Question, Fraud Casebook, Week nine quiz	13, 14	DQ, Initial response is due by Tuesday. Two peer responses due by Friday. Fraud Case Book due by Friday. Weekly quiz is due by Friday.
10	Remediation and Litigation Advisory Services	Weekly Discussion Question, Final Exam	15	DQ, Initial response is due by Tuesday. Two peer responses due by Thursday. Final Exam due by

				Thursday, last day of class.
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GRADING CRITERIA:

(Discussion Questions:	50 Points x 10 Weeks =	500 Points
Weekly Assignments:	100 Points x 10 Assignments =	1,000 Points
Weekly Quizzes	100 Points x 8 Quizzes =	800 Points
Midterm Exam	100 Points x 1 Midterm =	100 Points
Final Exam	100 Points x Final Exam =	100 Points
	Total Points =	2,500 Points

Graduate

92 – 100	A
82 – 91	B
72 – 81	C
62 – 71	D
Below 62	F

GRADE NOTIFICATION AND INSTRUCTOR FEEDBACK:

A successful distance learning experience requires a flow of communication between instructor and student throughout the session. Instructor comments are considered essential to the learning process. Therefore, each assignment/exam submitted will be reviewed, graded, and returned to the student in a timely manner along with the appropriate commentary. Students should carefully review all comments.

Final grades are processed approximately one week after the last day of the session and may be located in the My Grades section of the online registration portal as well as being emailed to the student's Amberton University email. Amberton University staff will not release grades over the phone. University instructors will not leave a message with comments or grades in any type of media that is not secure.

For questions regarding grades after the semester has ended, students should use their university email account and contact the instructor at the faculty email address as provided above in *Professor Information* area.

Incomplete Grades

An "I" (incomplete grade) is given at the discretion of the professor and may be given only when an emergency or illness prevents the student from completing course requirements. Should an "I" be granted, the student has 30 days from the end of the session to complete the conditions of the incomplete. An "I" which is not properly removed within 30 days following the session enrolled will become an "F" grade.

How To Withdraw From a Course

To be official, the class withdrawal must be in writing and signed by the student requesting the withdrawal; no withdrawal is accepted verbally. Please review the "Schedule of Classes" (online or in-print) for procedures for class changes or withdrawals and the refund policy and schedule.

COURSE DELIVERY METHODOLOGY:

This course is offered as a distance-learning course through the Moodle Learning Platform. Amberton's distance learning courses, called e-Courses, are identical to classroom courses in terms of learning outcomes, competencies, and instructor expectations. A student choosing to take an e-Course must have the following skills and technical capabilities:

1. Access to the Internet
2. General knowledge in:
 - Internet browser settings and configuration
 - e-mail and file attachments
 - Uploading and downloading files

- Using a word processing package
3. Ability to conduct on-line research

Students who have not mastered these skills should not enroll for this course but should consider enrolling in MIS2110 Computer Concepts and Internet Technologies for instruction in these areas.

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR COURSE:

Through the Amberton University Student Portal

Students enrolled in distance learning courses using the Moodle Learning Platform may access the course through the Amberton University Student Portal. The site may be accessed through the University's main page (<http://www.Amberton.edu>) or at <http://apps.Amberton.edu>. After selecting the "Student Portal" link, you will be prompted for a Username and Password.

Use your assigned **username and password** (AUID) as described below to enter the AU Student Portal:

Username = your capitalized firstname **initial**+lastname+last 3 digits of your SSN.

- * Use your name exactly as it is listed on the University's records, including any suffixes or hyphenations, such as Jr, Sr, or II, as a part of your username.

For example: James Jones, Jr. SSN: 123-45-6789
Username: JJonesJr789

Password = your Amberton University ID# (AUID) **including the dashes**

For example: 04-999-999

Once your login has been validated, you may select from a variety of menu options, including your individual E-Course, email account, Remote Research, General Tools, all Syllabi and Research Tutorials.

If you are accessing the Student Portal from a public or shared computer, close the browser completely when finished, or click on the Logout button. For security purposes, no other person should have access to your Username or Password. If you feel your information has been compromised or if you experience technical difficulties, contact the e-course system administrator at: e-sysop@amberton.edu

If you have lost or do not know your Amberton ID#, please contact the Student Services Office 972/279-6511 or advisor@Amberton.edu for a replacement AUID card. You must know your Amberton ID# to gain access to the course and to send an email to your professor.

Through the Amberton University Moodle Website

Students enrolled in distance learning courses using the Moodle Learning Platform may also access the course by going to: <http://moodle.Amberton.edu>

For those utilizing Moodle for the first time, the **username and password** for the Moodle Learning Platform will be emailed to the student's University email account prior to the start of the course. For those returning to Moodle who do not remember their username and password, click on the link "*Forgotten your username or password*" available on the Moodle log in page (<http://moodle.Amberton.edu>). Otherwise use the same username and password as previous session.

Moodle Tutorial:

Upon successful log in and access to the Moodle learning platform, there is a *Student Moodle Tutorials* course available, to learn about the basics of Moodle. Simply click on the link for the *Student Moodle Tutorials* and read through the various learning topics: Navigating; Communicating; Assignments & Exams; Grades; and Student Resources.

COURSE COMMUNICATIONS:

Students will communicate with faculty through the Moodle Learning Platform or the Amberton University email system.

Each student enrolled is assigned an Amberton email account, which gives the student access to the Amberton email system (my.Amberton.edu). This email account is provided by Google Apps for Education. Students are encouraged to check their email regularly for University news, notices, and to communicate with instructors.

The student's assigned email address would be Username@my.Amberton.edu

Example: LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu

The student Username is determined by:

firstname initial+lastname+last 3 digits of student ssn.

For example: Linda Jones-Smith SSN: 123-45-6789
Email Address = LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu

Students will be prompted for a Username and Password when accessing their email account. Use the Username portion of the email address as the username (Example: LJones-Smith789) and your Amberton ID# (including the dashes) as the password.

If you already have a Google Gmail account, you might be prompted to add this account to your current account. Click 'Yes' and you will be logged into your my.Amberton.edu email account. It will be a separate email account from your personal Gmail account.

If you need assistance with your email account, please visit <https://support.google.com/mail>

Students are responsible for reviewing the "Communication Guidelines" provided on the individual E-Course for specific instructor requirements.

Upon completion of a session, all communication and course specific information is removed from the Moodle system. If a student needs to maintain a record of communications or assignments, the student is strongly encouraged to print out or download these items to a disk for their own records.

FORMAT AND SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENTS:

Assignments are to be submitted to the appropriate assignment Drop Box in the Moodle system. Specific directions and guidelines for submission of assignments are located on-line in the "Communication Guidelines" of the e-course. Due to compatibility issues, Office 2007 files cannot be read by earlier versions of Microsoft Office. Before submitting an exercise file, confirm the file is in the proper format for grading by the instructor.

INSTRUCTOR/COURSE EVALUATION:

Each session, all Amberton students are provided with the opportunity to evaluate their courses and instructors. The evaluation process is an important one and provides students with an anonymous and confidential way to give meaningful feedback to the University. Summary information and comments are provided to faculty after the close of the session. All information provided is anonymous.

The Instructor/Course Evaluation will be open for completion during week 9 of the session. An evaluation assignment will be placed in week 9 of the Moodle course, along with the instructions on how to complete the evaluation. Prior to week 9, the University will send out an email containing instructions and dates for the evaluation period.

RESEARCH RESOURCES:

The Library provides access to full-text, and peer reviewed articles, and digital research tools. Students can search Library holdings through the online catalog and databases search engines available on the Library website or browse the physical library space and holdings located at the Garland campus.

Research items not contained in the Amberton Library collection can be located through interlibrary Loan (ILL) or through the TexShare program with the help of the Library staff. Students with questions about available services, resources, or research, may contact the Library via email at Library@amberton.edu.

RESEARCH ACCESS:

Databases can only be accessed by authorized users, and students at Amberton must enter their Amberton ID credentials-same as Moodle login-to gain access when off-campus. Use an Amberton website, such as the University site (Amberton.edu) or the library site (Library.amberton.edu) to find links to databased and digital books. Online resources are available all day, every day.

Library Live Chat Feature

Library staff are available to assist students with research problems or questions during Library hours through a live online chat feature, telephone, email, "How-to" videos, or in person. The library telephone is (972-279-6511 ext. 185. You can email questions to library@amberton.edu or visit the library in person on the Garland campus for assistance.