

ACC250: Intro to Financial Accounting  
Ch1. Business Decisions and Financial Accounting

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**Ch1:  
Basics**

**Ch2:  
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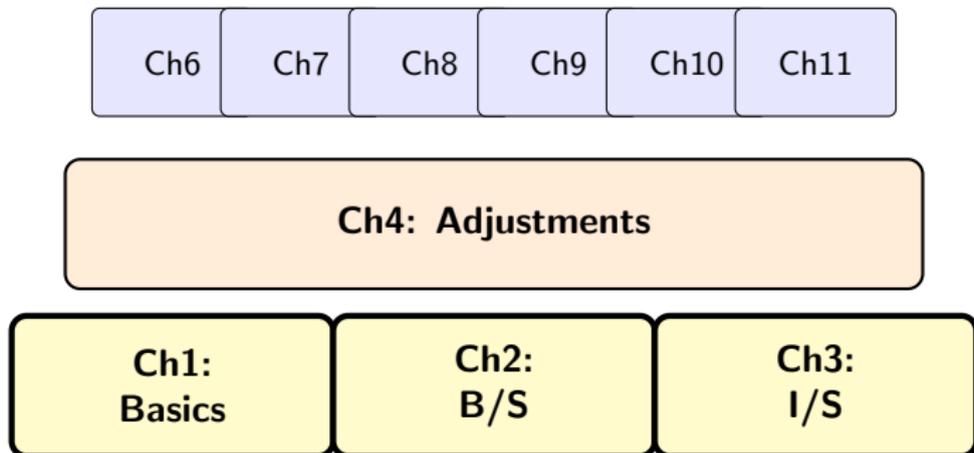
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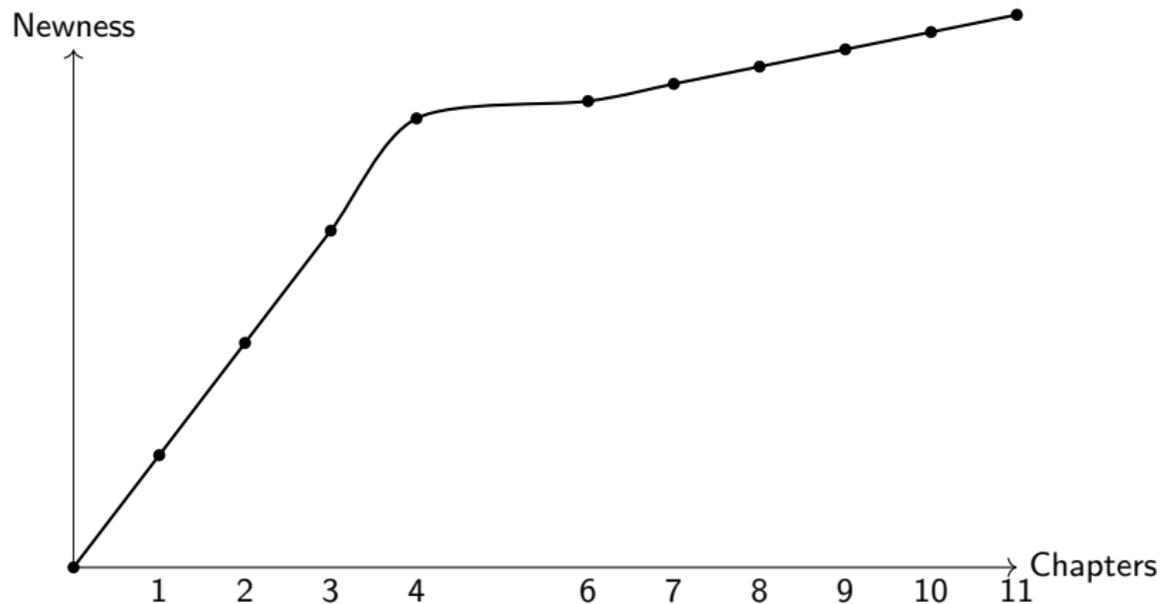
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# Structure of Chapters



You have reasons to stay focused in the **first part** of the course!  
Once you understand **Ch1-Ch4**, you will have a solid foundation for the rest of the course!

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  - ▶ Now, you all become shareholders in a corporation.



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- A corporation is **distinguished** from its owners (shareholders).
- Shares can be bought and sold, allowing for easy transfer of ownership.
- A corporation can enter into contracts, sue and be sued, and own property in its own name.
- A corporation's liabilities are **not the liabilities of its owners**.
- Shareholder losses are **limited to their investment** in the corporation.

# Corporations - Limited Liability

- Owners' liabilities are **limited to their investment** in the corporation.
- This limited liability protects shareholders' personal assets from being used to satisfy the corporation's debts.

In this course, we focus on **corporations**.



Corporations can be classified into two types:

- Private companies: companies with shares not publicly traded
- Public companies: companies with shares listed on a stock exchange (e.g., NYSE, NASDAQ)

A couple more facts:

- There are more than 4,000 public companies in the US.
- S&P 500 index covers 500 public companies that are large and well-established.
- You can invest in the S&P 500 index by buying an index fund (e.g., ETFs like SPY, VOO).

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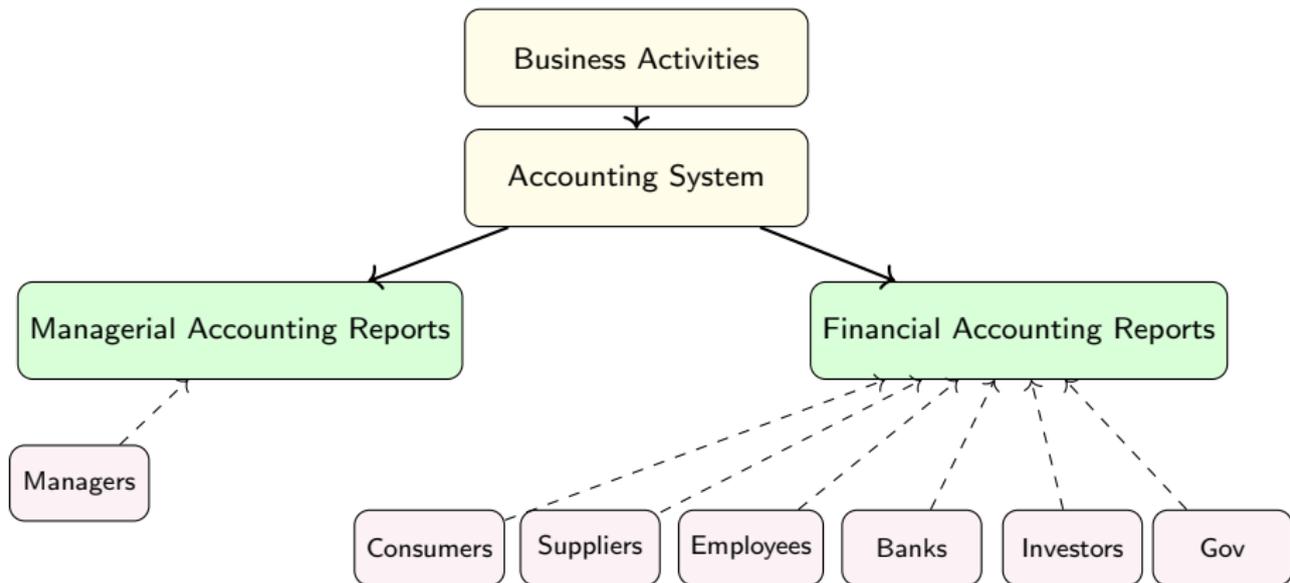
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- **Managers:** Use accounting information to help run the business.
- **Consumers:** Decide whether to buy the business's products or services.
- **Suppliers:** Check if the business can pay for goods and services.
- **Employees:** Look at the business's finances for job security and pay.
- **Banks:** Decide whether to lend money to the business.
- **Investors:** Decide whether to buy or sell shares in the business.
- **Governments:** Use information to set taxes and check rules are followed.

### Usefulness of Accounting

Accounting is used to help stakeholders make decisions.

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  - ▶ Retained Earnings (a.k.a. Earned Capital)

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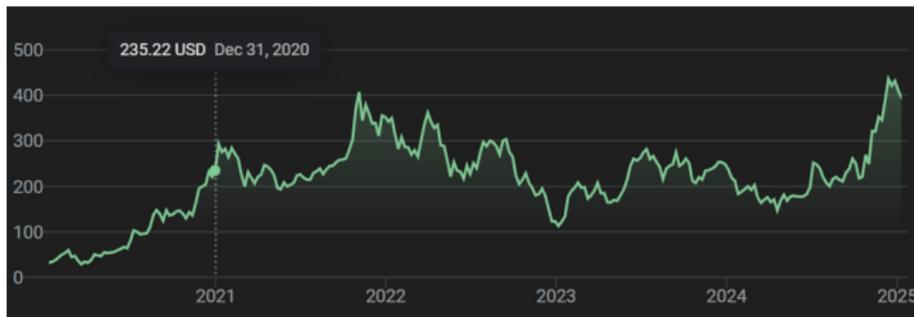
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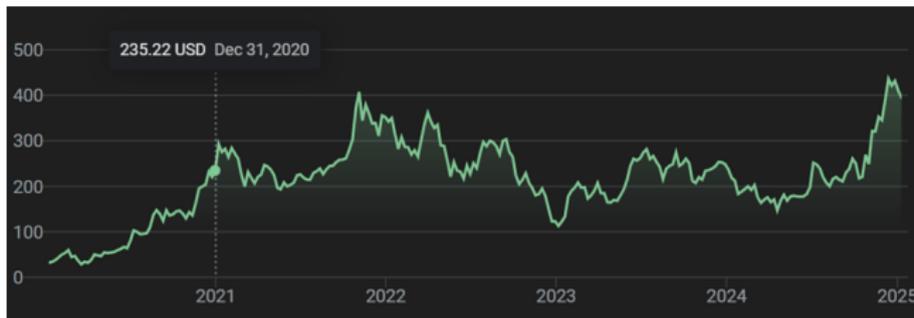
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Beg. Cash	\$0
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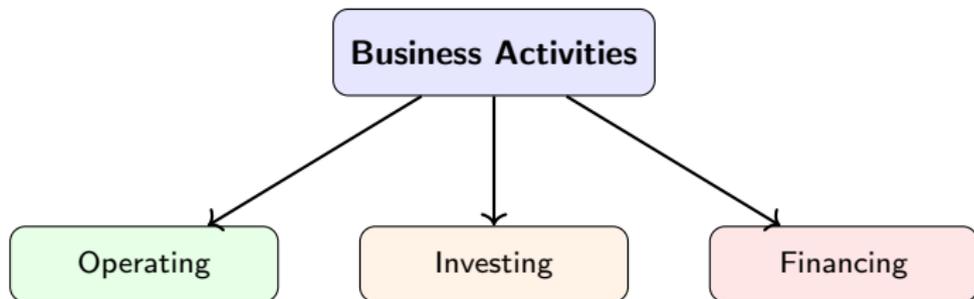
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Supplies	Items used in the course of business operations that are not intended for sale (e.g., office supplies).
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# Liability Accounts

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