



# FEAUSP

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Dear Incoming Exchange students,

In the second semester of 2014, FEA-USP will be offering two courses as part of the new Project Discovery (PD) initiative which began earlier this year. In order to improve the Accounting education curricular structure and fortify internationalization efforts by the STAR Commission, Project Discovery is a new program that originates from the University of Illinois (Urbana/Champaign) and will be offered through the Accounting Department of FEA. Unlike the traditional classroom curriculum, PD is heavily based on group-work, collaboration, and case studies. As evident from the name, Project Discovery focuses on student self-initiative to read the material, discuss with colleagues, and refer to credible sources to “Discover” answers and construct their own knowledge, not solely relying on class lectures for learning content.

International students will be working in teams with Brazilian (FEA) students to present cases and lead class discussions. Each week will include either individual or group-based assignments, with case studies to be presented periodically at the end of each section.

\*\*\*Please note that in each of the two PD courses, there are only 8 spots available for International students. Also, international students will NOT be able to enroll in both PD courses at the same time. If interested, students should send an email message to [ccintfea@usp.br](mailto:ccintfea@usp.br) to indicate which course you wish to enroll in (if interested in both, then indicate which is prioritized over the other) and include a short explanation of why this course specifically would benefit your studies.\*\*\*

These courses will be among the other few courses that are taught in English at FEA. The two PD courses that will be offered in the second semester (2014) are explained in further detail below:



## **EAC 227: Accounting Institutions and Regulations**

The objectives of this course are to help students grasp the fundamental principles of financial reporting and acquire the skills of applying these principles to solve real-world financial reporting problems. Our central topics are the measurement and reporting of a firm's investing and financing activities. We will study the existing standards, evaluate the resulting disclosures and explore the challenges faced in those reporting areas. We will also discuss the influencing factors of financial reporting quality, including legislation, standard setting, and internal and external monitors.

- This course will be held every **Monday from 13h30 to 15h10**
- Professors involved:
  - Fernando Dal-Ri Murcia,
  - Joanília Neide de Sales Cia,
  - Tatiana Albanez

## **EAC 0228: Accounting Control Systems**

This course covers issues of how organizations design and execute control system in order to achieve their overall goals (i.e.. strategy) with an emphasis on accounting information. Managers establish controls to provide reasonable assurance that they can achieve their overall goals in an effective and efficient manner.

- This course will be held every **Wednesday from 13h30 to 15h10**
- Professors involved:
  - Andson Braga de Aguiar
  - Luis Eduardo Afonso
  - Patricia Siqueira Varela

The following link is an informational video created by FEA-USP professors to explain PD objectives and curriculum in more detail:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUH\\_p026jcc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUH_p026jcc)