FINANCIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

FIS Standard Curriculum OVERVIEW



Course Objectives



This course will help you:

- Understand the components and applications of the Financial Information System (FIS)
- Distinguish how FIS components interact with each other
- Familiarize yourself with FIS terminology
- Navigate within FIS
- Search and locate FIS data

Course Map



- The FIS Standard Curriculum
- Overview of the Financial Information System (FIS)
 - Financial Accounting (FI)
 - Funds Management (FM)
 - Controlling (CO)

Basic Navigation

- Screen Navigation and Tools

Finding FIS Accounts

- Finding Funds Centers and Funds
- Finding Cost Centers and Internal Orders
- Finding General Ledger Accounts
- Using the Match Code Search Tool

FIS Standard Curriculum





- 9 core courses spanning approximately 6 weeks
- provides foundation for accounting, budgeting and planning at the university
- Covers best practices and business processes involved in performing common financial transactions
- Builds on what is covered in the FIS Overview
- Provides ample opportunities to practice performing common FIS transactions using simulations that reflect real life scenarios



Financial Services is a department within the **Chief Financial Officer portfolio**, along with Procurement Services and Risk Management and Insurance.

The academic goals and objectives of the University are supported through **excellent financial management**, and the **effective and appropriate use of all financial resources** (operating, research, trust and capital funds).

The University's **decentralized management model** places financial management responsibility within every division of the University as well as within Financial Services.

Website: <u>https://finance.utoronto.ca/services/about-us/</u>



Understanding FIS enables you to:

- provide decision makers with useful information
- record and track financial transactions to enable the production of various Management Reports and Financial Statements
- prevent incorrect or incomplete information which may result in:
 - additional time required to correct the original transaction
 - the possibility of incorrect decisions being made



Financial Accounting (FI)



Financial Accounting (FI) is the core component of FIS and is designed to meet the *general* reporting requirements of U of T.

FI:

- Is used to record all revenue, expense, accounts receivable and accounts payable financial transactions
- uses Business Area code to generate more than one set of financial statements

Commonly Used FI Account Codes:

- General Ledger account (G/L)
- Business Area code (BA)

The purpose of Financial Accounting is to answer the question:

What revenue or expense activity occurred?

General Ledger (G/L) Account Code



The General Ledger (G/L) account code is used to record all financial transactions in FIS.

Each G/L account is classified by the type of financial transaction.

Most Commonly Used G/L Accounts:

- Expense: 800000 899999
- Revenue: 700000 799999

Other G/L Account Types:

- Assets (e.g., cash, A/R):
- Liabilities (e.g., A/P, debt):
- Retained Earnings (e.g., annual surpluses): 600000 699999

100000 - 499999

500000 - 599999

Business Area Code (BA)



A Business Area (BA) code enables the preparation of more than one set of financial statements and separates Ancillary Operations from all other university business activity.

• For each FI transaction, a BA code will be used to identify the business area it represents (i.e., Ancillary Operations or other).

Business Area Codes:

Ancillary Operations:

- 1001 1999
- UofT activity excluding Ancillary Operations: 1000
- The BA code defaults based on the Cost Center or Internal Order used in the FIS transaction



Funds Management (FM) is used to **track and report** on **funding** and **budgets** for all university departments, divisions and faculties.

The purpose of Funds Management (FM) is to answer the questions:



FM Account Codes

FM Account Codes:

- Funds Centers (FC)
- Funds Center / Fund combinations (FC/Fund)
- Commitment Items (CI)

	Funds Center	Fund
Brief description	 a six digit code, starting with a 1 (departmental) or 2 (Principal Investigator) used to record and report the funding and spending for Operating Fund and Ancillary Operations on a fiscal year basis 	 a six digit code used to record and report the funding and spending for the Restricted and Capital Funds on a "life to date" basis
Periodic Reporting	fiscal year (May 1 thru April 30)	any start or end date
Hierarchy	reflects the organizational structure at UofT	no hierarchy of its own; is linked to an organizational unit through transaction postings; must be used in conjunction with the appropriate Funds Center
Budgeting	fiscal year basis	overall basis



Operational Hierarchy at U of T as reflected by Funds Centers



Highest levels of the **Funds Center hierarchy** reflect main operational portfolios at U of T



Commitment Items (CI)



A Commitment Item (CI) is the level at which a budget is established for a Funds Center or FC/Fund.

Enables you to:

- provide flexibility to set the level of budgetary control
- determine where FM will start looking for budget
- hold the budget for Funds Availability Checking
- to report **summary** revenue and expense postings to G/L accounts

Characteristics of Cls:

- alphabetic code
- assigned to all **revenue** and **expense** G/L accounts
- arranged in a hierarchy
- "1 to many" relationship with G/L accounts



Example Commitment Item Hierarchy

EXPENSE-S (level 1)							
COMPENS-S (level 2)							
HRIS-APPT	(level 3)						
HRIS-BEN	(level 3)						
SUPPL-S (level 2)							
SUPPLIES	(level 3)						
SERVICES	(level 3)						

- Total Expense
- **Total Compensation**
- Appointed Salary
- Benefits
- **Total Supplies**
- **General Supplies**
- **General Services**

CoCd	G/L acct	Short text	FMA	Cmmt item	
UOFT	825000	Suppl:general	UOFT	SUPPLIES	ŀ
UOFT	825010	Athl Prizes/awards	UOFT	SUPPLIES	L
UOFT	825100	Audio/vis/graph_supp	UOFT	SUPPLIES	L
UOFT	825200	Computer Software	UOFT	SUPPLIES	L
UOFT	825300	Supplies:Cleaning	UOFT	SUPPLIES	L
UOFT	825301	Lighting supplies	UOFT	SUPPLIES	

"1 to many" Relationship with G/L Accounts	-
A list of numerous G/L accounts assigned	I
to Commitment Item "SUPPLIES"	ا د



What is Funds Availability?

Funds Availability (FA) checking is a function in FM that **prevents a transaction from being posted** to a FC or FC/Fund combination **IF** there is **insufficient budget** to cover the transaction.

Characteristics of FA checking:

- ONLY checks expenditure transactions against funds available
- Occurs at the Commitment Item level where budget is loaded

Funds Availability Checking : How it Works



Within a transaction, FA checking begins by locating:

- 1. FC or FC/Fund combination
- 2. Commitment Item (CI)
- 3. Checks for budget at that CI level (e.g., Travel → Travel-S)
- 4. If budget is not found at lower summary level, **FA proceeds up the CI hierarchy** until budget is located (e.g., Expense-S)
- 5. Once budget is located, the following calculation determines if sufficient budget is available for transaction:

FUNDS AVAILABLE = BUDGET – (ACTUAL EXPENDITURES + COMMITMENTS)

NOTE: For all **Research Fund** accounts, FA checking occurs at the **CI where budget is loaded** (e.g., Travel-S). If budget is not found at that level, it **will not** allow the transaction to post.

Commitment Item Hierarchy: Budgeting vs. Fund Availability Checking



The budget for **Operating** and **Ancillary** Fund Centers is loaded at the detailed Commitment Item level.

Note: You may see budgets at the lower level CI's in your FM reports.

These budgets **ONLY** appear for **reporting purposes** to enable you to compare actual spending to budgets (i.e., variance analysis), but it **does not reflect** where FIS **performs Funds Availability Checking (i.e., overall EXPENSE-S)**.

Commitment Items	Revised Budget
Expenditures	
- EXPENSE-S	2,185,878.70
" EXPENSE-S	232,381.00
CARRYFWD	4,015.70
- COMPENS-S	1,865,281.00
+ AC-OTH-SAL	34,310.00
+ ACAD-SAL	911,026.00
+ ADMIN-SAL	0.00
+ BENEFITS	340,027.00
+ LIBRARIAN	106,478.00
+ STIPEND	31,820.00
+ TA	201,251.00
+ UNION	240,369.00
+ EQUIP-S	5,345.00
+ STDAWARD-S	41,100.00
- SUPPL-S	36,398.00
POSTAGE	450.00
- SERVICES	29,388.00
^ SERVICES	22,681.00
SER-BUILDG	0.00
SER-COURIER	250.00
SER-FEES	0.00
SER-HOSPILIY	3,000.00
+ SER-INTRL	1,457.00
SER-PRINTING	1,500.00
SER-TRANSPN	0.00
SER-VIDEO	500.00
- SUPPLIES	4,250.00
^ SUPPLIES	1,000.00
SUP-OFFICE	3,250.00
TELEPHONE	2,310.00
+ TRAVEL-S	1,358.00
Total Expenditures	2,185,878.70

Using CI to Restrict Spending : Restrictive



For **Research Funds**, the CI where budget exists determines the restriction of spending.

The lower the level in the CI hierarchy, the more restrictive the spending.

Example:

- Total Funds Available: \$1,500.00
 - Cl "SUPPL-S" has no funds available
 - "TRAVEL-S" has \$1,500.00

Any expenses posted to a G/L in the SUPPL-S CI will be blocked

Commitment item	Budget	Commitments	Tota Actuals	Commitments/ Actuals	Revenue variance/ Funds available
Revenues					
EXPENDABLE	0.00	0.00	71,174.26-	71,174.26-	71,174.26
MISC-CONTR	0.00	0.00	10,444.74	10,444.74	10,444.74-
Total Revenue :	0.00	0.00	60,729.52-	60,729.52-	60,729.52
Expenditures					
COMPENS-S	12,704.77	1,000.00	11,704.77	12,704.77	0.00
SUPPL-S	1,938.30	0.00	1,938.30	1,938.30	0.00
TRAVEL-S	44,647.90	0.00	43,147.90	43,147.90	1,500.00
SPECIAL1	1,438.55	0.00	1,438.55	1,438.55	0.00
Total Expenditure :	60,729.52	1,000.00	58,229.52	59,229.52	1,500.00

Example – Different Funding Sources by FM Code



Funding Sources Organized by:	Fund Center	FC Name	Fund	nd Sponsor		Budget Amount	
	100186	Med: General			EXPENSE-S	1,000,000.00	
• Funds Center or	100186	Med: General	409328	Ontario Art Council	EXPENSE-S	30,000.00	
FC/Fund combinations	200048	Dr. Baker			EXPENSE-S EXP-UTFA	40,000.00 5,500.00	
compilatione	200048	Dr. Baker	481482	Health Canada	EXPENSE-S	35,000.00	
OPERATING =	200048	Dr. Baker	481484	Canadian Health Services Research	COMPENS-S SUPPL-S TRAVEL-S	12,000.00 2,000.00 44,000.00	
				Foundation	SPECIAL1	1,900.00	

NOTE: Typically CI's default from G/L accounts used in transactions, <u>but</u> there are some cases where CI's must be **changed manually to access budget**.

The following Cl's require manual entry:

- EXP UTFA
- SPECIAL1

These are shown under the Commitment Item column in BOLD.

Controlling (CO)



Controlling enables you to **report on planned spending, and compare it to actual revenue and expense postings** for a specific **department**, **program** or **project** at the general ledger level of detail.

It is similar to FM, but with an important difference – **no spending control** (i.e., Funds Availability Checking).

The purpose of Controlling is to answer the question:

Which department/project incurred the activity?

Controlling (CO)



There are two main account codes used in CO:

- Cost Centers (CC)
- Internal Orders (IO)

	Cost Center	Internal Order
Brief description	 five digit number starting with a 1 or 2 (departmental) or six digit number starting with a 2 (Principal Investigator) Represents the organizational unit or program that initiated a financial transaction 	 a six digit number May represent an organizational unit or program that initiated a financial transaction
Periodic Reporting	 Fiscal year based (May 1 thru April 30) 	 Non-Fiscal year based (any start or end date, annual or "life to date")
Hierarchy	 grouped to reflect the organizational structure at U of T 	 no hierarchy of its own, is linked to an organizational unit through its settlement to a Cost Center
Planning	fiscal year basis	 fiscal year basis or overall

Note: Cost Centers are **structured** in a **hierarchy** of **Nodes and Groups** that are similar to the department's Funds Center hierarchy (FM).

Reflecting the Organizational Structure : Cost Centers



To **facilitate planning and reporting**, Cost Centers are grouped using CC Nodes and CC Groups.

CC Node:

 reflect the organizational structure at U of T (similar to FM hierarchy)

CC Group:

 assigned to each CC Node, and allows an organizational unit to arrange its Cost Centers to meet departmental planning and reporting requirements

The **Cost Center hierarchy** is **organized** according to **reporting** and **planning requirements of individual units.**

Reflecting the Organizational Structure : Cost Centers (cont'd)





Internal Orders (IO)



An **Internal Order** is a six digit numeric code that indicates the organization unit that initiated the transaction.

Internal Orders:

- Similar to Cost Center, but IO reporting period does not follow the University's fiscal year
- have no hierarchy of their own, but are linked to a responsible Cost Center
- enable planning of expense and revenue activity
- **IO Groups** can be created to help departments optimize their **reporting** needs

Comparing Cost Center and Funds Center Hierarchies



Cost Centers and Funds Centers reflect the University's organizational structure through their hierarchies.

An organizational units' budget can be located in **one FC**, while actual expenses/revenues can be tracked using multiple CCs.

Example: Division of University Advancement (DUA), UofT Magazine FC & CCs.

Difference:

- budget is located in one FC ٠
- actual/planned revenue & expenses are tracked using six CCs

Funds Center Hierarchy



Cost Center Hierarchy

N00348	Division o	f University Advancement	
	33 DUA	:Operating	
	100333 100267 100275 100226 301541 300358 100106 100228 100321	DUA:DRC DUA:AS: Advancement Services DUA:UD:University Development DUA:ALUMNI AND DEVELOPMENT DUA:AR:Alumni Relations DUA:VP:Office of VP Advancement DUA:STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS DUA:HISTORICAL GROUPINGS DUA:ACM:Adv Communications & Marketing	
	🕒 G00510	DUA:ACM:U of T Magazine	
	10192 10196 10200 10204 11489 11579	DUA:ACM:U of T Magazine:Summer Issue DUA:ACM:U of T Magazine:Fall Issue DUA:ACM:U of T Magazine:Winter Issue DUA:ACM:U of T Magazine:Spring Issue UT:Magazine Voluntary Subscriptions DUA:ACM:U of T Magazine:General	
	🕒 G01352	DUA:ACM:Adv Communications & Marketing	26

Cost Elements (CE)



A **Cost Element (CE)** is a numeric code representing the G/L number within Controlling.

Characteristics of a Cost Element (CE):
 same account numbers as G/L numbers (six digit number)
 exists for <i>revenue</i> and <i>expense</i> items
 grouped into Cost Element Groups similar to the CI hierarchy
 enables planning at the Cost Element level so planned and actual expenses can be compared

Cost Elements (CE)



- Categorized into **revenue** and **expense** accounts
- Grouped similar to **G/Ls** in the **Commitment Item** hierarchy

UOFT-AL	L U of T - A	All Cost Elements	
	REVENUEALL Rev	venue - All Cost Elements	
	REVENUE-S CURRENCDIF CUSTMR-INT NEG-APPROP EXPENSEALL EXP COMPENS-S FURNITURE EQUIPMENT SUPPL-S	Revenue Summary Cost Elements Exchange Rate Differences Customer A/R Interest Income Negative Appropriation eense - All Cost Elements Total Compensation Summary Furniture Equipment Supplies & Services Summary	Cost Elements mirror the Revenue and Expense G/Ls
	B SUPPLIES 825000 825010 825100 825100 825200 825300 825301 825302 825303 825303 825305	Office Supply expenses 834999 Supplies:General Athletic Prizes Awards Audio/Visual/graphics supplies Supplies:Computer Software Supplies for Cleaning Lighting supplies Building supplies Vehicle gas/supplies Operating engineer supplies	 MENU PATH: Accounting → Controlling → Cost Center Accounting → Master Data → Cost Element Group → Display. Enter "UofT- All" in the Cost element group field.

Sample FIS Transaction

Vendor Invoice Transaction

- G/L acct (FI)
- Business Area (FI)

- Funds Center (&/or Fund) (FM)
- Cost Center or Internal Order (CO)

Enter Vendor Invoice: Company Code UOFT									
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Transactn Invoice E COE									
Basic data	ayment Details Ta	x Notes]				Vendor		
							Address	/	
Vendor	100333						Dell Canad	la Inc.	
Invoice date	25.07.2016		Reference 7	2520			Station A		
Posting Date	25.07.2016		Period 3				P.O. Box 8	3440	
Document Type	KN:A/P Vendor invo						Toronto ON	N M5W 3F	יז 📗
Cross-CC no.							16-75	58-2242	
Amount	973.48	CAD	Calculate tax						
Text	75520, Dell Canada,	Computer	Software and S	u					🚹 Ols
Paymt terms	45 Days net								
Baseline Date	25.07.2016								
Company Code	UOFT University of Toronto	0							
3 Items (Screen)	Variant : Line Item Entry - F	B60 + FB65)							
Status G/L acct	Short Text	D/C	Amount in doc.curr.	Business area	Cost center	Order	Funds center	Fund	Commitment itm
✓ 821110	Equip:Comput:Purch	Debit 🗈	849.99	1000	208128		208128		EXP-UTFA
✓ 825200	Computer Software	.Debit 🗈	109.99	1000		920130	100818	400266	SUP-OFFICE
✓ 825820	Computer Supplies	Debit 🖹	13.50	1000	13424		100654		SUP-OFFICE
		Debit 🖺							
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Overview of FIS





- Review navigation tools
- Creating Favorites folder
- Using the hardcopy function

Screen Navigation and Tools



Finding FIS Accounts



- Finding Funds Centers and Funds
- Finding Cost Centers and Internal Orders
- Finding G/L Accounts

Finding Fund Centers



Finding Funds



To locate a Fund:

- enter Fund Number in the Display Funds field OR
- perform Match Code search to find Fund

MENU PATH: Accounting >>
 Funds Management >> Master
 Data >> Fund >> FM5S - Display

FM Area	UOFT		University of Toronto		
Fund	400249				
Names					
Name	AMER STUDIES TRST FU				
Description	343610090/94030010170				
Basic data					
Valid from	01.05.1995		Valid To	22.06.2005	
Fund type	000016		Overall budget only		
Authorization group					
Additional data					
Bdgt profile fund	000016		Funds:Overall budget ONLY		
Customer for fund					
Funds application	400249		AMER STUDIES TRST FU	J	
Balance update					

Finding Cost Centers





Finding General Ledger Accounts

SAP MENU PATH: Accounting >> Financial Accounting >> General Ledger >> Information System >> General Ledger: Report Selection >> Master Data >> G/L Account List >> G/L Account list with additional text

Transaction Code: ZRFFMFK02



Using the Match Code Search Tool





The **Match Code Search** tool icon automatically appears in fields where you must **select** from **a range of values** (e.g., dates and account numbers).







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WEB Documentation



Training Materials & Course Summaries

• <u>http://finance.utoronto.ca/fast/fis-training/</u>

Policy & Documentation

<u>http://finance.utoronto.ca/policies/gtfm/</u>

Reference Guides

<u>http://finance.utoronto.ca/fast/support-documentation/</u>

FIS Glossary

• <u>http://finance.utoronto.ca/fast/fis-glossary/</u>

Financial Forms

<u>http://finance.utoronto.ca/forms/processing/</u>

NEED HELP?



https://easi.its.utoronto.ca/ams-help-form/

Help is a facility for all AMS subsystems:

- Use the WEB form found at the above address
- Select the appropriate AMS module (e.g., FIS: FAST Team)
- Complete all the information required on the form
- Click on the **Send it!** button

Mail box is monitored Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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