

Investments

- ✓ **Equity securities, by influence:**
 - < 20%: fair value through NI (ASC 321)
 - 20—50%, significant influence: equity method (ASC 323); record the share of investee income
 - > 50%, control: consolidation (ASC 810)
 - Joint control: equity method
- ✓ **Debt securities (ASC 320):**
 - Trading: FV through NI (costs generally expensed)
 - AFS: FV through OCI (costs generally capitalized)
 - HTM: amortized cost, effective-interest method (costs generally capitalized)

Income taxes (ASC 740)

- ✓ **Temporary differences** reverse → create a DTA or DTL
- ✓ **Permanent differences** (fines, tax-exempt interest, some meals) → no deferred tax

Consolidation

- ✓ Determine the model first: **VIE model** (control via variable interests) vs **voting-interest model** (> 50% voting). Control → full consolidation (100%, showing noncontrolling interest)
- ✓ Eliminate intercompany receivables/payables, sales/COGS, dividends, loans/interest, and unrealized profit in ending inventory

Equity

- ✓ **Paid-in capital** (share issuance and repurchase) vs **retained earnings** (net income – dividends)
- ✓ **Stock dividend:** small (< 20—25%) at fair value; large (> 20—25%) at par
- ✓ **Stock split:** more shares, lower par, no change to total equity
- ✓ **Treasury stock:** contra-equity (cost method)

Leases (lessee)

- ✓ **Finance lease:** meets at least 1 of 5 criteria
 - Transfers ownership
 - Purchase option reasonably certain
 - Term = major part of the asset's economic life
 - PV of payments ≥ substantially all of FV
 - Asset highly specialized
- ✓ Record an ROU asset + lease liability (PV at the implicit rate or IBR); separate amortization + interest expense
- ✓ **Operating lease:** ROU asset + liability recognized; single straight-line lease expense
- ✓ **Short-term (≤ 12 months):** recognition exemption

US GAAP vs IFRS: key differences

Topic	US GAAP	IFRS
LIFO	Allowed	Prohibited
Inventory write-down reversals	Prohibited	Allowed
Revaluation model (PPE, intangibles)	Prohibited	Allowed
Impairment test	Two-step	One-step; recoverable amount = higher of FV less costs, or value in use
Impairment reversals	Prohibited	Allowed, except goodwill
Development costs	Expensed	Capitalized if criteria met
Leases (lessee)	Dual model: operating and finance	Single model + low-value exemption