

NUFinancials Budget Adjustments

Course Guide

This is an advanced course.

Intended Audience

Financial and business administrators, or anyone who oversees a budget and financial activity

Course Format

This course is online only, but access to learning is continuous and on demand. You may start learning at any time and review the learning materials at any time. Course support is available via e-mail from an instructor. Contact admin-systems-training@northwestern.edu.

Enrollment and Completion

- Course Registration: Registration via FASIS Self Service is encouraged but optional. Begin the
 course at any time from the Administrative Systems Training Curriculum. Course sessions are
 monthly. The purpose of enrollment is to update your Training Summary in FASIS.
- Course Completion: At the end of each month, the instructor marks complete all who enrolled during the month. At that time, Training Summaries are updated.

Learning Sequence

Below is the recommended learning sequence and timeframes.

#	Title	Туре	Notes			
1	Budgeting Overview	Online	Watch this overview if you want to know how Budget Journals fit into NU budgeting processes.			
Part	Part 1: Creating Budget Journals					
1	NUFinancials Budget Adjustments	Presentation	A presentation of business rules for the NUFinancials Budget Journal. Before you watch, print the Chart of Accounts Quick Reference.			
2	Adjust a Revenue and Expense Budget	Demonstration	In the demonstration, the basic mechanics of the budget journal are explained. You also see a budget journal that adjusts both revenue and expense budgets.			
3	Adjust an Expense Budget	Exercise				
4	Adjust a Revenue Budget	Exercise				
Part 2: Searching and Troubleshooting Budget Journals						
1	Budget Journal Process and Statuses	Presentation	Find the process diagram on page three of this document.			
2	Search for Budget Journals	Demonstration				

3	Troubleshoot Budget Journals	Demonstration	Before you watch the demonstration print Budget Journal Troubleshooting (below).	
4	Search and Troubleshoot Budget Journals	Exercise		
Library				
NA	Initiating Budget Adjustments	Training Guide	This guide complements part one above.	
NA	Searching for Budget Journals	Training Guide	This guide complements part two above.	
NA	Budget Journal Troubleshooting	Reference	This reference contains in alphabetical order all error messages that you may see on the Budget Journal, with the potential resolution of the error.	
NA	Chart of Accounts Quick Reference	Reference	Print this reference and keep it handy during training.	

Related Resources

These are links to related business processes and policy.

Helpful Policy Links

The policy organization governing Budget Journals is the Office of Budget and Planning.

http://www.northwestern.edu/budget/

For questions about NU account codes, refer to Accounting Services "Guide to Accounts."

http://www.northwestern.edu/financial-operations/policies-procedures/reporting/guide-to-accounts.html

Helpful Reports

All budget journals and their affects are visible in Cognos reports. Approved journals appear on the budget section of the GL008 Revenue and Expense Activity Report.

Helpful Inquiries

The affects of budget adjustments are visible in NUFinancials budget searches Budget Details and Budget Overview. The journal transactions themselves are visible from the budget searches by drilling to the Activity Log.

Using YouTube

YouTube has functionality that can enhance your experience of the videos.

