

The *Ledger Mania* Board Game: Engaging Students in the Accounting Classroom through Active Learning

Teaching Innovations or Methods

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The ***Ledger Mania*** Board Online Game was used in my Spring 2023 financial accounting class. Teaching financial and managerial accounting is like teaching students a new language. Yes, accounting is the language of business. However, financial, and managerial accounting theory and practice seem boring as one glances at the student faces during class. *Ledger Mania* has both a board game and an online version. It comes with instructions for both instructor and students.

As a result of playing *Ledger Mania*, students put into action what they had studied in the accounting textbook in theory. They saw the connection between classroom material and the real world of accounting and business.

As instructors, we should use entertainment and active learning strategies – humor, short video clips, and actual stories from the business world to make the class more engaged and inspire learning from doing. Just learning theory, not practice, is not enough to prepare future accountants.

Ledger Mania costs \$8 per student. Below is a video to check out Ledger Mania and a chart showing student outcomes from using Ledger Mania.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHIAQw1SZ3s>

