



Controller's Office – General Ledger Increases and Decreases/Debits vs. Credits

What are the effects of debits/credits and positive/negative Peoplesoft values on my account?

Telling the difference between a debit and a credit and how it effects the bottom line can be confusing at times. The below chart is a good tool to use when creating a new journal entry to correct or record items on the GL. It also shows the effect of system generated journal entries on the GL.

Account Number	Account Name	Accounting Debit Effect	Accounting Credit Effect	PeopleSoft JE Positive Effect	PeopleSoft JE Negative Effect	Intranet Signs Compared to PeopleSoft
1xxxx	Assets	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease	Same as PeopleSoft
2xxxx	Liabilities	Decrease	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Opposite of PeopleSoft
4xxxx	Revenue	Decrease	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Opposite of PeopleSoft
5xxxx	Expense	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease	Same as PeopleSoft
6xxxx	Contra Expense	Decrease	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Same as PeopleSoft
81xxx	Transfer In	Decrease	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Opposite of PeopleSoft
86xxx	Transfer Out	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease	Same as PeopleSoft

The chart shows the general accounting effect of debits/credits and the positive/negative values posting in PeopleSoft. For example, a credit/negative value increases revenue (4xxxx account codes) while a debit/positive value increases an expense account (5xxxx). The last column shows the values in the Finance Intranet, which on some occasions, are reversed when compared to PeopleSoft.