ALLIANCE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



BUS 100 Introduction to Business Administration (3) Fall 2004 Instructor: Dr. Alan Kwan

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Course Description

The course provides an introduction to business. It gives an overview of all business management and administration. Topics covered include: accounting, finance, marketing, production and cost, human resource management, and the general environment of the macroeconomy. In addition to the conceptual skills and knowledge of business management, students will be challenged to think from a Christian perspective as they learn about and apply these business topics.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course students are expected to gain an understanding about

- 1. the trends and issues affecting business
- 2. the dynamics of the product and services markets
- 3. the structure and the organization of business
- 4. the management of human resources
- 5. the macroeconomy and the financial market.

Required Texts

Nickels, W.G. et al., *Understanding Canadian Business*, 4th edition, McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 2003.

Optional Reading

Chewning, R.C. et al., Business Through the Eyes of Faith, Harper Collins, 1990.

Course Schedule

(I) INTRODUCTION	Sept. 13		
(II) THE MARKET PLACE			
Trends affecting Business, Ethics	Sept. 20	[Chs. 1, 5]	
Economic Issues affecting Business	Sept. 27	[Ch. 2]	
Globalization & the Role of Government	Oct. 4	[Chs. 3, 4]	
Thanksgiving – no class	Oct. 11		
(III) THE BASICS OF BUSINESS – the marketing components			
Product and Pricing	Oct. 18	[Chs. 15, 16]	
Promotion and Distribution	Oct. 25	[Ch. 17]	
MID-TERM EXAM [Chs. 1-5, 15-17]	Nov. 1		
(IV) BUSINESS ORGANIZATION			
Organizing Business & Entrepreneurship	Nov. 8	[Chs. 6, 7]	
Leadership & Management Style	Nov. 15	[Chs. 8, 9]	
(V) BUSINESS MANAGEMENT			
Managing Production Operations and Information	Nov. 22	[Chs. 10, 11]	
Managing Human Resources	Nov. 29	[Chs. 12, 13]	
Managing Financial Resources	Dec. 6-13	[Chs. 18, 19]	

Course Requirements

Students need to familiarize themselves with current business topics and economic events which will constitute the materials for assignments and class discussions.

Students are advised to be prepared for the lectures by reading the relevant chapters in the required text and participating in group discussions.

Course Grade

Class Participation and Group Discussions	15%
Assignments (4 x 5% each)	20%
Mid-term Examination	25%
Final Examination	40%

Students can choose to submit a Book Report on *Business Through the Eyes of Faith* for 15% and reduce the weights on the Mid-term and the Final exams to 20% and 30% respectively. Students need to inform the instructor for making this choice before Nov. 22 and hand in the book report at the last lecture on Dec 13.

Important Notes

- Late assignment will receive a mark of 0 unless consulted with the instructor *in* advance.
- When students miss the mid-term exam *without a legitimate reason* beyond their control (typically likes a medical reason with doctor's note), a mark of 0 will be assigned.
- When students miss the mid-term exam *with a legitimate reason*, a make-up exam will be arranged within one week. If this arrangement is not possible, the weight will be reallocated as follows:

Class Participation	15%
Assignments	20%
Book Report	15%
Final Examination	50%