MBAD 5121-090 Summer 2016
Business Information Systems

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Syllabus
This syllabus contains the policies and expectations I have established for this course. Please read the entire syllabus carefully before continuing in this course. These policies and expectations are intended to create a productive learning atmosphere for all students. Unless you are prepared to abide by these policies and expectations, you risk losing the opportunity to participate further in the course.

The standards and requirements set forth in this syllabus may be modified at any time by the instructor. Notice of such changes will be by announcement in class and/or by changes to this syllabus posted on the course website.

Course Description
The course is designed to introduce students to the development and use of Information Systems (IS) as an essential tool for conducting business and gaining a competitive edge in an increasingly global economy. In addition to the study of the conceptual foundations underlying the management of information resources, the course exposes students to widely used business applications software (electronic spreadsheets, database management systems, and data analytics).

Learning Objectives
Managers today have increasing responsibility for determining their own computer based IS needs and for designing and implementing information systems that will support their decision making. Thus, the objectives of this course include the following:

1. To be familiar with the IS terminology used to support business.
2. To develop an understanding of IS, their conceptual and technical foundations, users, components, missions, and capabilities.
3. To get acquainted with both conventional, as well as state-of-the-art, information technologies and to understand how to apply them to support management decision making.

Course Materials
- Text books:
  - Bidgoli - *MIS 5* [5th Edition 2015]
- Other readings, helpful documents, and course announcements will be posted on Moodle.
- Additional helpful resources can be found at the textbook websites

Grading
The final letter grade will be calculated based on the following scale:
A: 90% and above; B: 80-89.9%; C: 70-79.9%; D: 60-69.9%; F: Below 60%.

The course grades are posted on Moodle for informational purposes only. The official overall grade is computed and kept in the instructor’s gradebook.

**Exams**: Four equally weighted exams will be given in this course: three during the semester plus a comprehensive final. However, only three of the exams will be counted towards the grade. Students may take all four exams and drop the one with the lowest grade.

**Cases**: Students must complete individually several business decision making application cases using Microsoft Excel, Access, and IBM SPSS Modeler. Deliverables must be submitted on Moodle by the due date. Class time will be used to practice tutorials and to complete some of the required case work.

**Current Topics Project**

a. **Topic Choice**: Submit via email a choice from the list of topics below or suggest another topic (must be approved by the instructor) by the deadline. Submit up to three ranked choices. The topics will be assigned on a first come first choice basis. Students who do not submit a selection by the due date will be assigned one.

- Internet Security & Cyber Spying
- The Impact of Social Media
- Internet Addiction
- Digital Advertising
- Privacy in the Internet Age
- Economic Impact of IT
- Digital Currencies & Payments
- Internet Misuse in the Workplace
- eGovernment
- The Impact of the Internet on Education
- Impacts of IT on Health

b. **Class Presentation**

i. The presentation schedule will be determined by the instructor.

ii. Allocated time is 20 minutes plus at least 10 minutes of leading a discussion. If there are no questions from the audience, presenters should be ready to initiate the discussion. Include as part of your presentation several opinion type questions to stimulate discussion and debate and use any other techniques necessary to engage the audience.

iii. Presentation files must be submitted via Moodle by noon of the day before the presentation. The presentations will be posted on Moodle.

iv. All sources must be cited on the individual slides where the material appears. In addition, one of the last slides must contain a complete list of sources (use any of the major citation styles). Use any formal citation style.

c. **Grading Factors**:

i. Quality of the research

a. accuracy and up-to-datedness,

b. breadth and depth of the investigation,
c. discussion of issues from multiple perspectives:
   • business point of view
   • individual/personal
   • societal
   • global
a. quality of sources,
b. proper citations on individual slides as well as list of sources at the end.

ii. Quality of the presentation
   a. interesting, creative, interactive and engaging the class
   b. eliciting and moderating quality discussion/debate
   c. keeping time limit
Other Class Policies

Attendance and Participation Policy
Attendance and participation are required. Attendance may be taken at any point during the class (beginning, middle, and end) and may even be checked multiple times. Tardiness or early departure are disruptive and are, of course, discouraged and will be reflected in the attendance grade as absences. Absence from a class session also implies zero participation for that session.

Absences from class may be excused by the instructor for such reasons as personal illness, religious holidays, or participating as an authorized University representative in an out-of-town event. Whenever possible, students are expected to seek the permission of the instructor prior to absences.

Every student is expected to study the textbook and other posted materials (notes, solutions, etc.) prior to each class session. Students must be prepared to answer questions on the “current” topic. Discussion questions and quizzes may be used to evaluate preparation/participation and the results will be combined with the attendance record. Several small homework assignments given during the semester will count heavily towards class participation.

Students will be held responsible for any material covered, announcements made, assignments passed out, and any other type of work that they may miss during any absence from class.

Instructor Absence or Tardiness
If I am late in arriving to class, in the absence of previous instructions from me, you must wait a full 20 minutes after the start of class before you may leave without being counted absent. When instructions are given before class about my anticipated tardiness/absence, you must follow them.

Exams
Make-up exams will NOT be given except in cases of serious medical emergencies as evidenced by a written doctor’s excuse. Permission must be obtained from the professor prior to the scheduled exam time. Students missing an exam with an approved excuse will be allowed to make up the exam with the professor's approval during the final exam period. There will be no make-up for the comprehensive final.

Exam reviews will be available during office hours or by appointment for one week after exam grades are posted.

Exams are a form of intellectual property belonging to those who create them (your professors). Consequently, exams must remain in my possession or under my control at all times. This means that exams may not be taken out of the room or copied. Students are encouraged to review their exams during office hours or by appointment. However, failure to return an exam after taking or reviewing it or removing an exam from my presence at any time or copying an exam or any portion of it will be considered theft of intellectual property. Such action will result in an exam grade of zero and may warrant further disciplinary action.

Assignments/Projects
This 3-credit course requires three hours of classroom or direct faculty instruction and six hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately 15 weeks. Out-of-class work may include but is not limited to: required reading, library research, written assignments, and studying for quizzes and exams.
You must complete each individual project/assignment on your own. Any sharing between students will be considered a violation of the Academic Integrity Code and will result at a minimum in a grade of zero for the project/assignment with a possibility for further disciplinary action.

**Peer reviews will be factored into the individual grades for group work.**

**Due Dates Policy**
A deadline is like a ticket for a cruise. If you arrive after the scheduled departure time, the ship will have sailed without you and your ticket (homework) will be worthless. Written homework must be handed in within 5 minutes of the scheduled start time for the class period on which it is due. Late homework will not be accepted, and you will receive a zero for that assignment. If you know you will miss class, make arrangements to turn in your work ahead of time.

**Grade Appeals Policy**
If you believe that the grade you received on an assignment or an exam was in error or unfair, you can appeal to the professor in writing within 7 calendar days after the grades are posted. The appeal should clearly state the reasons why you believe the grade to be unfair or the nature of the error. Overdue appeals will not be considered.

**Class Behavior Policy**
Disruptive behavior distracts from the ability of others to profit from their in-class experience. Such behavior includes but is not limited to arriving late, leaving early, having side conversations, making unnecessary comments that add no value to the class, surfing the net, and any activities that negatively impact the ability of other students to learn and/or listen in class.

Rude and inappropriate behavior **will not be tolerated**. Since it is my responsibility to provide an environment that is conducive to learning for everyone in the class, I will deduct points from the grade of any student who chooses to repeatedly distract others. In particularly egregious cases, I will have the student permanently removed from the class.

Under no circumstances will students be permitted to spend their class time working on assignments for other classes, checking e-mail, surfing the Web, texting, or engaging in activities not related to the class. Attempts to engage in such behavior will be reflected in lower grades and may lead to removal from the course.

**Electronic Devices in Class**
Use of computing, communication, or other devices during the class time for purposes other than those required for the class is prohibited and may result in being asked to leave the classroom for the remainder of the class period. This includes the use of laptops, lab computers, phones or other devices for Internet browsing, game playing, reading news, emailing, texting, chatting, IM, Facebook, or other activities not required for the class. **Cellular phones and other communication devices must be silenced AND stored away during class.**

**Academic Integrity**
As a program that helps to create business and government leaders, the College of Business has an obligation to ensure academic integrity is of the highest standards. Standards of academic integrity will be enforced in this course.
University regulations will be strictly enforced in all cases of academic irregularities, cheating or plagiarism or any variations thereof. Students assume full responsibility for the content and integrity of the academic work they submit. The guiding principle of academic integrity shall be that a student's submitted work, examinations, reports, and projects must be his/her own work.

All UNCC students have the responsibility to be familiar with and to observe the requirements of The UNCC Code of Student Academic Integrity (see the Catalog and also http://integrity.uncc.edu/). This code forbids cheating, fabrication or falsification of information, multiple submission of academic work, plagiarism of written materials and software projects, abuse of academic materials (such as library books on reserve), and complicity in academic dishonesty (helping others to violate the code). Additional examples of violation of the Code include:

- Representing the work of others as your own.
- Using or obtaining unauthorized assistance in any academic work.
- Giving unauthorized assistance to other students.
- Modifying, without instructor approval, an examination, paper, record, or report for the purpose of obtaining additional credit.
- Misrepresenting the content of submitted work.

Students are expected to report cases of academic dishonesty they become aware of to the course instructor who is responsible for dealing with them.

For this course, it is permissible to assist classmates in general discussions about the homework. General advice and interaction are encouraged. Each person, however, must develop his or her own solutions to the assigned homework and laboratory exercises. Students may not "work together" on graded assignments. Such collaboration constitutes cheating, unless it is a group assignment. A student may not use or copy (by any means) another's work (or portions of it) and represent it as his/her own. If you need help on an assignment, contact your instructor or the TA, not other classmates.

Any further specific requirements or permission regarding academic integrity in this course will be stated by the instructor, and are also binding on the students in this course. Students who violate the code can be punished to the extent of being permanently expelled from UNCC and having this fact recorded on their official transcripts. The normal penalty is zero credit on the work involving dishonesty and further substantial reduction of the course grade. In almost all cases, the course grade is reduced to "F."

If you are unclear about whether a particular situation may constitute an honor code violation, you should meet me to discuss the situation. Feel free to discuss the definition of cheating and/or plagiarism with me if you are unclear on these terms or have questions about the acceptability of a particular type of action.

The instructor may ask students to produce identification at examinations and may require students to demonstrate that graded assignments completed outside of class are their own work.

**Disability Accommodations**

Students in this course seeking accommodations to disabilities must first consult with the Office of Disability Services and follow the instructions of that office for obtaining accommodations. If you have a disability that qualifies you for academic accommodations, please provide a letter of accommodation.
from the Office of Disability Services. For more information regarding accommodations, please contact the Office of Disability Services at 704.687.4355 or stop by their office in 230 Fretwell.

Diversity
The Belk College of Business strives to create an inclusive academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained. Therefore, we celebrate diversity that includes, but is not limited to ability/disability, age, culture, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.

Incomplete Grade Policy
Receiving a grade of incomplete (“I”) is not based solely on a student’s failure to complete work or as a means of raising his/her grade by doing additional work after the grade report time. An incomplete grade can be given only when a student has a serious medical problem or other extenuating circumstance that legitimately prevents completion of required work by the due date. In any case, for a student to receive an 'I' grade, the student's work to date should be passing, he/she must have completed a significant portion of the course, and the student must provide proper written proof (e.g., a doctor's note) of the extenuating circumstances.

Religious Accommodation for Students Policy
The instructor will observe University Policy 409 (https://legal.uncc.edu/policies/up-409) on matters of religious accommodation. Please note that the procedure prescribed by this policy requires a notice to the instructor prior to the census date of the semester (typically the tenth day of instruction).

Course Changes Policy
The instructor reserves the right to make any necessary changes to the course content, schedule, and policies. Changes will be announced in class and will also be posted online.
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