INFO 3130 Management Information Systems  
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Text and Materials:  
(1) Management Information Systems 12th Edition  
   ISBN: 0-13-214285-6  

(2) Lecture presentations, assignments and additional course materials will be posted and managed in the course section on Moodle.

Prerequisites: MATH 1120; STAT 1220; ACCT 2121, 2122; ECON 2101, 2102; INFO2130; Junior Standing.

Catalog Description:  
This course is designed to introduce students to the use of Information Systems (IS) as an essential tool for conducting business in an increasingly global economy. The emphasis is on the conceptual foundations underlying the design, control and operation of Information Systems and how Information Systems provide organizations with competitive advantages. General topics covered will include, but are not be limited to:

- The impact of IS on management decision-making activities
- Principles of the structure and analysis of information flow within an organization.
- Database accumulation and generation, capabilities of information processing, system functions (ex. file creation, report generation, etc.) and evaluation/modification of information systems.
- Telecommunications/Networking, Computer Hardware/Software and Electronic Commerce

Learning objectives:  
In today’s global business environment, managers have an increasing responsibility for determining their own information systems needs and for designing and implementing information systems that will support their decision-making processes. Thus, the specific learning objectives of this course include the following:

1. To be familiar with the IS terminology relevant to supporting business information system operations, IT infrastructure and modern day business applications.
2. To gain critical thinking skills needed to solve business problems with IS.
3. To develop an understanding of IS, their conceptual and technical foundations, users, components, missions, and capabilities.
4. To get acquainted with both conventional, as well as state-of-the-art, information technologies and understand how to apply them to support management decision-making.
**Grading**

**Exams:** Four semester exams and a cumulative final will be administered. The lowest of the five exam grades will be dropped for a total of four exam grades (20% each) being used in the final grade calculation. Students may choose to take all five exams and drop the lowest. Any student with a test average below a C (< 70%) at the end of the semester is required to take the cumulative final.

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The final letter grade will be calculated based on the following 10-point scale:
- A: 90% and above;
- B: 89.9-80%;
- C: 79.9-70%;
- D: 69.9-60%;
- F: Below 60%.

Should a student miss an exam as a result of missing a class, that student will receive a grade of zero. In the event that the excuse is approved before the date of the examination (proper documentation required) then the student will take the make-up exam within three school days (M-F). Students who miss more than one exam should drop the class otherwise they will be given an F.

**Exams are closed book and notes, no exceptions.** Exams are a form of intellectual property belonging to those who create them. Therefore, the exam materials must remain in the instructor’s possession or control at all times. Exams may not be taken outside of the lecture hall or copied for any reason. Failure to return an exam after taking or reviewing it or removing an exam from my presence at any time or copying an exam will be considered theft of intellectual property. Such action will result in an exam grade of zero and may warrant further disciplinary action.

**Posting grades:** Students will have access to their exam grades via Moodle. The course grades posted on Moodle are for informational purposes only. The official overall grade is computed and kept in the instructor’s grade book.

**Policies**

**Attendance & Participation:** Students must attend all lectures, examinations and presentations. Class attendance is highly correlated with learning the material and performing well on the course examinations. Note that (1) some topics discussed in the classroom are not covered adequately in the textbook, thus the instructor will present alternative approaches, and (2) historically, those who skip the class tend to make less than their target grades and (3) the instructor refuses to answer questions due to absenteeism. A student that misses a class is responsible for obtaining any needed information (e.g., notes, announcements, assignments, etc.) from fellow students.

Students are expected to contribute both to the active class discussions, and to the class blogging efforts through regular comments and questions posted on the blogs of groups other than their own. Each student is expected to post a minimum of ten value-adding comments.

**Class Preparation:** Students are expected to study the textbook and other posted materials (notes, solutions, etc.) prior to each respective lecture. Additionally, students must be prepared to intelligently contribute to active class discussions and answer questions related to the current topics.

**Class Cancellation:** In the event that I am unable to attend class or the University is closed unexpectedly, assume the material will be moved forward to the next meeting unless otherwise specified.
Assignments Policy: 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 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 assignment with a possibility for further disciplinary action.

Academic honesty/integrity: THE UNC CHARLOTTE CODE OF STUDENT ACADEMIC INTEGRITY governs the responsibility of students to maintain integrity in academic work, defines violations of the standards, describes procedures for handling alleged violations of the standards, and lists the applicable penalties. The following is a list of prohibited conduct in that Code as violating these standards: A) Cheating; B) Fabrication and Falsification; C) Multiple Submission; D) Plagiarism; E) Abuse of Academic Materials; and F) Complicity in Academic Dishonesty. For more detail and clarification on these items and on academic integrity, students are strongly advised to read the current "UNCC undergraduate catalog."

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.

Religious Accommodation for Students: The University of North Carolina at Charlotte is committed to diversity, nondiscrimination and inclusiveness, and to supporting its students, regardless of religious affiliation or non-affiliation, in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations. As part of this commitment, the University makes good faith efforts to accommodate a student's religious practice or belief, unless such accommodation would create undue hardship. Details associated with this policy can be found by visiting https://legal.uncc.edu/policies/up-409.

Philosophy of teaching: I demand meaningful learning, which can be interpreted by being able to translate the ideas, free of errors, into your own words and solve problems that are structurally different from those presented in class and textbook(s). Hence, always try to learn the materials by concentrating on the underlying principles. I will try to make you think by asking you questions and problems, which may not be directly covered during the class lectures.

Miscellaneous:
- The instructor reserves the right to change the course outline, and the course contents.
- There will be no extra credit offered for any student during the semester.
- The instructor will keep all exams.
- All electronic & mobile devices such as cell phones, laptops, tablets, etc. must be kept silent during the lecture.

Statement on 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.

Important Dates:
First Day of Classes: January 8th
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 20th
Spring Recess: March 3rd – 8th
Last day to withdraw from a course with a "W" grade: March 26th
Spring Weekend: April 18th – 19th
Last Day of Classes: April 29th
Final: TBD