

Three Rivers Community College

Spring 2014 Syllabus

BBG 115 - CRN# 32534

BUSINESS SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS

Monday

6:30-9:15 p.m.

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Course Description

Using Microsoft Suite application software, students in this hands-on course will learn to use each of the software packages as they relate to the business environment. These software packages include an emphasis on Excel to build flexible spreadsheets used in business decision-making, supplemented with Word to produce professional-looking documents, Access to select and analyze data to produce valid results, and PowerPoint to effectively present and communicate.

Prerequisites: ENG K101 or ENG* K101S placement or completion of ENG* K096 with a "C#" grade or better; and MAT* K095 or MAT* K095I placement*

Text/Materials

Text: New Perspectives on Microsoft Office 2013: First Course, by Shaffer, First Edition, 2014
Cengage Learning, ISBN: 1-285-16764-3

Software: Microsoft Office 2013

Handouts: Additional handouts may be distributed in class. I will try to have them available on Blackboard Learn (Bb Learn) whenever possible.

Course Management Website: www.my.commmnet.edu (Bb Learn)

Teaching Methods

Lectures: Important material from the text and outside sources will be covered in class. Students should plan to take careful notes as not all material can be found in the text or readings. Discussion is encouraged.

Exams: Five exams will be given. The exams will be closed book/notes and will cover the assigned readings and material discussed in class.

Homework: Homework will be assigned after each class session. Students are required to complete and submit homework assignments on the scheduled due date. All homework for each section (i.e., Word, Excel, etc. must be submitted to instructor on the date of the respective exam. I will not accept any homework after the exam date.

Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate understanding of computer hardware, software and the Windows 7 operating system.
2. Demonstrate understanding of efficient use of key software applications.
3. Students will identify the major hardware components of microcomputers and describe their function.
4. Students will understand the importance of societal issues of computer security risks, privacy risks, identity theft and technological impacts on our culture.
5. Students will be able to use basic operating systems features such as menus, help options, files and folders (backup files; create and delete folders; move, copy, rename, and delete files), and search to locate files.
6. Students will use email to compose and send a message, forward and reply message, download and upload attachments, filtering and handling junk mail, and creating using folders.
7. Students will be able to use of the following basic Internet tools such as browsers, browser preferences, links, navigation, searching using an index or a directory, history, cookies, bookmarks/favorites.
8. Students will be able to use Word to create, edit, save, and print a document using the following features: basic shortcut keys, margins, cut and paste, indents, alignments, fonts and their attributes, line spacing, tabs, page numbers, headers/footers, footnotes, page breaks, bullets and numbering, tables, and graphics.
9. Students will be competent in using Excel using the following features: entering labels, values, and formulas into cells; formatting cells; using simple formulas (absolute and relative cell references); using built-in functions (Max, Min, Average, Sum); and create simple charts (column, line, pie).
10. Students will be competent in using an Access database for the following features: setting up fields and records, entering records, sorting data, and using filters to select data.
11. Students will create a basic presentation using PowerPoint, graphics, slides, objects, slide transitions, object animation, timings, slide shows, slide master, notes and handouts.

Digication

All students are required to maintain an online learning portfolio in Digication that uses the college template. Through this electronic tool students will have the opportunity to monitor their own growth in college-wide learning. The student will keep his/her learning portfolio and may continue to use the Digication account after graduation. A Three Rivers General Education Assessment Team will select and review random works to improve the college experience for all. Student work reviewed for assessment purposes will not include names and all student work will remain private and anonymous for college improvement purposes. Students will have the ability to integrate learning from the classroom, college, and life in general, which will provide additional learning opportunities. If desired, students will have the option to create multiple portfolios.

Assignments, Exam Dates, and Due Dates

Homework assignments will be announced in class and also will be listed in Bb Learn. Occasionally, in-class assignments will be given during the class period. These assignments will not be listed in Bb Learn and cannot be made up if you missed that particular class period.

It is strongly suggested that notes be taken on new material and compiled into a reference manual or folder throughout the course of the semester.

You are responsible for staying informed on all assignments, expectations, and class procedures. All homework assignments will be listed in Bb Learn. If you miss a class, please refer to Bb Learn for your assignment. Please do not e-mail me to ask for the assignment.

Evaluation Procedures

Your final grade will be determined by a combination of five exams and homework.

Five Exams (15% each)	75%
Homework/Quizzes/In-Class Work	25%

Grading Scale

A = 94 - 100	C+ = 77 - 79	F = 00 - 59
A- = 90 - 93	C = 74 - 76	W = Withdrawal
B+ = 87 - 89	C- = 70 - 73	I = Incomplete
B = 84 - 86	D+ = 67 - 69	P / F = Pass / Fail
B- = 80 - 83	D = 64 - 66	AU = Audit
	D- = 60 - 63	

Exam Dates and Makeup Exams

All five exam dates are provided on your syllabus. It is very important that you attend class on each of those dates. As it is very time consuming to create and proctor make-up exams, I will only provide make-up exams for extenuating circumstances. The make-up exam will be an entirely different exam (and probably more complex than the scheduled one). All make-up exams will be given on the last day of the semester. If you miss more than one exam, I will only allow a makeup exam for one of them.

College Withdrawal Policy

A verbal “drop or withdrawal” from course(s) will be accepted through the 10th week of classes in accordance with the designated withdrawal deadlines. Students will need to provide the following information: full name, address, date of birth, student identification number and social security number, course reference number (CRN), description/subject and instructor’s name, if VA / FA benefits, Verbal drops or verbal withdrawals are processed through the Registrar’s Office and Subase site ONLY.

Instructor's Attendance Policy

Consistent attendance at class sessions is crucial to success in this course. Class instruction provides an opportunity for you to observe, comprehend, work on in-class assignments, ask questions, and participate in discussions. Therefore, you are expected to attend all classes in order to receive full benefit from this course. Attendance tends to have a strong influence on a student's successful completion of the course.

We will complete some in-class assignments and un-announced quizzes throughout the course. Those students who did not attend that particular class session will receive a zero for that assignment/quiz. Although I do not grade based upon attendance, your grade could be negatively impacted if you miss a class session when an assignment or quiz is given.

Academic Dishonesty

Conduct which as its intent or effect the false representation of a student's academic performance and/or knowingly and intentionally assisting another student to do so in any way constitute academic dishonesty. In the event of academic dishonesty, the College's policy will be enforced.

You must submit your own work. If it is determined that you have submitted another student's work as you own, disciplinary action will be brought against both you. Academic dishonest will not be tolerated.

Cell Phones and Beepers

Cell phones and beepers are allowed in class or in the Learning Resource Center only if they are turned off or turned to a silent mode. Under no circumstances are phones to be answered in class. When there are extenuating circumstances that require that a student be available by phone or beeper, the student should set the phone on vibrate only setting and take the call outside of the classroom.

Disabilities and Learning Differences

If you have a question regarding a disability that may affect your progress in this course, please contact one of the college's Disability Service Providers as soon as possible. Chris Scarborough (892-5751) generally works with students who have learning disabilities or ADHD. Matt Liscum (383-5240) generally works with students who have physical, visual, hearing, medical, mobility, and psychiatric disabilities.

Early Warning Policy

Students experiencing academic difficulty and/or chronic absenteeism will be notified of their class standing.

Notification of Cancelled Class

If circumstances allow, I will post an announcement in Bb Learn if I am unable to attend a class. Obviously, if the College has announced a full college closing, I will not be in attendance.

Additional Comments

A substantial amount of out-of-class work is required for success in this course. There will also be out-of-class homework assignments throughout the semester which need to be completed using Microsoft Office 2013. If you do not have the needed software at home, there is a computer lab available for student use for both day and evening hours Monday through Sunday. See the computer lab attendant for specific hours of operation.

Login Instructions

The College computer logon procedure is as follows: Username will be their banner id without the @.

Password is Mmm&xxxx where Mmm is the first 3 letters of month of birth (with initial capitalization) and the xxxx is the last 4 numbers of the social security number.

Log on to: Must be STARS

Disclaimer

I reserve the right to revise information contained in this syllabus. Changes, if any, will be announced in class.

BBG 115 – BUSINESS SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE, FALL 2014

Sept. 8	Welcome, Introductions, Syllabus, Class Expectations Concepts & Windows
Sept. 15	File Management and Internet Exam on Concepts, Windows, File Mgmt., and Internet (Last day for submittal of homework assignments for this section.)
Sept. 22	Word – Tutorial 1 & 2
Sept. 29	Word – Tutorial 3 & 4
TEST #2 Oct. 6	Exam on Word (Last day for submittal of homework assignments for this section.)
Oct. 13	Excel – Tutorial 1 & 2
Oct. 20	Excel – Tutorial 3 & 4
Oct. 27	Excel – Work Outside of Textbook
Test #3 Nov. 3	Exam on Excel (Last day for submittal of homework assignments for this section.)
Nov. 10	Instructor Absent – Outside of Classroom Work in Blackboard Learn
Nov. 17	Access – Tutorial 1 & 2
Nov. 24	Access – Tutorial 2 & 3
Test #4 Dec. 1	Exam on Access (Last day for submittal of homework assignments for this section.)
Dec. 8	PowerPoint – Tutorial 1 & 2 MAKE-UP EXAM DATE: If you have missed any of the first four exams, your make-up exam will be given during class tonight after the PowerPoint lecture.
Test #5 Dec. 15	Exam on PowerPoint (Last day for submittal of homework assignments for this section.)