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COURSE OUTLINE COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Business					
COURSE TITLE:			0		
CODE NO. :	BUS 100	<u>SEMESTER</u> :	2		
PROGRAM:	Business				
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LENGTH OF COURSE:	16 Weeks	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS:	64		
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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course enables the student to acquire the knowledge required to understand the concepts utilized in the contemporary business environment. Students

will be able to identify the business concepts required to successfully manage a Business Entity in the Canadian and Global Market.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE: (Generic Skills Learning Outcomes placement on the course outline will be determined and communicated at a later date.)

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Describe the attributes relating to the Contemporary Business World.

Elements of the Performance:

- Define the nature of business and its goals.
- Describe how demand and supply in markets affect resource distribution in Canada.
- Prepare a schematic of the structure and operation of corporations.
- Select a major form of business ownership and prepare an outline of its goals.
- Apply the issues of social responsibility and ethics relating to small business to an assigned case.
- Explain how international business affect the Canadian business community in terms of competition, society, and ethics.

This learning outcome will constitute 30% of the course's grade.

2. Define Business Management Structures.

Elements of the performance:

- Distinguish between responsibility and authority.
- Describe the four activities that comprise the management process.
- Identify the kinds of managers by level and area.
- Distinguish between managerial styles and explain how the styles are influenced by the corporation's culture.
- Explain the differences between common organizational structures
- Identify and describe the building blocks of organizational structure.
- Establish the defining characteristics of a small business.
- Relate the functions of management to the operation of a small business.

This learning outcome will constitute 30% of the course's grade.

3. Analyze the relationship between managers and their employees using a case analysis approach.

Elements of the performance:

- Define human resource management.
- Explain how managers plan for human resources.
- Identify the steps involved in staffing a company.
- Describe strategies for improving employee satisfaction.
- Identify various theories of employee motivation.
- Explain why workers unionize.
- Describe the major laws governing labour/management relations.

This learning outcome will constitute 30% of the course's grade.

4. Managing Operations

Elements of the performance:

- Explain the meaning of the terms production or operations and describe the four kinds of utility it provides
- Explain some of the activities involved in operations control.
- Describe the connection between productivity and quality.

This learning outcome will constitute 10% of the course's grade.

III TOPICS

- 1. Describe the attributes relating to the Contemporary Business World.
- 2. Define Business Management structures.
- 3. Analyze the relationship between managers and their employees
- 4. Managing Operations

IV.. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

Business Essentials, 3rd Canadian Edition, Griffin, Ebert, Starke, Prentice Hall Publishers,

On-line resources providing students with a study guide and reference materials support course material. Students are advised to make good use of the companion website. The Professor may from time to time request that students complete and submit an assignment using on-line resources.

Library Resources: Globe and Mail Report on Business, Financial Post, Toronto Star Report on Business, Canadian Business and others.

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM

The following semester grades will be assigned to students in postsecondary courses:

Grade	Definition	Grade Point Equivalent
A+	90 - 100%	4.00
А	80 - 89%	3.75
В	70 - 79%	3.00
С	60 - 69%	2.00
D	50 - 59%	1.00
F (Fail)	49% or below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field/ clinical	
	placement or non-graded subject areas.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical	
	placement or non-graded subject area.	
Х	A temporary grade limited to situations with	
	extenuating circumstances giving a student	
	additional time to complete the requirements	
	for a course.	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office.	
W	Student has withdrawn from the course	
	without academic penalty	

<u>TESTS:</u> The total weighting of the four tests will represent 90% of the final term grade. The tests will be administered during the term as follows:

Test #1:	Reference Chapters 1, 2,	(worth 15%)
<u>Test #2:</u>	Reference Chapters 3, 4	(worth 15%)
<u>Test #3:</u>	Reference Chapters 5,6,7	(worth 30%)
<u>Test #4:</u>	Reference Chapters 8,9	(worth 30%)
Assignment:	Reference Chapter 10	(worth 10%)

Missed Tests/Exam:

If a student is not able to write a test/exam as scheduled, for medical reasons or some other emergency, that student is asked to contact the professor **prior** to the test/exam and provide an explanation which is acceptable to the professor. (Medical certificates or other appropriate proof **may** be required.)

IV. SPECIAL NOTES:

Special Needs:

If you are a student with special needs (egg. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with the instructor and/or contact the Special Needs Office, Room E1204 or call Extension. 493 so that support services can be arranged for you.

Retention of Course Outlines

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other post-secondary institutions.

Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of "academic dishonesty" in Student Rights and Responsibilities. Students who engage in "academic dishonesty" will receive an automatic failure for that submission and/or such other penalty, up to and including expulsion from the course/program, as may be decided by the professor/dean. In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

Course outline amendments:

The Professor reserves the right to change the information contained in the course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.

VII. PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENTS:

Students who wish to apply for advanced credit in the course should consult the professor. Credit for prior learning will be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.

VIII. DIRECT CREDIT TRANSFERS:

Students who wish to apply for direct credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain a direct credit transfer form from the Dean's secretary. Students will be required to provide a transcript and course outline related to the course in question.

Attendance:

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes. Attendance will be taken, or spot checks made, for each class.

Submitting Assigned Work:

All assignments, projects, questions, etc. must be submitted to the professor at the beginning of class on the due date. Once the class starts, any assignment, etc. which has not been submitted will be considered late. If no class is scheduled on the due date, students are required to deliver the assignments, etc. to the professor's office, by the deadline time. Assignments, etc. may be submitted in advance; normally assignments, etc. will not be accepted after the stated deadline. If a student wishes consideration for a late submission, he/she must make this request in a formal typed letter (hard copy) providing an explanation. If the assignment is accepted late, a penalty will be assessed. Assignments, etc. will not be accepted late once those which were submitted on time have been graded and returned to students..

<u>It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the professor gets his/her</u> <u>completed assignment, etc.</u> Return of Students' Work:

Tests, quizzes, assignments, etc. will be returned to students during <u>one of the</u> <u>normal class times.</u> Any student not present at that time must pick up his/her test, etc. at the professor's office within three weeks of that class. Tests, etc. not picked up within the three weeks will be discarded. End of semester tests, etc. will be held for three weeks following the end of the semester. If they have not been picked up within that three-week period, they will be discarded.

Questions &/or Concerns:

Students are urged to ask questions and to participate in and contribute to the class discussion. Students are also encouraged to read newspapers, magazines, etc. and to tune in to radio and television newscasts for economic and business news. This will make the subject more understandable, interesting, and practical. It will provide students the opportunity to better apply the theory and to enhance his/her opportunity for success in this course.

Classroom Decorum:

Students will respect the diversity and the dignity of those in the classroom. Student will respect the professor's right and duty to teach and students' right to learn without interference. Students who cause any interference with the objectives of the class will be given a verbal warning on the first occasion. If such behaviour continues, the student will be asked to leave the classroom and will not be permitted to return until he/she commits in writing, typed, (a formal letter) that he/she will conduct themselves appropriately in the classroom. This letter will be addressed to the professor who will submit a copy to the Dean.

If a student is asked to leave the classroom a second time, he/she must make an appointment with the Dean who will decide if the student will be permitted to return to class.

In the event that a student is asked to leave the classroom a third time, he/she will not be permitted back to the classroom for the rest of the semester. The Dean will also decide if any other action needs to be taken.

Students attending this class do so to study Business Today. Therefore, no other activity will be permitted. Student's who wish to engage in other activities will be asked to leave the classroom, as described above.

Students will also be asked to leave the classroom, as described above if they are sleeping, or appear to be sleeping, and for putting their feet on the furniture.

It is the professor's intention to maintain proper classroom decorum at all times in order to provide the best possible learning and teaching environment.