

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
COURSE OUTLINE

BA 204 - INVESTMENTS

1986-87
f/w

REQUIRED TEXT: Investments. An Introduction, Herbert B. Mayo, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, New York, 1984.

OPTIONAL TEXT: How to Invest in Canadian Securities, The Canadian Securities Institute, Toronto, Ont. 1986.

PREREQUISITE: Nil

COURSE DESCRIPTION: An introduction to investments for individuals. Some of the topics to be covered include: the economic environment and how it affects investments, taxation of investments, tax shelters, mathematics of investments, and an introduction to the more common investment vehicles.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: To introduce the student to the fundamentals of investing and some of the tools needed to design and implement an investment program. To facilitate the learning, a portion of each class will be devoted to current investment news. To give the course a practical side, an investment game will be played.

GRADING:

1st Paper	15%
2nd Paper	10%
Game	10%
Mid-Term Exam	25%
Final Exam	40%

The first paper will be based on the financial statement analyses chapters in the text and supplementary readings. The student will choose a company from a selection of financial statements offered by the instructor, examine its investment potential and make a recommendation on it. The deadline for this paper will be October 31, 1986.

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DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE

SECTION ONE

<u>Date</u> *	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>	
		CSI	Mayo
Sept. 9	Introduction to Investing	Ch 1 IFIC handout	Ch 1,2,4
16	Financial Statements & their Interpretations	Ch 3	Ch 7,17
23	Tax Aspects of Investing Interest, Dividends, Capital Gains, Tax Shelters, RRSP, RRIF, RESP		handouts
30	Mathematics of Investing		Ch 6
Oct. 7	Economic Environment & Federal Reserve	Ch 9	Ch 16

SECTION TWO

Oct. 14	Mid-term Exam/Bonds	Ch 4	Ch 10
21	Stocks	Ch 5 & 6	Ch 13,14
28	Stocks/Mutual Funds	7/8	15/handouts
Nov. 4	Mutual Funds	8	22,handouts
18	Convertible Stocks & Bonds/Options		21,19
25	Options & Warrants	8	20
Dec. 2	Futures/Other leveraging techniques	8	23
9	Technical Analysis	9	18
	Portfolio Construction	10	26
	Review		

* Dates are approximate only.