

Grande Prairie Regional College – Department of Business – Course Outline
BA 2550 Computer Applications for Marketing
Fall 2010

Credits: 3

Hours: 75 hours (3-0-2)

Description: Using commonly available business software and web applications, students will learn how to use and integrate web and social media tools to effectively market a product, service, or idea. Building on the material covered in BA 1150, spreadsheet and database applications for marketing will also be covered.

Note: Credit may not be granted for both BA 2500 and BA 2550.

Pre-requisite: BA 1090 and BA 1150 or consent of the instructor

Transferability: BA 2550 can be used to fulfill the requirements of a Business Administration Diploma which may be accepted as part of a block transfer arrangement (e.g. Athabasca University 2+1 and 2+2, University of Lethbridge 2+2, etc.) In addition, Athabasca University transfers BA 2550 as CMIS 2xx on an individual course basis. Other institutions may, or may not, accept BA 2550 for transfer credit; contact the receiving the institution .

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Office Hours: MW 1 p.m to 2:30 p.m. or by appointment. Appointment is usually better since I'm very prone to wandering.

Text: Grauer, Robert T. *Microsoft Office 2007, Volume 1, 3rd edition*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education, Inc., 2010

An assortment of readings and videos will be posted on the BA 2550 Moodle site which you will need to download and view/read.

Text Usage: We'll use the Grauer text for the last month of the course – for Excel and Access. Hopefully, you'll have it from last year when you took BA 1150. If you don't already own the book, I wouldn't go and buy it new – it's too costly for just 4 weeks. We'll make alternate arrangements if you don't have the text.

Grading:

5%	Web Site Review and Presentation
5%	Web Site Plan
25%	Website – Version 1.0
25%	Web site – Version 2.0 + Social Media Integration
10%	Web and Social Media Theory Test
7.5%	Access Assignment
7.5%	Excel Assignment
15%	Practical Excel and Access Test

Please note: You will need to complete each component of the course to get a passing grade.

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Final Grade: This course will use the standard GPRC grading scheme

A+	4.0	90-100	Excellent
A	4.0	85-89	
A-	3.7	80-84	First Class Standing
B+	3.3	76-79	
B	3.0	73-75	Good
B-	2.7	70-72	
C+	2.3	67-69	Satisfactory
C	2.0	64-66	
C-	1.7	60-63	
D+	1.3	55-59	Minimal Pass
D	1.0	50-54	
F	0.0	0-49	Fail

Course Schedule:

Week 1 - Sept. 8

- Introduction and Course Outline
- Marketing and Conducting Business on the Web
- Effective Business Websites

Week 2 – Sept. 13 and 15

- Constructing a Business Website
- DUE: Website Review and Presentation (Sept. 15)

Week 3 – Sept. 20 and 22

- Constructing a Business Website
- DUE: Website Plan (Sept. 22)

Week 4- Sept 27 and 29

- Constructing a Business Website

Week 5 – Oct. 4 and 6

- Constructing a Business Website
- Web 3.0 and beyond
- Social Media Marketing

Week 6 – Oct. 13

- Social Media Marketing
- DUE: Website 1.0 (Oct. 13)

Week 7 – Oct. 18 and 20

- Social Media Marketing

Week 8 – Oct. 25 and 27

- Social Media Marketing

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Course Schedule (continued):

Week 9 – Nov. 1 and 3

- Social Media Marketing
- Excel
- DUE: Website Version 2.0 with Social Media (Nov. 3)

Week 10 – Nov. 8 and 10

- Excel
- DUE: Website and Social Media Theory Test (Nov. 10)

Week 11 – Nov. 15 and 17

- Excel

Week 12 – Nov. 22 and 24

- Access
- Due: Excel Assignment (Nov. 22)

Week 13 – Nov. 29 and Dec. 1

- Access

Week 14 – Dec. 6

- DUE: Excel and Access In Class Test (Dec. 6)
- DUE: Access Assignment (Dec. 6)

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