

## SYLLABUS

## 1. General Information

Class meetings: **Online**  
**Winter 2007 (January 3 – February 7)**

Prerequisites: **BUS 301; MAT 130, 150; CSC 120.**

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## 2. Course Description (3 credits)

This course will introduce the student to real world applications of information systems concepts. The value and uses of information systems for business operation, management decision-making, and strategic advantage will be explored.

## 3. Course Objectives

- Understand how managers can and should be involved with systems planning.
- Understand what information systems resources are available to managers for decision support.
- Understand how information systems resources can be used at all levels of decision-making and in the major functional management areas.
- Understand how information technology can be used to support organization strategy.

## 4. Required Materials

Text: *Principles of Information Systems*  
*Seventh Edition*

Authors: Ralph Stair and George Reynolds

Publisher: Thomson/Course Technology  
ISBN 0-619-21561-5

## 6. Methods of Evaluation

The following points will determine your grade for this course:

Personal biography (week 1)	10
Weekly assignments (4)	80
Exam	50
Participation	60

As you can see, participation is worth more than the exam, a recommendation from prior students I am implementing for the first time. To award students who only post opinions once a week the same level of points as those engaged in the discussion with numerous postings was unfair. Your quantity **and** quality of postings each week will be used to evaluate your participation.

To be successful in this class, you need to complete your assignments on time and be proactive in the process. Work will be accepted after the deadline for two days via submission in WebCT, with a penalty for lateness. An assignment will no longer be

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accepted when it disappears from WebCT. The test, however, must be taken when scheduled.

<b>Scale (%)</b>	90 > = A	70 – 73 = C
(200 points)	87 – 89 = A-	67 – 69 = C-
	84 – 86 = B+	64 – 66 = D+
	80 – 83 = B	60 – 63 = D
	77 – 79 = B-	< 60 = F
	74 – 76 = C+	

## 7. Policies

An Incomplete grade (I) is only given in extenuating circumstances. You must communicate with me **in writing** your reasons for receiving this grade, which is in affect requesting additional time for completing assignments. Unfinished work must be completed within the time limits I set. This grade is NOT a substitute for falling behind in your assignments.

From the catalog, “Academic work is evaluated on the assumption that the work presented is the student’s own, unless designated otherwise. Anything less is unacceptable and is considered academically dishonest.” Academic dishonesty includes cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, and facilitating academic dishonesty. Any student who engages in any of these activities will receive a failing grade for this course and is subject to disciplinary action.