

POFT 1325 Business Math Using Technology – Course Syllabus Fall 2018

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F: 8:30-11:30 and by appointment.

I. GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

- A. **DESCRIPTION:** This course provides skill development in business math problem-solving using electronic technology.
- B. **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:** Students will be able to solve mathematical problems found in business environments pertaining to payroll, percent of increase and decrease, markup and markdown, cash and trade discounts, and simple interest.
- C. **COURSE COMPETENCIES:** A minimum grade of D is required to pass Business Math Using Technology in order to fulfill degree requirements for the course.
- D. **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

Cheating: Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in an office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of course work. This applies to quizzes of whatever length as well as to final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers.

Dishonesty in any form in this class will result in immediate dismissal from this class and an "F" as the final grade.

II. SPECIFIC COURSE/INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS:

A. Course materials:



• **Textbook:** Contemporary Mathematics for Business and Consumers-8th Edition - Brief Edition

- **Author:** Brechner and Bergeman
- **Publisher:** Cengage Learning

This course will **use CNOWV2** from Cengage. Rather than purchase your course materials like you do for most classes, I highly recommend you purchase a [Cengage Unlimited](#) subscription.

With a Cengage Unlimited subscription, you will have access to ALL Cengage eBooks and digital learning products – over 22,000 total – for only \$119.99 (extended subscriptions also available). One Cengage Unlimited subscription can be used across ALL courses this semester where Cengage products are assigned. So, if you are taking another course this semester that is using Cengage products, you will be able to access those course materials for no additional cost. You can purchase your Cengage Unlimited subscription in the **SouthPlainsCollege** Bookstore and at cengage.com after registering for your course in Blackboard.

Print: You'll be eligible to upgrade to a print rental for the cost of \$7.99 when you activate **CNOWV2** and subscribe to Cengage Unlimited. Shipping will be free for your print rental which includes the cost of shipping back to us. For print you can keep, purchase a loose-leaf version of the textbook at a discount through Cengage Unlimited. Loose-leaf shipping is free when purchased with Cengage Unlimited.

Pricing: Cengage Unlimited is \$119.99 for a 4-month subscription, \$179.99 for a 12-month subscription or \$239.99 for a 24-month subscription. Students on Financial Aid can purchase a Cengage Unlimited subscription from the **SouthPlainsCollege** bookstore.

Bonus: When your Cengage Unlimited subscription ends, you can keep up to six eBooks in a digital locker and access them for one year. (Introductory offer).

Extra Help: cengage.com/start-strong

As a reminder, you should NOT purchase BOTH individual course materials AND a Cengage Unlimited subscription. For this course, a Cengage Unlimited subscription is your best value!

- **Basic four-function calculator**

November 15, 2018 is the final day to drop classes for the semester.

B. **Grading Policy:** The student's final grade will be derived from the following scales:

- 50% Exams (4 exams; lowest exam grade will be dropped at the end of the semester **IF** student has submitted all assignments by the due date and has an 80 average or greater in the course.)
- 30% Homework Assignments (Lowest homework grade will be dropped)
- 20% Chapter Quizzes: (Lowest quiz grade will be dropped)

Grade Determination

90 – 100 (A) 80 – 89 (B) 70 – 79 (C) 60 – 69 (D) Below 60 (F)

Late Assignments: Late assignments will not be accepted. Do not wait until the last minute to complete an assignment, you are given an entire week to complete the assigned work. Computer failure is not an excuse for missing an assignment!!!

C. **Attendance Policy:**

Even though this is an online class, students still have to access the course on a regular basis. The Blackboard software used to manage this online course tracks student logins, tracking when and where the student has been in the course. Accessing this course on a regular basis is extremely important in order to meet the objectives of this course. Minimum log in for the course is at least four (3) days per week. Additionally, you should not let more than 72 hours pass without logging in.

D. **Special Requirements:** The SPC Learning Center provides students free tutoring, computer services and study skills information. The Learning Center is located on the third floor of the library building. Call 894-9611 ext. 2241 for help. **All students are expected to follow computer lab policies posted in computer labs.**

E. **General Course Information:** This course will be administered through the SPC Blackboard software. Grades will be posted weekly in Blackboard. All work for the course will be completed through CengageNow accessed through Blackboard.

F. **Instructor Information:** All correspondence with the instructor should be through course messaging in SPC Blackboard UNLESS there is a problem after hours or on the weekend. If a problem arises and you need to immediately reach me, e-mail me at: khoelscher@southplainscollege.edu.

III. ACCOMMODATIONS

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY: South Plains College strives to accommodate the individual needs of all students in order to enhance their opportunities for success in the context of a comprehensive community college setting. It is the policy of South Plains College to offer all educational and employment opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability or age.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

DISABILITIES STATEMENT

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

TITLE IX PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS STATEMENT

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy

accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact Chris Straface, Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email cstraface@southplainscollege.edu for assistance.

ELECTRONIC ASSIGNMENTS: This class will involve the use of the Internet and some access to discussion groups, forums, bulletin boards, e-mail programs and/or chat rooms in order to complete the objectives of this class. Topics assigned by the instructor will be relevant to the objectives of this course.

DISCLAIMER: This is to notify you that the materials you may be accessing in chat rooms, bulletin boards or unofficial web pages are not officially sponsored by South Plains College. The United States Constitution rights of free speech apply to all members of our community regardless of the medium used. We disclaim all liability for data, information or opinions expressed in these forums.