



# Grande Prairie Regional College

## School of Business

**Department: Business Administration and Commerce**

### COURSE OUTLINE – Winter - 2006

#### BA 1150 - Introduction to Computers in Business

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**TEXT** Microsoft Office 2003 Volume I (Enhanced Edition), Robert T. Grauer and Maryann Barber, Pearson Prentice Hall, 2006 (Optional)

W. Fletcher – Lecture Notes (Required)

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**COURSE** One 3" Three Ring binder. (Required, exclusively for this

**MATERIALS** course

Three (3) 3 1/2" -- 1.44 Mb floppy diskettes (Required)

One 3 Ring binder diskette holder (Required)

All students must have a Stapler (REQUIRED)

**PREREQUISITE:** Nil.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION** This course is intended to familiarize the student with the use and application of microcomputers in the solving of business problems. Students will be expected to develop a working knowledge of Microsoft Word 2003, Microsoft Excel 2003, and Microsoft PowerPoint 2003.

In this course students will also be introduced to some of the hardware/software terms and concepts commonly associated with Windows XP and used in the field of business micro computing.

**COURSE** In both the private and public sectors, employers expect  
**OUTLINE:** graduates of Business Administration programs to be fully conversant with word processing, presentation software, spreadsheets, databases, WEB PAGES and other microcomputer software products.

In addition, employers expect BA graduates, to understand the many terms and concepts associated with their micro system. For example, employees who regularly use and make decisions regarding microcomputers often must be able to understand (the difference between SIMM's and DIMM's. Terms and expressions such as megahertz, Bytes, Bits, L1 and L2 RAM cache, dot pitch, Kilobyte, Kilobit, ROM BIOS, POST and the list goes on and on are frequently encountered by computer users.

To overcome this "shortcoming" lectures in this course will serve to help reduce some of the mystique associated with computer hardware.

**GRADING:** This course will cover a large volume of material. For some students, this material will be completely new while others will have a background in various aspects of the material presented.

To help ensure that students have a full understanding of ALL the course material presented, and to reduce the problems that are created when students are absent, and at the insistence of a large percentage of the Business Administration student body, please note the following:



Students will be expected to attend class on a regular basis. **Any student having more than six (6) inexcusable absences may not be allowed to write the final exam.**

In addition, unless unpreventably detained, students are expected to be in class "ON TIME".

All assignments must be submitted, on time and in an acceptable format.

All multiple page assignments must be stapled together.

**No paper clips, "dog earring of pages", pins, etc. are allowed.**

**NO final grade will be assigned until all assignments have been submitted.  
and  
NO ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE LAST DAY OF CLASS.**

All assignments must be submitted using the software taught in this course unless otherwise noted.

Assignments with an inordinate number of spelling errors, which display poor grammatical style or which otherwise seem carelessly prepared will be returned significantly penalized or ungraded.

Although, I encourage students' assist each other, all assignments must be individually done.

In the past there have been some problems with students working in collaboration with each other and then submitting identical solutions.  
**YOU ARE EXPECTED TO DO YOUR OWN WORK!**

For those students who have versions of Microsoft Office other than MS Office 2003 loaded onto their home/office computer, you will find that your software is very similar to Microsoft Office 2003, which is the application software used in Lab A307. Much, but not all, of what is discussed in this course will be applicable to other Application Software packages.



Students will find that MS Office 2003 is downward compatible with MS Office 2002 in some cases, but not in all,

However, in order to maintain conformity in grading, all student assignments must conform to MS Office 2003.

Files created using other versions of the MS Office Suite may not run on computers in lab A307.

Please Note: Obviously, with the various versions of MS Office available there could, potentially, be several problems. To get around these problems MS Office 2003 is the only standard which will be acceptable for "hand in" assignments. For assignment submissions that do not meet the Microsoft Office 2003 standard, unfortunately, marks will be docked accordingly.

**Keep Track of your own Grades**

There are a number of assignments in this course and students are forever wondering, as the year continues on, exactly where they stand in the course.

**Article Reviews (10% of course grade)**

Article Review No 1 Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Article Review No 2 Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Marks \_\_\_\_\_

**Mid Term Exam (30% of course grade)**

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Marks \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Assignments (30% of course grade)**

There will be between 9 and 11 class assignments in this course.

Assignment 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment 9 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Marks \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Exam (30% of course grade)**

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Marks \_\_\_\_\_

**Course credit will be determined on the following basis:**

Mid term Exam	30%
Final Exam	30%
Assignments	30%
Two Article Reviews	<u>10% (5% each)</u>
	100%

Conversion of percentages to the Alpha grading system will be as follows:

<u>Percentage</u>		<u>Alpha</u> <u>Grade</u>	<u>4-point</u> <u>Equivalence</u>
90	100%	A+	4.0
85	89%	A	4.0
80	84%	A-	3.7
76	79%	B+	3.3
73	75%	B	3.0
70	72%	B-	2.7
67	69%	C+	2.3
64	66%	C	2.0
60	63%	C-	1.7
55	59%	D+	1.3
50	54%	D	1.0
0	49%	F	0.0 Failure

**"PLEASE REMEMBER, I DO NOT DETERMINE YOUR GRADE,  
I SIMPLY RECORD IT"**

**LECTURE** From time to time I will supply students with a copy of my  
**NOTES** lecture. Because it is awkward to continuously bring  
these notes to class, the notes **will be made available in class**  
**ONLY ONCE, AT TIME OF DISTRIBUTION.**

It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT YOU RECEIVE ANY NOTES  
HANDED OUT IN CLASS.

Should you be absent when they are distributed, please make  
arrangements with a classmate to obtain a copy for you.

If a classmate forgets to pick up a copy for you, **I will place surplus copies**  
**in the mail holder fixed to my office door**, but please do not depend upon  
them always being available.

**When the notes are gone I cannot make additional copies.**