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COURSE SYLLABUS

AND

INSTRUCTOR PLAN

Business Computer Applications

BCIS 1305 B002

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This is a 16-week Online course.

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Course Description:

Teaches computer terminology, hardware, software, operating systems, and information systems relating to the business environment. The focus of this course is on business applications of software, including word processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentation graphics using Microsoft Office, and business-oriented utilization of the Internet.

Required for students taking the Business Field of Study. 3 Semester Hours

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

No prerequisites

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

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This course is focused primarily on student performance in completing assignments. Do not fall behind, as it will be difficult to recover.

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name: Christopher Morris

MCC Email: crmorris@mcLennan.edu

Office Phone Number: (254) 299-8270

Office Location: Business Technology Building (BTB) 106 (**The one with the Ravens Flag**)

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: See Brightspace and Door Schedule

Email Policy:

<https://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>

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All assignments must be uploaded to the course management system to receive a grade. Do not email assignments to the instructor(s) unless directed as assignments emailed to the instructor(s) will not be graded.

All communication from the instructor(s) regarding this course will be through the course management system or university email. You need to check the course management system and your email at least twice each day, once before class and once in the evening.

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General response time for email is 24-48 hours, Monday through Friday. The instructor(s) may or may not answer emails on weekends or holidays.

Required Text & Materials:

Cengage Unlimited, 1 term (4 months), ISBN: 9780357671993 (**All Inclusive**)

Portable Hard Drive or Thumb Drive with a minimum 32 GB capacity

Software: Web Browser, Microsoft Office 2021, or Microsoft Office 365 (desktop version)

Hardware: PC based computer with (Windows 10 preferably) meeting MCC minimum specifications with the ability to use Brightspace, MindTap, and Microsoft Office applications.

*****IMPORTANT: A Mac or Chromebook will not work for the Microsoft assignments in this course.**

MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

Students are expected to have read all assigned readings before coming to class or lab. Student progress will be assessed through exercises, homework, online discussions, projects, group work, or exams.

All submitted assignments must be typed (if applicable), as handwritten work will not be accepted. The exams may include multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, short answer, discussion, and problem-solving questions that focus on concept and application. You are responsible for all material in the required textbook chapters and any additional readings, as well as any information from class lectures, labs, and assignments. All material covered in class or assigned as homework is fair game for inclusion in an exam.

For work done in teams, each team member may be asked to complete an evaluation of their teammates' contribution to the team assignments. If a team member is not contributing sufficiently, their grade for the team assignment may be reduced accordingly.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

During this course, students will:

- Describe the fundamentals of information technology concepts – hardware, software, security, and privacy.
- Demonstrate proper file management techniques to manipulate electronic files and folders in local, network, and online environments.
- Create business documents with word processing software using spelling and grammar check, format and layout, tables, citations, graphics, and mail merge.

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- Create business documents and analyze data with spreadsheet software using (1) tables, sorting, filtering, charts and graphics, pivot tables, macros; (2) statistical, financial, logical and look-up functions and formulas; and add-ins.
- Create business multimedia presentations with presentation software using templates, lists, groups, themes, colors, clip art, pictures, tables, transitions, animation, video, charts, and views.
- Create databases and manage data with database software using tables, fields, relationships, indexes, keys, views, queries, forms, reports, and import/export functions.
- Integrate business software applications.
- Use web-based technologies to conduct ethical business research.

Course Outline or Schedule:

**Subject to Change

Week #	Topic / Assignments
1	Syllabus and Introduction and Group Project Acknowledgement Getting Started with MindTap Introduction to Technology for Success Discussion: Benefits of Technology Word Module 1: Creating and Editing a Document Word Module 2: Navigating and Formatting a Document
2	Concepts Module 1: Impact of Digital Technology Word Module 3: Creating Tables and a Multipage Report Word Module 5: Working with Templates, Themes, and Styles Word Module 6: Using Mail Merge

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3	Concepts Module 3: Computer Hardware Group Project Create Word Document
4	Concepts Module 4: Operating Systems and File Management Concepts Module 5: Software and Apps Excel Module 1: Getting Started with Excel Excel Module 2: Formatting Workbook Text and Data
5	Concepts Module 2: The Web Concepts Module 10: Networking Excel Module 3: Performing Calculations with Formulas and Functions Excel Module 4: Analyzing and Charting Financial Data

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Week #	Topic / Assignments
6	Concepts Module 6: Security and Safety Concepts Module 11: Digital Communication Excel Module 5: Generating Reports from Multiple Worksheets and Workbooks Excel Module 7: Summarizing Data with PivotTables
7	Concepts Module 14: Digital Ethics and Lifestyle Excel Module 8: Performing What-If Analyses Excel Module 9: Exploring Financial Tools and Functions
8	Excel Module 10: Analyzing Data with Business Intelligence Tools Create Excel Spreadsheet
9	Access Module 1: Creating a Database Access Module 2: Building a Database and Defining Table Relationships
10	Access Module 3: Maintaining and Querying a Database Access Module 4: Creating Forms and Reports
11	Access Module 8: Sharing, Integrating, and Analyzing Data
12	PowerPoint Presentations PowerPoint Module 1: Creating a Presentation PowerPoint Module 2: Adding Media and Special Effects Assignment: Creating a PowerPoint Presentation
13	Group Project

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14	Group Project
15	Group Project
16	Group Project Presentations Due

Course Grading Information:

****Final Grades are not rounded; you receive what you earn****

Grade Category	
Introduction	10%
Computer Concepts	20%
Lab Assignments	40%
Project and Presentation	30%

Grading Scale	
90-100	A
80-89.9	B
70-79.9	C
60-69.9	D
0-59.9	F

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

To be counted as attending BEFORE the census date (**09/10/2025**), a student must complete and submit at least ONE assignment. Discussion boards, syllabus quizzes, the first set of homework, etc. are considered to meet the criteria for an assignment. An email to the instructor does NOT count. Logging into Brightspace and accessing content does NOT count. Any student who fails to complete and submit at least one assignment before the census date will be dropped from the course.

Past the census date, students who fail to submit two consecutive modules of work without notification of an excused absence as per MCC policy before the 60% point of the term will be withdrawn from the course. If a student completes any part of a work module, they have “attended” and will not be withdrawn. Suppose a student fails to submit two consecutive modules of work without notification of an excused absence as per MCC policy and the class is past the 60% point of the term. In that case, the instructor will NOT withdraw the student. The student will be assigned the grade earned at the end of the term.

Absences are excused in accordance with MCC policy which includes (1) authorized participation in official College functions, (2) personal illness, (3) an illness or a death in the immediate family, (4)

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Pregnant or Parenting Protections under Title IX and/or Texas State Education Code Chapter 51, Subchapter Z, Section 51.982 or (5) any excused absences as outlined in Section IV of this policy..

<https://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/B-II.pdf>

Students are required to file a written or electronic request with each instructor for an excused absence in a timely manner.

Students will be permitted to make up class work and assignments missed due to absences caused by (1) authorized participation in official College functions, (2) personal illness, or (3) an illness or a death in the immediate family. It is the instructor's prerogative whether a student may make up work missed due to absences for other reasons. It is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor of the reason for an absence and to do so in a timely fashion. Moreover, it is the student's responsibility to keep up with missed material. Finally, due dates will not be modified by absences.

Late Work Policy:

1. **Late Penalty:** Late assignments will incur a 10% reduction in grade for each day they are late.
2. **Maximum Late Submission Time:** Assignments won't be accepted after 7 days past the original due date, unless under exceptional circumstances (see "Exceptions").
3. **Notification:** Students must notify the instructor before the assignment due date if they anticipate a delay in submission.

Make-up Work Policy:

1. **Absentee Policy:** When absent, students must catch up on missed assignments. They have the number of days they were absent plus one to turn in their make-up work.
2. **Planned Absences:** For planned absences, students should inform the instructor at least one week in advance and agree on an assignment completion plan.
3. **Late Penalties for Make-up Work:** Same as the late work policy above.

Exceptions:

1. **Exceptional Circumstances:** Severe illness, family emergencies, or other exceptional circumstances may warrant an extension without penalty, at the instructor's discretion. Documentation may be required.

Procedure for Requesting an Exception or Extension:

1. Students must email the instructor or speak with them in person as soon as possible before the assignment is due, clearly stating the reason for the delay and providing supporting documentation if possible.

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2. The instructor will respond within 48 hours, granting or denying the extension and outlining any revised expectations if applicable.

Instructor's Responsibilities:

1. The instructor will provide a clear assignment schedule at the start of the term and regularly remind students of upcoming due dates.

Student's Responsibilities:

1. Students must manage their time effectively to meet deadlines and are responsible for understanding this policy.

Academic Dishonesty Policy

Academic dishonesty undermines the integrity of the educational process and will not be tolerated. This policy outlines behaviors that constitute academic dishonesty, the procedures for addressing such behaviors, and the penalties that may result. Students are expected to uphold the highest standards of honesty and ethics in all academic work.

Forms of Academic Dishonesty:

1. **Cheating:**
 - Using unauthorized materials or devices during an exam or assignment.
 - Copying or attempting to copy from another student.
 - Submitting work that is not your own.
2. **Plagiarism:**
 - Representing someone else's ideas, words, or work as your own.
 - Failing to properly cite sources.
 - Submitting a purchased or downloaded paper as your own work.
3. **Fabrication:**
 - Falsifying data, research, or references.
 - Inventing information to support academic assignments or projects.
4. **Facilitation:**
 - Helping another student commit academic dishonesty.
 - Sharing answers or allowing another student to copy your work.
5. **Unauthorized Collaboration:**
 - Working with others on assignments without explicit permission from the instructor.
6. **Tampering:**
 - Interfering with or altering the academic work of another student.
 - Tampering with grading or assessment tools.
7. **Misuse of AI Tools:**
 - Using artificial intelligence (AI) tools, such as AI-generated content, without explicit permission from the instructor.
 - Submitting AI-generated work as your own without disclosure.
 - Using AI tools to bypass academic requirements, such as creating essays, solving problems, or generating code, unless explicitly allowed.

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Penalties for Academic Dishonesty:

1. **First Offense:**
 - Written warning from the instructor.
 - Automatic grade of zero on the affected assignment, exam, or project.
 2. **Second Offense:**
 - Failing grade for the course.
 - Notification sent to the department chair or academic advisor.
 3. **Third Offense or Severe Violations:**
 - Immediate removal from the course.
 - Permanent notation of academic dishonesty on the student's record.
 - Potential suspension or expulsion from the institution, depending on severity.
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Procedure for Addressing Academic Dishonesty:

1. **Documentation:**
 - The instructor will document the incident, including any evidence of academic dishonesty.
 2. **Notification:**
 - The student will be notified of the alleged violation and given an opportunity to respond.
 3. **Resolution:**
 - Minor offenses may be resolved between the student and instructor.
 - For serious or repeated offenses, the case may be referred to an academic integrity committee for review.
 4. **Appeals:**
 - Students have the right to appeal any penalties through the institution's official appeals process.
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Acknowledgment: All students are required to read and acknowledge this policy. Failure to comply with these standards will result in the outlined penalties. Let's work together to maintain a culture of academic integrity and excellence.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

Students are expected to maintain classroom decorum that includes respect for other students and the instructor, prompt and regular attendance, and an attitude that seeks to take full advantage of the education opportunity. You are encouraged and expected to ask questions and to interact with the instructor regarding relevant issues. However, personal conversations and "chatter" not related to the

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course will not be tolerated as this practice is very distracting and rude to your fellow students as well as to the instructor.

When meeting via Zoom, participation is greatly encouraged, and clothing is required. Please keep your video on to create more of a presence in the meetings. However, be mindful that you can be seen. If needed, please feel free to stop your video and rejoin with video when you are able. We also ask that you observe Zoom etiquette when in class by turning your mute on when you are not active in the conversation to reduce background noise.

Students are expected to have read assignments completely before class or lab.

Turn off cell phones, pagers, or other mobile communication devices when class or lab starts.

[Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html)

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Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences.

Students are expected to be punctual and attend all scheduled class or lab sessions.

Students are responsible for all class or lab work, assignment due dates, and other information given during any regularly scheduled class or lab periods. Students are also responsible for obtaining assignments, instructions, class notes and any other material that was missed due to tardiness or absence, from other student.

Students who are absent from class or lab for a college excused event may make-up exams, quizzes, and other assignments within one week of the excused absence or as scheduled with the instructor.

Students are expected to arrive to class and/or lab on time and to remain in the classroom for the duration of the class or lab. Leaving and re-entering the room after class or lab has started is distracting both to the students and to the instructor.

Students who have missed 25% of the cumulative scheduled classes for the semester or have been absent for two (2) consecutive weeks, will be dropped from the course. Attendance is determined for online classes by completing an “academic event”, which is defined as submitting an assignment, completing a quiz, or logging into the course management system to read course related material.

Accommodations/ADA Statement:

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student

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and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. Instructors should not provide accommodations unless approved by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit <https://www.mclennan.edu/disability>. Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

- disabilities@mclennan.edu
- 254-299-8122
- Room 319, Student Services Center

Student Support/Resources:

<https://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide>

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at the web address listed above. College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources, we encourage you to contact a success coach by calling

(254) 299-8226. Students can visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. to meet with a success coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) is open 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, without an appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:

<https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html>

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to the above web address to find out more about the emergency grant.

The application can be found here:

https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf

Title IX:

<https://www.mclennan.edu/titleix>

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Vice President for Student Success) at 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC by calling 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students.

Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting the following website: <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>

McLennan's Title IX webpage contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence or domestic violence

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ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

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Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a Federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs and activities that receive Federal funds. We care about your safety and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report a Title IX incident are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling, Dr. Claudette Jackson, (Accommodations/Title IX) at (254) 299-8465.

Additionally, Title IX provides rights and protections for pregnant and newly parenting students which can include educational accommodations such as excused absences

and the opportunity to make up assignments and tests. Lactation spaces are also available on campus. Please email titleix@mclennan.edu for more information.

MCC employees are mandatory reporters and must report incidents immediately to the Title IX Coordinator. Faculty and Staff may email titleix@mclennan.edu to submit a report.

Individuals may also contact the MCC Police Department at (254) 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <https://www.lighthouse-services.com>

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Academic Support and Tutoring is here to help students with all their course-related needs. Specializing in one-on-one tutoring, developing study skills, and effectively writing essays. Academic Support and Tutoring can be found in the Library and main floor of the Learning Commons. This service is available to students in person or through Zoom. You can contact the Academic Support and Tutoring team via Zoom or email (ast@mclennan.edu) by going to our website (<https://www.mclennan.edu/academic-support-and-tutoring/>)

Success Coaching Services is here for you.

We know life can be overwhelming sometimes—and that challenges outside the classroom can impact your success inside it. That's why our Success Coaches provide personalized support to help you navigate it all.

Success Coaching is available to every MCC student, no matter where you're starting from. Whether you're looking for direction, need quick advice, or just want someone to talk to, our coaches are here to listen, celebrate your strengths, and help you move forward with confidence. At Success Coaching Services, your voice is heard, your goals matter, and your future is our focus.

To learn more or schedule an appointment, visit www.mclennan.edu/successcoaching, call 254-299-8226, or email success@mclennan.edu.

College personnel also recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources and other essential resources, we encourage you to contact the CREW - Campus Resources Education Web by calling 254-299-8561 or emailing crew@mclennan.edu.

Success Coaching Services, the CREW, and Paulanne's Pantry are located on the second floor of the Student Services building in Success Coaching Services, suite 249.

The Student Counseling Center offers confidential mental health counseling to currently enrolled students at no charge. Counselors are trained to help students with problems related to personal, social, and emotional concerns. Sessions focus on short-term goals in order to facilitate students college success and adjustment. This service is available to students in person or through Zoom.

Make an appointment to meet with a counselor by visiting the center in the Wellness & Fitness building, room 101, calling 254-299-8210, or emailing counseling@mclennan.edu.

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MCC Academic Integrity Statement:

Please view our [Academic Integrity statement](#) for more information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating. The unauthorized use of artificial intelligence (AI) for classwork can be a violation of the College's General Conduct Policy. Whether AI is authorized in a course and the parameters in which AI can be used in a course will be outlined by each instructor.

Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:

For online and blended/hybrid courses, students must have access to a reliable computer and internet. For more information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system go to: <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty-and-StaffCommons/requirements.html>

Minimum Technical Skills:

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be notified via your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

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Instructional Uses of Email:

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication

method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with their students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

Email on Mobile Devices:

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email Helpdesk@mclennan.edu for help.

You can find help on the McLennan website about connecting your McLennan email account to your mobile device:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and iPads](#)
- [Email Setup for Androids](#)

Forwarding Emails:

You may forward emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

For more helpful information about technology at MCC, go to [MCC's Tech Support](#) or email helpdesk@mclennan.edu.

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