San Bernardino Valley College

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I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

A. Department Information:

Division: Business & Information Technology

Department: Business Administration

Course ID: BUSAD 100

Course Title: Introduction to Business

Units: 3
Lecture: 3 hours
Laboratory: None
Prerequisite: None

B. Catalog Description:

For business majors and non-business majors who desire some knowledge of the fundamentals of business. Includes the basic vocabulary of business terms and a review of the structure, organization, and operating procedures of business enterprises.

Schedule Description:

Examines the fundamentals of business including the basic vocabulary of business terms, organization, and operating procedures of business enterprises.

II. NUMBER OF TIMES COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR CREDIT: One

III. EXPECTED OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS:

Upon successful completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- A. examine the functions and organization of business.
- B. apply the concepts and principles pertinent to the field of business.
- C. evaluate differences of business settings among varied industries.
- D. examine theories which are relevant and useful to successful business practices.
- E. examine trends affecting business practices today.

IV. CONTENT:

- A. Understanding Trends in Business
 - 1. Worldwide Economic Systems
 - 2. Economic Issues Affecting Business
 - 3. Types of Business Organizations
 - 4. Cultural Diversity
 - 5. Entrepreneurship and Franchising
 - 6. Starting a Small Business
 - 7. E-Business/E-Commerce
- B. Marketing Principles
 - 1. Product (Product Life Cycle)
 - 2. Pricing
 - 3. Distribution/Placement
 - 4. Promotion
 - 5. Marketing Research
 - 6. Segmentation/Differentiation/Target Market
 - 7. S.W.O.T Analysis
- C. Management/Leadership
 - 1. Organization(s) of Business
 - 2. Product Management
 - 3. Managing Information
 - 4. Motivation of Employees
 - 5. Managing Human Resources

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- 6. Management Styles (Theory X, Theory Y, TQM, etc.)
- D. Using Financial Information & Accounting Principles
 - 1. Financial Management
 - 2. Stocks and Bonds
 - 3. Financial Institution
- E. Examining Ethics
 - 1. Legal Environment
 - 2. Code of Ethics
 - 3. Social Responsibility

V. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

- A. Lecture
- B. Discussion
- C. Guest speakers
- D. Audio-visual

VI. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

- A. Reading:
 - Economic Issues pertaining to the developments, changes, and trends in the field.
- B. Writing, Performance:
 - 2. Current Article Review summary, personal insight & thought articulation.

VII. EVALUATION:

- A. Methods of Evaluation:
 - 1. Examinations: True/False, Multiple Choice and Short Answer
 - Typical Short Answer: What are the 5 steps for organizing a business?
 - b. Typical True/False: The primary reason for small business failure is mismanagement resulting from lack of business know-how.
 - 1. Class Participation
 - 2. Current Article Reviews
 - 3. Case Study/S.W.O.T Analysis
- B. Frequency of Evaluation
 - 1. 5 Quizzes
 - 2 5 Current Article Reviews
 - 3. 1 Final Examination S.W.O.T. Analysis of Case/Product/Company

VIII. TYPICAL TEXTS:

Pride, William M. and Hughes, Robert J. and Kapoor, Jack R. <u>Business</u>, Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin, 2002.

Boone, Louis and Kurtz, David L. <u>Contemporary Business 2003</u>, Cincinnati, OH: Thomson South-Western, 2003.

Gitman, Lawrence J. and McDaniel, Carl. <u>The Future of Business</u>, Cincinnati, OH: Thomson South-Western, 2003

Fry, Fred L. and Stoner, Charles R. and Hattwick, Richard E. <u>Business</u>, Columbus, OH: McGraw Hill Irwin, 2003

IX. OTHER SUPPLIES REQUIRED OF STUDENTS: None