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**Computer Appl. for Business I (BCO108)**

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**Northern College****Course Number:**

IN1163

**Applicable Program(s):**

Multiple Programs

**AAL:**

Multiple Levels

**Core/Elective:**

Multiple Core/Elective

**Approved by:**

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Wednesday, August 29, 2018

**Approved for Academic Year:**

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**Normative Hours:**

45.00

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**Course Description**

In this course, students will have exposure to a comprehensive windows-based financial spreadsheet package to enhance their problem solving abilities. The package used will be Microsoft Excel for Windows. The student will use this as a tool to prepare various reports and presentations and applications which can be transferred in work commonly performed in the modern office. Students will gain hands on experience in learning and understanding the software, as well as creating and developing spreadsheet applications. Students will develop and enhance spreadsheets, charts, data lists, tables, macros and perform what-if analysis.

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**Course Learning Requirements**

When you have earned credit for this course, you will have demonstrated the ability to:

- 1.) Perform fundamental tasks involving the operation of a spreadsheet package, recognizing that many of the same functions are found as in other spreadsheet productions.
- 2.) Formatting an Excel Worksheet.
- 3.) Working with Formulas and Functions.
- 4.) Create and enhance the representation of financial information with an Excel chart.
- 5.) Organize data to provide better financial information to interested users within the organization.
- 6.) Managing Multiple Worksheets and Workbooks.
- 7.) Developing an Excel Application.
- 8.) Using Advanced Functions and Conditional Formatting.
- 9.) Working with Financial Tools and Functions.
- 10.) Performing What-If Analysis.

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**Relationship to Essential Employability Skills**

This course contributes to your program by helping you achieve the following Essential Employability Skills:

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| EES 1 | Communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, spoken and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience. (T, A,) |
| EES 2 | Respond to written, spoken or visual messages in a manner that ensures effective communication. (T, A,)  |
| EES 3 | Execute mathematical operations accurately. (T, A,)  |
| EES 4 | Apply a systematic approach to solve problems. (T, A,)   |
| EES 5 | Use a variety of thinking skills to anticipate and solve problems. (T, A,)   |

- EES 6 Locate, select, organize and document information using appropriate technology and information systems. (T, A,)
- EES 7 Analyze, evaluate and apply relevant information from a variety of sources. (T, A,)
- EES 10 Manage the use of time and other resources to complete projects. (T, A,)
- EES 11 Take responsibility for one's own actions, decisions and consequences. (T, A,)

### Relationship to Vocational Learning Outcomes

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This course contributes to your program by helping you achieve the following Vocational Learning Outcomes:

#### Business Fundamentals

- VLO 3 use current technologies to support an organization's business initiatives (T, A,)
- VLO 4 apply basic research skills to support business decision making (T, A,)
- VLO 5 perform basic accounting procedures and financial calculations to support the operations of an organization (T, A,)

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## Learning Resources

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### ***New Perspectives Microsoft Excel Comprehensive***

Cengage Learning by Parsons, Oja, Ageloff

**Memory Stick** (flash drive) 4GB or greater

## Evaluation/Earning Credit

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The following list of Evaluations/Earning Credits (EC) provides evidence of this course's learning achievements and the outcomes they validate:

### **EC 1 Assignments 40%**

Validates Outcomes: EES 1, EES 2, EES 3, EES 4, EES 5, EES 6, EES 7, EES 10, EES 11

**B287** : VLO 3, VLO 4, VLO 5

**B287W** : VLO 3, VLO 4, VLO 5

**B288** : VLO 3, VLO 4, VLO 5

**B289** : VLO 3, VLO 4, VLO 5

**B292** : VLO 3, VLO 4, VLO 5

**B292W** : VLO 3, VLO 4, VLO 5

**B294** : VLO 3, VLO 4, VLO 5

### **EC 2 Tests, Quizzes and Examinations 60%**

Validates Outcomes: EES 1, EES 2, EES 3, EES 4, EES 5, EES 6, EES 7, EES 10, EES 11

**B287** : VLO 3, VLO 4, VLO 5

**B287W** : VLO 3, VLO 4, VLO 5

**B288** : VLO 3, VLO 4, VLO 5

**B289** : VLO 3, VLO 4, VLO 5

**B292** : VLO 3, VLO 4, VLO 5

**B292W** : VLO 3, VLO 4, VLO 5

**B294** : VLO 3, VLO 4, VLO 5

## Grade Scheme

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### **COLLEGE GRADING NUMERICAL EQUIVALENT TABLE**

Final Grade

Mark Equivalent

Final Grade

Mark Equivalent

A	80% - 100%	B	70% - 79.9%
C	60% - 69.9%	D	50% - 59.9%
F	Less than 50%		

## Northern College Statements

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### Department Related Information

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Students who, for extenuating circumstances, (e.g. hospitalization, death in the family) are unable to meet assignment deadlines, must submit to the course professor, prior to the day of the deadline, a written request for an extension. Students who, for extenuating circumstances are unable to attend a scheduled test, must contact the course professor, the day of the test and request permission to write the test the day he/she returns to school.

Requests will be evaluated considering individual circumstances and approval is not guaranteed in all cases.

Scheduled tests and/or assignments will be returned to students within 10 working days. Students who are absent when these are returned will be responsible for seeing the professor to pick up the test/assignment. Any document not picked up by the student, from the professor, by the last day of classes, will be discarded. No student may pick up another student's work.

### College Related Information

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#### Course Outlines

Students are advised to retain course outlines in support of applications for employment or transfer credit. It is also recommended that students not write on the course outline; as a formal document, it may not be considered valid by another institution if it has been altered.

A charge of \$12.00 shall be applied to students requesting a course outline for a course in which they are not currently enrolled.

#### Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

This course may be eligible for PLAR. Refer to the Student Handbook, Academic Calendar and Departmental Policies. (e.g. The Bachelor of Science Nursing program does not recognize PLAR credits.)

### Course Content

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Described below is the Course Content described in high level for this Course. This includes Modules which contain

Units involved in this Course.

## **Module 1: Introduction to Excel**

Perform fundamental tasks involving the operation of a spreadsheet package, recognizing that many of the same functions are found as in other spreadsheet productions.

### **Unit 1: Introduction to Spreadsheets**

#### ***Learning Resources:***

Text

#### ***Knowledge and Skills Taught:***

- Explain the use of spreadsheets and Excel
- Identify the parts of the Excel window
- Scroll through a worksheet and navigate between worksheets
- Create and save a workbook file
- Enter text, numbers, and dates into a worksheet
- Resize, insert, and remove columns and rows
- Select and move cell ranges
- Insert formulas and functions
- Insert, delete, move, and rename worksheets
- Create patterned text with Flash Fill
- Work with editing tools
- Preview and print a workbook

#### ***Vocational Learning Outcomes addressed by the Unit:***

- B287 - VLO 3, 4, 5
- B287W - VLO 3, 4, 5
- B288 - VLO 3, 4, 5
- B289 - VLO 3, 4, 5
- B292 - VLO 3, 4, 5
- B292W - VLO 3, 4, 5
- B294 - VLO 3, 4, 5

#### ***Essential Employability Skills addressed by the Unit:***

EES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11

#### ***Evaluations addressed by the Unit:***

EC 1, 2

### **Unit 2: Formatting an Excel Worksheet**

#### ***Learning Resources:***

Text

#### ***Knowledge and Skills Taught:***

- Format text, numbers, and dates
- Change font colors and fill colors

Add fill colours and background images  
Create formulas to add, subtract, and divide values  
Add number formats  
Align, indent, and rotate cell contents  
Merge a range into a single cell  
Copy and paste functions  
Apply a built-in cell style  
Change the theme of a workbook  
Create formulas to add and subtract values  
Apply a built-in table style and select table style options  
Highlight cells with conditional formats  
Copy and paste formats with the Format Painter  
Hide worksheet rows  
Define the print area, insert page breaks, and add print titles  
Enter headers and footers  
Select page margins

***Vocational Learning Outcomes addressed by the Unit:***

B287 - VLO 3, 4, 5

B287W - VLO 3, 4, 5

B288 - VLO 3, 4, 5

B289 - VLO 3, 4, 5

B292 - VLO 3, 4, 5

B292W - VLO 3, 4, 5

B294 - VLO 3, 4, 5

***Essential Employability Skills addressed by the Unit:***

EES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11

***Evaluations addressed by the Unit:***

EC 1, 2

**Unit 3: Working with Formulas and Functions**

***Learning Resources:***

Text

***Knowledge and Skills Taught:***

Copy formulas  
Build formulas containing relative, absolute and mixed references  
Review function syntax  
Enter formulas and functions with the Quick Analysis Tool  
Insert a function with the Insert Function dialogue box  
Interpret error values  
Search for a function  
Type a function directly in a cell

Use Autofill to fill in a formula and complete a series  
Use the TODAY,WORKDAY,COUNT,COUNTA functions  
Enter the IF logical function  
Perform an exact match lookup with the VLOOKUP function  
Perform what-if analysis using trial and error and then Goal Seek

***Vocational Learning Outcomes addressed by the Unit:***

B287 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B287W - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B288 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B289 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B292 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B292W - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B294 - VLO 3, 4, 5

***Essential Employability Skills addressed by the Unit:***

EES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11

***Evaluations addressed by the Unit:***

EC 1, 2

**Module 2: Working with Excel**

Create and enhance the representation of financial information with an Excel chart.

**Unit 1: Creating and Enhancing a Spreadsheet**

***Learning Resources:***

Text

***Knowledge and Skills Taught:***

Use the PMT financial function to calculate monthly mortgage payments  
Create an embedded chart  
Create and format a pie chart  
Work with chart titles and legends  
Create and format a column chart  
Create and format a line chart  
Modify a chart data source  
Create and format a combined chart  
Create a 3D chart  
Create and format sparklines and data bars  
Create a chart sheet  
Insert a watermark

***Vocational Learning Outcomes addressed by the Unit:***

B287 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B287W - VLO 3, 4, 5

B288 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B289 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B292 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B292W - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B294 - VLO 3, 4, 5

***Essential Employability Skills addressed by the Unit:***

EES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11

***Evaluations addressed by the Unit:***

EC 1, 2

**Unit 2: Organizing Data in Excel**

***Learning Resources:***

Text

***Knowledge and Skills Taught:***

- Explore a structured range of data
- Freeze rows and columns
- Plan and create an Excel table
- Rename and format an Excel table
- Add, edit, and delete records in an Excel table
- Sort data
- Filter data
- Insert a Total row to summarize an Excel table
- Split a worksheet into two panes
- Insert subtotals into a range of data
- Use the Outlines buttons to show and hide details
- Create and modify a Pivot Table
- Apply Pivot Table styles and formatting
- Filter and sort a Pivot Table
- Insert a slicer to filter a Pivot Table
- Group Pivot Table items
- Create a Pivot Chart

***Vocational Learning Outcomes addressed by the Unit:***

B287 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B287W - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B288 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B289 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B292 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B292W - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B294 - VLO 3, 4, 5

***Essential Employability Skills addressed by the Unit:***

EES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11

***Evaluations addressed by the Unit:***



### **Module 3: Managing Worksheets, Applications and Advanced Functions of Excel**

Managing Multiple Worksheets and Workbooks, Developing an Excel Application, and Working with Advanced Functions and Analysis using Excel.

#### **Unit 1: Managing Multiple Worksheets and Workbooks**

##### ***Learning Resources:***

Text

##### ***Knowledge and Skills Taught:***

- Create a worksheet group
- Format and edit multiple worksheets at once
- Create cell references to other worksheets
- Consolidate information from multiple worksheets using 3D references
- Create and print a worksheet group
- Create a link to data in another workbook
- Create a workbook reference
- Learn how to edit links
- Create and use an excel workspace
- Insert a hyperlink in a cell
- Create a sample template

##### ***Vocational Learning Outcomes addressed by the Unit:***

B287 - VLO 3, 4, 5

B287W - VLO 3, 4, 5

B288 - VLO 3, 4, 5

B289 - VLO 3, 4, 5

B292 - VLO 3, 4, 5

B292W - VLO 3, 4, 5

B294 - VLO 3, 4, 5

##### ***Essential Employability Skills addressed by the Unit:***

EES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11

##### ***Evaluations addressed by the Unit:***

EC 1, 2

#### **Unit 2: Developing an Excel Application**

##### ***Learning Resources:***

Text

##### ***Knowledge and Skills Taught:***

- Create an application
- Create, edit, and delete defined names for cells and ranges

Paste a list of defined names for documentation  
Use defined names in formulas  
Add defined names in existing formulas  
Create validation rules for data entry  
Protect the contents of worksheets and workbooks  
Add, edit, and delete comments  
Learn about macro viruses and Excel security features  
Add the Developer tab to the Ribbon  
Create and run a macro  
Assign a macro to a keyboard shortcut and a button  
Save and open a workbook in macro-enabled format  
Minimize the Ribbon

***Vocational Learning Outcomes addressed by the Unit:***

B287 - VLO 3, 4, 5

B287W - VLO 3, 4, 5

B288 - VLO 3, 4, 5

B289 - VLO 3, 4, 5

B292 - VLO 3, 4, 5

B292W - VLO 3, 4, 5

B294 - VLO 3, 4, 5

***Essential Employability Skills addressed by the Unit:***

EES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11

***Evaluations addressed by the Unit:***

EC 1, 2

**Unit 3: Using Advanced Functions and Conditional Formatting**

***Learning Resources:***

Text

***Knowledge and Skills Taught:***

Use the IF function for single and nested conditions

Use the AND function

Use the OR function

Use structured references in formulas

Use the VLOOKUP function

Review the HLOOKUP function

Check for duplicate values using conditional formatting

Use the IFERROR function

Use the conditional formatting to highlight duplicate values

Summarize data using the COUNTIF, SUMIF, and AVERAGEIF functions

***Vocational Learning Outcomes addressed by the Unit:***

B287 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B287W - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B288 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B289 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B292 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B292W - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B294 - VLO 3, 4, 5

***Essential Employability Skills addressed by the Unit:***

EES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11

***Evaluations addressed by the Unit:***

EC 1, 2

**Unit 4: Working with Financial Tools and Functions**

***Learning Resources:***

Text

***Knowledge and Skills Taught:***

- Use the PV,FV,PMT and NPER functions
- Work with financial functions to analyze loans and investments
- Create an amortization schedule
- Calculate a conditional sum
- Interpolate and extrapolate a series of values
- Calculate a depreciation schedule
- Determine a payback period
- Calculate a net present value
- Calculate an internal rate of return
- Trace a formula error to its source

***Vocational Learning Outcomes addressed by the Unit:***

B287 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B287W - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B288 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B289 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B292 - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B292W - VLO 3, 4, 5  
B294 - VLO 3, 4, 5

***Essential Employability Skills addressed by the Unit:***

EES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11

***Evaluations addressed by the Unit:***

EC 1, 2

**Unit 5: Performing What-If Analysis**

**Learning Resources:**

Text

**Knowledge and Skills Taught:**

- Explore the principles of cost-volume-profit relationships
- Perform a basic what-if analysis
- Use goal seek to calculate a solution
- Create a one-variable data table
- Create a two-variable data table

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**Evaluations addressed by the Unit:**

- EC 1, 2

## Legend

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### Terms

- ALO: Aboriginal Learning Outcome
- Apprenticeship LO: Apprenticeship Learning Outcome
- CLR: Course Learning Requirement
- DPLO: Degree Program Learning Outcome
- EC: Earning Credit
- EES: Essential Employability Skill
- EOP: Element of Performance
- GELO: General Education Learning Outcome
- LO: Learning Outcome
- PC: Program Competency
- PLA: Prior Learning Assessment
- PLAR: Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition
- VLO: Vocational Learning Outcome

### Assessment Levels

- T: Taught
- A: Assessed