

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

COURSE OUTLINE – Spring 2024

BA1050 (A4): Business Mathematics – 3 (3-0-1) UT 60 Hours for 15 Weeks

Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: This course emphasizes a range of mathematical calculations used in business. Students will be introduced to simple interest, compound interest, annuities, amortization and sinking funds. Practical applications will be emphasized in the course.

PREREQUISITES: Math 20-1 or 20-2 with 60% or Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 with 50%.

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS: Business Mathematics in Canada, Tenth Edition (2020). McGraw-Hill Ryerson. Jerome and Worswick.

All students must have access to Connect. You must have an access code in order to gain access to the online resources. McGraw-Hill Connect™ is a web-based assignment and assessment platform that gives students the means to better connect with their coursework, and with the important concepts that they will need to know for success now and in the future. If you have purchased a used book, you will have to purchase an access code separately. Instructions to do this are available in the Registration Module.

Sharp EL - 738 Calculator

DELIVERY MODE: On-campus (face-to-face)

This type of course will be delivered on campus in a specific location which will be indicated on the student timetable. Students are expected to fully attend in person.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:**Simple Interest**

- The student will be able to explain the concept of simple interest.
- The student will be able to calculate the amount of interest, principal, time, interest rate, and maturity value of investments and loans.
- The student will be able to calculate equivalent payments that replace another payment or a series of payments.
- The student will be able to explain the use of simple interest in business applications such as demand loans, promissory notes, treasury bills, commercial papers, and discounting.

Compound Interest

- The student will be able to explain the concept of compound interest and how it differs from simple interest.
- The student will be able to calculate the future value and present value of investments and loans in compound interest applications using both algebraic and financial calculator methods.
- The student will be able to calculate equivalent payments that replace another payment or a set of payments.
- The student will be able to calculate the effective and equivalent interest rates for nominal interest rates.

Annuities

- The student will be able to identify annuities based on a payment date and compounding period.
- The student will be able to calculate the future value and present value of ordinary simple annuities.
- The student will be able to calculate the future value and present value of ordinary general annuities.
- The student will be able to calculate the future value and present value of simple annuities due and general annuities due.
- The student will be able to calculate the amount of the periodic payments (PMT), the number of payments (n), term (t), periodic interest rate (i), and nominal interest rate (j) of an annuity.
- The student will be able to calculate the present value, number of payments, term, and periodic payment of a deferred annuity.
- The student will be able to explain the concept of amortization of loans.
- The student will be able to calculate the interest portion, principal portion, and principal balance after any payment.
- The student will be able to explain and will understand bond terminology.
- The student will be able to calculate the purchase price of a bond on an interest payment date.
- The student will be able to calculate the purchase price of a bond between interest payment dates.

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferalberta.alberta.ca>.

** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. **Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability**

EVALUATIONS:

Smart Book (SB) Lessons	5%
CONNECT Quizzes (9@ 2% each)	18%
Mid-Term Exam	25%
Annuities Exam	17%
Final Exam (cumulative)	35%

In order to receive credit for BA 1050, **you must achieve 50 percent on the final examination, and a course composite grade of at least D (50%)**. You are strongly encouraged to complete all assignments and exams—you will receive a zero (0) for any missed assignment or exam. The weighting of each assessment activity is indicated in the chart above

Evaluation Policies:

SB Lessons

- Each section covered in the text (for example, section 8.1), will have an associated SB lesson that the students must complete. These lessons are interactive and completion of all lessons within the stipulated pre-set due dates will have a total weighting of 5% of the student's final grade.
- Completion marks on lessons are always recorded on the dashboard and visible for students. In order to obtain the completion marks for the online lessons, the student must complete the lesson before the expiration of the pre-set due date.
- Interactive scenes in the Lessons (within the pre-set due date) are locked for students to attempt correctly. Students will need to work through them and answer questions correctly to unlock them. Once a lesson is unlocked, they can freely go back and forth for practice.

CONNECT Quizzes

- There will 9 quizzes dispersed throughout the semester (see schedule for dates). The student will be allowed 2 attempts at each quiz. Each quiz will be worth 2% of the student's final grade, regardless of the length of the quiz, for a total of 18% (9 x 2%) of the student's final grade.
- The quizzes will be marked immediately, and the student will receive their grade immediately.
- The highest grade on any lab attempt is recorded on the dashboard.
- All quizzes must be completed before the expiration of the pre-set due date, or the student will receive a mark of zero (0) for any missed labs.
- Once the quiz has been started, you must complete the entire quiz within the 60-minute time limit. Logging off or losing the internet connection during the quiz will result in a grade based only on

the proportion of the exam that has been completed. It is imperative that the student has a reliable internet connection when attempting an exam.

- The student will be given a maximum of two attempts at each chapter quiz.

Exams

- Two exams will be given throughout the semester (See schedule for dates). They include:

Mid-Term Exam	25%
Annuities Exam	17%

Final Exam

- 2 hours will be given for the final exam to be written.
- The final exam will be cumulative and will account for 35% of the final grade.
- The final exam will be scheduled by the Registrar’s Office during exam week(s). Do not plan any activities during this time.
- Approved calculators and approved translation devices are the only electronic devices allowed during the final examination. No programmable calculators will be allowed. Textbooks or notes will not be allowed in the examination area. Cell phone calculators may not be used in examinations.
- In order to receive credit for BA 1050, **you must achieve 50 percent on the final examination, and a course composite grade of at least D (50%)**. You are strongly encouraged to complete all assignments and exams—you will receive a zero (0) for any missed assignment or exam. The weighting of each assessment activity is indicated in the chart above.

Lesson, Lab, Exam and Classroom Policies

- Lessons, quizzes and exams will be written as scheduled.
- Rewrites/rescheduled exams will not be given. If there is an excusable absence, the weighting of the missed exam will be added to the final exam weighting. If the absence is not excusable, a grade of 0% will be given.
- In order to get the most out of class regular attendance and active participation is encouraged.
- The student is responsible for any missed content due to missing a class (excused or unexcused).
- Photographing and/or recording course content is strictly prohibited.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	95-100	C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-94	C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84	C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79	D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76	D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72	F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Date	Content	*Lessons/Sections	Quizzes	Exams
Week of May 6	Introduction Chapter 7	7.1, 7.2, 7.3		
Week of May 13		7.4, 7.5, 7.6	Chapter 7 Quiz	
May 20	Holiday – No classes			
Week of May 22	Chapter 8	8.1, 8.2		
Week of May 27		8.3, 8.4, 8.5	Chapter 8 Quiz	
Week of June 3	Chapter 9	9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4		
Week of June 10		9.5, 9.6	Chapter 9 Quiz	
Week of June 17	Chapter 10	10.1, 10.2, 10.3		
Week of June 24		10.4 & 11.1	Chapter 10 Quiz	
June 26				Mid-Term Exam
Week of July 1 - 5	BREAK – No Classes			
Week of July 8		11.2, 11.3, 11.4	Chapter 11 Quiz	
Date	Content	*Lessons/Sections	Quizzes	Exams
Week of July 15	Chapter 12	12.1, 12.2, 12.3,	Chapter 12 Quiz	
Week of July 22	Chapter 13	13.1, 13.2, 13.3		
July 24			Chapter 13 Quiz	
July 26				Annuities Exam
Week of July 29	Chapter 15	15.1, 15.2, 15.3	Chapter 15 Quiz	
Aug 5	Holiday – No Classes			
Week of Aug 7	Chapter 16	16.1, 16.2		

Week of Aug 12		16.3	Chapter 16 Quiz	
Aug 16-20	All Sections		Scheduled by the Registrar's Office	Final Exam

Please note that answers to the odd numbered questions are in the back of the textbook. Full solutions to the odd numbered questions are available in your online resources. Answers to the even numbered questions will not be provided.

Final examinations will be scheduled by the registrar's office during the Final Exam Week of August 16-20, 2024. Do not plan any activities during examination week.

The above schedule may be revised at the discretion of the instructor based on class requirements.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Registered students are expected to abide by the rules and regulations of NWP. It is the student's responsibility to be fully acquainted with and adhere to NWP's policies, procedures or rules; see <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/> and <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/fetch.php?ID=69>

STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

Academic Misconduct will not be tolerated. For a more precise definition of academic misconduct and its consequences, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy available at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>.

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes, arrive on time, and remain for the duration of the scheduled class. Students may be refused permission to write the final examination on the advice of the instructor. This usually happens when absences are more than six absences, *or* if significant assessments like assignments, quizzes, tests, and/or exam(s) are not completed; see Examination Policy and Debarred from Examinations; <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/fetch.php?ID=37>.

Time Management

The expectation for this course is that students read/review the course material before class. Adopting and adhering to effective learning habits in this course will likely take up a great deal of time so plan your schedule accordingly. See **Course Schedule/Tentative Timeline** section above.

Course materials and announcements will be available on myClass, Connect, and NWP Webmail. Students are responsible for checking all websites regularly.

Cell Phones, Recording and Photos

The use of cell phones during class time is unprofessional and distracting to the instructor as well as fellow students. Cell phones must be turned off or set to silent and placed out of sight during class time.

Recording lectures or taking photos in class is prohibited unless advance permission is obtained from the instructor and any guest presenter(s). In the event permission is granted, such recordings may only be used for individual study, and may not be reproduced, transferred, distributed, or displayed in any public manner. Any images taken without instructor consent will need to be deleted immediately.

Email:

Students may contact the instructor by email or phone. Emails will be answered within two business days. Email correspondence to your instructor must be sent from your NWP student email account and must identify the course name and section in the subject line. Phone availability is subject to the instructor being in the office at the time of the call.

Study Skills Hub

Adopting and adhering to effective learning habits in this course will likely take up a great deal of time so plan your schedule accordingly.

The NWP Study Skills Hub will help you develop the skills you need to succeed in your program and cope with the demands of higher education. Click on the following link for free access:

<https://libguides.nwpolytech.ca/learningportal/studyskills>