

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

COURSE OUTLINE – SPRING/SUMMER 2024

OA1090 (EC): EMERGING OFFICE TECHNOLOGIES – 3 (6-0-3.5) 67.5 Hours for 7 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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OFFICE HOURS: APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE VIA EMAIL

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course provides opportunities to explore emerging technologies. Emphasis is placed on identifying, researching, and presenting current technological topics for class consideration and discussion. Upon completion, students will be able to understand the importance of keeping abreast of technological changes that affect the office professional.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:

N/A

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Fehl, A. 2020. Your Digital Foundation, 2nd Edition: Labyrinth Learning. Danville, California.

(available in either Print or digital formats – either is fine but ensure it includes eLab)

DELIVERY MODE(S):

Online - This type of course will be offered entirely online using Northwestern Polytechnic's learning management system: MyClass (D2L). There are no set class times and students attend remotely and asynchronously.

This is a paced online course, meaning there are weekly requirements that must be met.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- determine and practice the qualities and behaviors necessary in self-management
- describe the individual qualities and skills necessary for success in the modern office
- investigate hybrid collaboration
- explore emerging technology that can improve on capabilities needed to compete in a digital economy
- explore top File Management Software (FMS)
- construct and refine search phrases and locate free media without violating copyright
- devise back up plans
- identify and evaluate automated back-up and cloud services
- identify and describe different types of networks and networking software
- understand how to optimize front desk efficiency using reception automation
- identify the advantages and disadvantages of working remotely
- describe an effective workspace for a virtual assistant or teleworker
- investigate Travel Management Systems
- identify and evaluate accounting tools available to automate everyday financial tasks
- identify and evaluate Visitor Management Systems (VMS) to improve efficiency and increase flexibility for front office staff
- describe how Customer Relationship Management automation (CRM) is useful in managing interactions with clients and allows for customized communications.
- research and present an implementation strategy for office technology

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:

Professionalism:	10%
Exercises & Assignments:	20%
Quizzes & Tests:	20%
Technology Presentations (2):	20%
Final Project:	30%

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

Week	Topic
1	Welcome/Textbooks/Course Outline & Digital Transformation of the Office Ch 1 & 2 Hardware and Software Essentials
2	Remote Working Technology; Zoom and Adobe Acrobat Organizing Information: Files & Folder Management
3	File Management Systems: First Technology Presentation Networking and the Internet
4	Organizing Information & The Cloud; Final Project Milestone 1 and 2 Report Reception Automation: VMS and CRM
5	Accounting Automation: Invoicing Apps Remote Working Technology; Teams and SharePoint
6	The Internet of Things and Employee Monitoring Software; Second Technology Presentation Final Project preparation
7	Final Project Submission

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Email: Email is the preferred option to communicate with your instructor. Email correspondence to your instructor must be sent from your NWP student email account. Emails should be professionally formatted and include a subject, salutation, correct spelling and grammar, and a reference to course material and/or textbook pages, etc. Emails that do not adhere to this format may not be responded to.

Testing And Exam Policies: All quizzes will be written as scheduled. No rewrites will be given. If there is an excusable absence, an exemption will be given for that quiz. If the absence is not excusable, a grade of 0% will be given. There is no final exam in this course.

The final project will be due as scheduled by the Registrar's Office during final exam week.

Due Dates: Work must be submitted to MyClass and/or the instructor by the due date and time given. No lates will be accepted.

NWP Policies: To read, understand and comply with NWP policies.

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available here:
<https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>

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>.

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