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Course : BUSN235
Title : Personal Finance

Length of Course : 8
Faculty :

Prerequisites : N/A
Credit Hours : 3

Course Description:

This course addresses the fundamentals of personal finance. Students will develop an understanding of the financial world and how it directly affects their life on a day-to-day basis as well as planning for their long term fiscal security. Topics include money management, consumer credit, home financing, insurance, and investing.

Course Scope:

BUSN235, Personal Finance covers the fundamental elements of personal financial management. Key concepts will include determining the best steps goal setting with regards to personal wealth management, credit management, insurance purchases, and basic investing concepts.

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

- CO1: Identify social and economic influences on personal financial goals and decisions.
- CO2: Develop a personal budget using the main components of wise money management.
- CO3: Analyze advantages and disadvantages of using consumer credit.
- CO4: Identify costs associated with purchasing major purchases and/or buying and selling a home.
- CO5: Assess the insurance coverage and policy types available to homeowners and renters.
- CO6: Discuss the factors affecting the choice of investments.

Week 1:

Topic

Personal Financial Planning

Chapter 1-2

Course Objectives

CO1: Identify social and economic influences on personal financial goals and decisions.

CO2: Develop a personal budget using the main components of wise money management.

Learning Materials

Personal Financial Planning

Chapter 1-2

Activities & Assessments

Introduction Post

Week 1 Forum

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Week 2:

Topic

Financial Planning Tools

Course Objectives

CO2: Develop a personal budget using the main components of wise money management.

Learning Materials

Financial Planning Tools

Chapters 3-5

Activities & Assessments

Discussion Forum

Week #2 Assignment (Navigate to the Assignments via the link at the left)

Week 3:

Topic

Taxes and Using Credit

Course Objectives

CO2: Develop a personal budget using the main components of wise money management.

CO3: Analyze advantages and disadvantages of using consumer credit.

Learning Materials

Taxes and Using Credit

Chapters 6-7

Activities & Assessments

Discussion Forum

Week #3 Assignment (Navigate to the Assignments via the link at the left)

Week 4:

Topic

Major Purchases & Home Ownership

Course Objectives

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CO4: Identify costs associated with purchasing major purchases and/or buying and selling a home.

Learning Materials

Major Purchases & Home Ownership

Chapter 8-9

Activities & Assessments

Discussion Forum

Week #4 Assignment (Navigate to the Assignments via the link at the left)

Week 5:

Topic

Purchasing Insurance & Estate Planning

Course Objectives

CO5: Assess the insurance coverage and policy types available to homeowners and renters.

Learning Materials

Purchasing Insurance & Estate Planning

Chapters 10 & 11

Activities & Assessments

Discussion Forum

Week #5 Assignment (Navigate to the Assignments via the link at the left)

Week 6:

Topic

Basics of Investing

Course Objectives

CO6: Discuss the factors affecting the choice of investments.

Learning Materials

Basics of Investing

Chapters 12-14

Activities & Assessments

Discussion Forum

Weeks #6, 7, & 8 Assignment - Final Project (Navigate to the Assignments via the link at the left)

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Week 7:

Topic

Owning Investments

Course Objectives

CO6: Discuss the factors affecting the choice of investments

Learning Materials

Owning Investments

Chapter 15 - 17

Activities & Assessments

Discussion Forum

Weeks #6, 7, & 8 Assignment - Final Project (Navigate to the Assignments via the link at the left)

Week 8:

Topic

Career Planning/Final Exam

Course Objectives

All course objectives will be covered on the final exam.

Learning Materials

Learning Materials

Career Planning/
Final Assignment

Chapter 18

Activities & Assessments

Discussion Forum

Weeks #6, 7, & 8 Assignment - Final Project (Navigate to the Assignments via the link at the left)

Grading:

Name

Grade %

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Week 1 Forum	3.33 %
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Final Project

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