

Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

Course Title: Information Technology in a Commercial Environment

Course Number and Section

MOS

1033A - 550

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Course Description:

The digital revolution has transformed the way business decisions are made. Today, business managers must be able to knowledgeably identify relevant information technologies that can support a firm to create value and achieve a competitive advantage. As managerial decisions are becoming evidence-based, managers should also acquire technical skills on how to use computer-based information technology in order to improve decision making. From a technical standpoint, the goal of this course is to help students acquire specific software skills that can be applied in the field of management. From a theoretical perspective, this course will help students acquire knowledge about the impact of IT on organizations.

Learning Outcomes:

- master the basic concepts of information systems in an organizational context.
- explain the strategic and transforming role of IT in all types of organizations.
- be familiar with basic tools used to improve decision-making, organize and access information and facilitate collaboration.
- apply different frameworks to analyze the role of IT and understand how organizations create value from IT.
- understand the importance of data management and its impact on managerial decision making.
- Identify the advantages and risks of IT in an organizational context.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Information Systems for Managers in the Digital Age, Without Cases Edition 5.0
by Gabriele Piccoli and Federico Pigni
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Publisher: Prospect Press

Methods of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Mid-Term Exam	Week 8	35%

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Assignment 1 (Excel)	Week 4	10%
Assignment 2 (Data analytics in Excel)	Week 6	10%
Assignment 3 (Access)	Week 9	10%
Group presentation and project report	Weeks 11 & 12	35%

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.