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COURSE SYLLABUS

BUSI 223

PERSONAL FINANCE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Budgets, borrowing funds, stock ownership, savings, real estate as investments, and related tax matters are among the topics covered.

RATIONALE

Personal finance skills are useful throughout one's life. Everyone is going to encounter financial choices such as: whether to buy, lease, or rent a car; how to file taxes; how much insurance to purchase; and how much to save for retirement. This course will help students to understand how to rationally think through these choices and make wise decisions.

I. PREREQUISITE

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the [Academic Course Catalog](#).

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with Internet access (broadband recommended)
- B. Microsoft Office
- C. Financial Calculator (Texas Instruments BAII Plus is recommended.)

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- A. Demonstrate financial planning skills.
- B. Compare various consumer buying habits.
- C. Calculate time, value of money, and interest.
- D. Integrate biblical principles within the field of money and finances.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations/notes

B. Course Requirements Checklist

After reading the Syllabus and [Student Expectations](#), the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (4)

Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, the student will complete 4 Discussion Board Forums throughout this course. These Discussion Board questions will explore the Christian approach to various financial decisions a person must make. The student will be required to post 1 thread of at least 150 words and post 1 reply of at least 100 words. For each thread, the student must support his/her assertions with at least 1 citation from the Bible in current APA format.

D. Exercises (8)

In each module/week, the student will complete financial exercises related to the information covered. The student will complete a balance sheet, income statement, budget, and many other exercises that will teach practical personal finance.

E. Biblical Responses (4)

The student will be given a website to explore information pertaining to the financial topic or field covered in that particular module/week. By using a biblical perspective, the student will use the information gleaned from the website(s) to complete the specific requirements of each individual activity.

F. Branching Problems (4)

These exercises will allow students to go through a scenario with a persona that they can identify with. It will put the knowledge that they have acquired that module into practice with a real life situation.

G. Quizzes (8)

The student will have 30 minutes to complete 8 open-book/open-note quizzes, each consisting of 10 multiple-choice and true/false questions. Each quiz covers the information and financial problems presented in the module/week.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES**A. Points**

Course Requirements Checklist	10
Discussion Board Forums (4 at 40 pts ea)	160
Exercises (8 at 50 pts ea)	400
Biblical Responses (4 at 30 pts ea)	120
Branching Problems (4 at 10 pts ea)	40
Quizzes (8 at 35 pts ea)	280
Total	1010

B. Scale

A = 900–1010 B = 800–899 C = 700–799 D = 600–699 F = 0–599

C. Class Professionalism

The student should demonstrate professionalism throughout the course. Professionalism in the course includes, but is not limited to, promptness in submitting and completing assignments, participation and contribution to discussion board discussions, respect for the instructor and other students, effort, and clarity in communications. The instructor will respond to most emails within 24 hours and will respond to some but not all of the discussion board entries.

D. Quizzes/Tests/Exams

For timed quizzes/tests/exams, the student is required to complete the quiz/test/exam within the assigned time. For the student who exceeds this time limit, a penalty of 1 point will be deducted for each minute, or part thereof, he/she exceeds the assigned time limit.

E. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online's Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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Textbook: Billingsley et al., *Personal Financial Planning: Student Edition* (2017).

MODULE/ WEEK	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Billingsley et al.: Sections 1.2–1.3, 2.1–2.5 1 presentation	Course Requirements Checklist Class Introductions DB Forum 1 Exercise 1 Quiz 1	10 0 40 50 35
2	Billingsley et al.: Section 2.6 8 presentations 2 articles	Exercise 2 Biblical Response 1 Branching Problem 1 Quiz 2	50 30 10 35
3	Billingsley et al.: Sections 1.4, 4.1–4.4 1 presentation 3 websites	DB Forum 2 Exercise 3 Quiz 3	40 50 35
4	Billingsley et al.: Sections 5.1–5.4, 6.1–6.3 1 presentation 2 websites	Exercise 4 Biblical Response 2 Branching Problem 2 Quiz 4	50 30 10 35
5	Billingsley et al.: Sections 3.1–3.5 1 presentation 1 website	DB Forum 3 Exercise 5 Quiz 5	40 50 35
6	Billingsley et al.: Sections 8.1–8.4, 9.1– 9.3, 9.6, 10.1–10.5 1 presentation 2 websites	Exercise 6 Biblical Response 3 Branching Problem 3 Quiz 6	50 30 10 35
7	Billingsley et al.: Sections 11.1–11.2, 12.1–12.3, 13.1 1 presentation 1 website	DB Forum 4 Exercise 7 Quiz 7	40 50 35
8	Billingsley et al.: Sections 14.1–14.4, 15.1–15.6 1 presentation 1 website	Exercise 8 Biblical Response 4 Branching Problem 4 Quiz 8	50 30 10 35
TOTAL			1010

DB = Discussion Board

NOTE: Each course module/week (except Module/Week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.