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BUS-150: Personal Finance

Course Description

- This course focuses on applying biblical principles to financial decision making through the vehicle of a personal financial plan. Students will assess their existing financial status, determine life goals, and develop a biblically-based plan for spending, investment, and risk management.

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisite Courses: None

Prerequisite Skills and Knowledge: None

Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, you should be able to:

1. Describe the biblical principles relevant to personal financial decision making.
2. Analyze existing financial situations.
3. Evaluate possible financial solutions in light of desired life goals.
4. Understand basic personal finance principles related to spending, savings, debt management, and taxes.
5. Develop a biblically-based plan for spending, investment, and risk management.

Note: *This course utilizes Online Educational Resources that are displayed in Student Resources within each workshop (or module).*

Course Technology

- Microsoft Office - Word and Excel

IWU Diversity Statement

IWU, in covenant with God's reconciling work and in accordance with the Biblical principles of our historic Wesleyan tradition, commits to build a community that reflects Kingdom diversity.

We will foster an intentional environment for living, teaching, and learning, which exhibits honor, respect, and dignity. Acknowledging visible or invisible differences, our community authentically values each member's earthly and eternal worth. We refute ignorance and isolation and embrace deliberate and courageous engagement that exhibits Christ's commandment to love all humankind. (2016)

Grading Scale

NOTE: In graduate level courses, a grade of C- or below will require the course to be repeated.

Grade	Quality Points Per Credit	Percentage	Score
A	4.0	95%–100%	950–1000
A-	3.7	92%–94.9%	920–949
B+	3.3	89%–91.9%	890–919
B	3.0	85%–88.9%	850–889
B-	2.7	82%–84.9%	820–849
C+	2.3	79%–81.9%	790–819
C	2.0	75%–78.9%	750–789
C-	1.7	72%–74.9%	720–749
D+	1.3	69%–71.9%	690–719
D	1.0	65%–68.9%	650–689
F	0.0	0%–64.9%	0–649

Grading Policies

Your grading policy for your course is dependent on your school and program. Your grading policies can be found in the [IWU Catalog](#).

Letter Grade Equivalencies

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Grade	Description of Work
A	Clearly stands out as excellent performance. Has unusually sharp insights into material and initiates thoughtful questions. Sees many sides of an issue. Articulates well and writes logically and clearly. Integrates ideas previously learned from this and other disciplines. Anticipates next steps in progression of ideas. Example "A" work should be of such nature that it could be put on reserve for all cohort members to review and emulate. The "A" cohort member is, in fact, an example for others to follow.
B	Demonstrates a solid comprehension of the subject matter and always accomplishes all course requirements. Serves as an active participant and listener. Communicates orally and in writing at an acceptable level for the degree program. Work shows intuition and creativity. Example "B" work indicates good quality of performance and is given in recognition for solid work; a "B" should be considered a good grade and awarded to those who submit assignments of quality less than the exemplary work described above.
C	Quality and quantity of work in and out of class is average. Has marginal comprehension, communication skills, or initiative. Requirements of the assignments are addressed at least minimally.
D	Quality and quantity of work is below average. Has minimal comprehension, communication skills, or initiative. Requirements of the assignments are addressed at below acceptable levels.
F	Quality and quantity of work is unacceptable and does not qualify the student to progress to a more advanced level of work.

Course Workshop Summary

Workshop	Devotion*	Discussion*	Dropbox*	Q
Workshop One	1/10	1/40	2/110	
Workshop Two	1/10	1/40	2/110	

Workshop Three	1/10	1/40	2/130	
Workshop Four	1/10	1/40	2/110	
Workshop Five	1/10	1/40	2/120	
End of Course Survey	-	-	-	
TOTAL	5/50	5/200	10/580	

* Number of Activities/Sum Point Totals

Workshop One Outline

Title	Due Dates	Time	Points
1.1 Assignment: A Different Lifestyle	Due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop	1 hour	10
1.2 Discussion: Stewardship	Post your initial response by the end of the fourth day of the workshop and your two responses by the end of the workshop.	4 hours	40
1.3 Assignment: Contentment	Due by the end of the workshop	5 hours	50
1.4 Quiz: Workshop One Quiz	Due by the end of the workshop	2 hours	30
1.5 Assignment: Case Study	Due by the end of the workshop	6 hours	60
Totals		18 hours*	100

* These times are only estimates. Actual assignment completion times will vary.

Workshop Two Outline

Title	Due Dates	Time	Points
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2.1 Assignment: How Much is Enough?	Due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop	1 hours	10
2.2 Discussion: Behavioral Finance	Post your initial response by the end of the fourth day of the workshop and your two responses by the end of the workshop.	4 hours	40
2.3 Assignment: Risk	Due by the end of the workshop	5 hours	50
2.4 Quiz: Workshop Two Quiz	Due by the end of the workshop	2 hours	30
2.5 Assignment: Case Study-Financial Decision Making	Due by the end of the workshop	6 hours	80
Totals		18 hours*	210

* These times are only estimates. Actual assignment completion times will vary.

Workshop Three Outline

Title	Due Dates	Time	Points
3.1 Assignment: Financial Life Cycle	Due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop.	1 hours	10
3.2 Discussion: Calling Versus Occupation	Post your initial response by the end of the fourth day of the workshop and your two responses by the end of the workshop.	4 hours	40
3.3 Assignment: Spending Control	Due by the end of the workshop	5 hours	50
3.4 Quiz: Workshop Three	Due by the end of the workshop	2 hours	30
3.5 Assignment: Case Study-Spending Plan	Due by the end of the workshop	6 hours	80

	Totals	18 hours*	210
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Workshop Four Outline

Title	Due Dates	Time	Points
4.1 Assignment: Use of Credit	Due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop	1 hours	10
4.2 Discussion: Auto Purchase Decisions	Post your initial response by the end of the fourth day of the workshop and your two responses by the end of the workshop.	4 hours	40
4.3 Assignment: Healthcare Costs	Due by the end of the workshop	5 hours	50
4.4 Quiz: Workshop Four	Due by the end of the workshop	2 hours	30
4.5 Assignment: Case Study	Due by the end of the workshop	6 hours	60
	Totals	18 hours*	190

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Workshop Five Outline

Title	Due Dates	Time	Points
5.1 Assignment: The Treasure Principle	Due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop	1 hours	10
5.2 Discussion: Home Purchase Decisions	Post your initial response by the end of the fourth day of the workshop and your two responses by the end of the workshop.	4 hours	40
5.3 Assignment: Reasons for Giving	Due by the end of the workshop	5 hours	50

5.4 Quiz: Workshop Five Quiz	Due by the end of the workshop	2 hours	30
5.5 Assignment: Case Study	Due by the end of the workshop	6 hours	70
End of Course Survey	Due by the end of the workshop	-	10 Extra Credit
Totals		18 hours*	200

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Course Development Resources

Evans, M. D., & Hall, Y. I. (2015). Michelle Jones: Financial Challenges and Opportunities. Allied Academies International Conference: Proceedings of the

International Academy for Case Studies (IACS), 22(1), 5–9. Retrieved from <https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=ip,sso&db=bth&AN=112686104&site=ehost-live>

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Completion Summary

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