

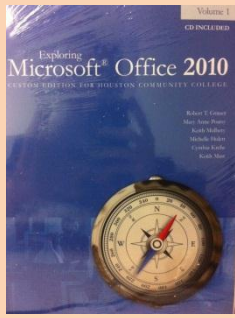


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## BCIS 1405 Business Computer Applications Course Syllabus

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<b>Course Reference Number (CRN)</b>	87016	<b>Course Level</b>	Beginning
<b>Course Description:</b>	Computer terminology, hardware, software, operating systems, and information systems relating to the business environment. The main focus of this course is on business applications of software, including word processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentation graphics, and business-oriented utilization of the Internet (HTML).		
<b>Course Prerequisite(s)</b>	Must be at college-level skills in reading, writing, and mathematics		
<b>Course Semester Credit Hours (SCH) (Lecture, Lab)</b>	Credit Hours 4.0 (Lecture 3, Lab 3)		
<b>Course Location/Times</b>	DE/Online 24/7 using EagleOnline ( <i>P.S: Complete DE Orientations at <a href="http://de.hccs.edu">http://de.hccs.edu</a> prior to accessing the course through <a href="#">EagleOnline</a> using firefox</i> )	<b>Total Course Contact Hours</b>	96

<b>Instructional Materials (Textbook)</b>	<p>Exploring Microsoft Office, 3rd Edition including MyITLab and Microsoft Office 2010 180 Day Subscriptions. Custom text for Houston Community College. By Grauer.  <b>Bundle ISBN-13: 9781256117476</b>  Publisher: Pearson.</p>  <p>The textbook must be purchased from an HCC bookstore or directly from the publisher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Students will be accessing an additional website during this course, the MyITLab website. You will need a MyITLab Access Code to setup MyITLab. This is found in your textbook bundle (if purchased from HCC or the publisher). If not, you will have to purchase it separately for approximately \$80. More information on this in Topic 5 of our course.</li> <li>(b) In addition, your instructor will supply you with a MyITLab Course ID to enroll in our section from within MyITLab: <b>CRSAB1D-840295</b> (if it is not listed here, check the Forums once you log into Eagle Online)</li> </ul>		
<b>Instructional Methods (select one)</b>	Distance (100%)	<b>Type of Instruction (Lecture, Lecture/Lab, COOP, Practicum)</b>	Lecture/Lab,
<b>Course Length (number of weeks)</b>	16 Weeks		

# Course Requirement, Policy, and Course Calendar

<b>Instructor's Requirements</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>TEXTBOOK</b> – You must purchase the textbook from an HCC bookstore, as the book comes in a bundle with other required information. If you would like to purchase the textbook online, you may purchase it directly from the publisher at <a href="http://www.mypearsonstore.com">www.mypearsonstore.com</a> (use the ISBN number located in the area above as long as you are not using financial aid). More information is covered within Topic 2 of the course, within Eagle Online.  In addition, you must obtain the books during the first week of course, at the latest, by the end of the 2nd week or you will fall very behind. There is a special access code that is supplied with our bundle (that is otherwise \$80) that is used right away!</li><li>2. <b>Adequate Windows PC hardware</b> including a 1 GHz or faster CPU, 1GB or more of RAM, graphics card with 128 MB of memory, 4 GB of disk storage space and handle multimedia items (sound and maybe a microphone [suggested but not required this semester]).</li><li>3. <b>Windows</b> XP – SP2, Window Vista, or Windows 7 Operating System</li><li>4. <b>Internet Explorer version 7 or 8 or 9</b> (web browser to use for Myitlab – free online at <a href="http://www.microsoft.com">http://www.microsoft.com</a>, click Downloads, and select the Download Center)</li><li>5. <b>Firefox</b> (web browser to use for Eagle Online – free online at <a href="http://www.mozilla.com">http://www.mozilla.com</a>)</li><li>6. <b>Adobe Reader software</b> (free online at <a href="http://www.adobe.com">http://www.adobe.com</a>, click Adobe Reader button located in the Downloads section)</li><li>7. <b>High speed Internet access</b> (DSL or cable - dial up will NOT work)</li><li>8. <b>MyITLab software</b> to be used to access simulation exercises at the MyITLab website (This is provided as part of your textbook when purchasing your books via the HCC bookstore or Publisher). You will be given installation instructions in Topic 5 of the course. Make sure you have the access code provided to you in your book bundle before beginning installation.</li><li>9. <b>OFFICE 2010 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENT:</b> You must have <b>Office 2010 Professional</b> (NOT FREE) software. A 180 day trial version of Office 2010 (on a CD) is bundled with your textbook (this includes Word 2010, Excel 2010, Access 2010 and PowerPoint 2010) if you do not have Office 2010. AGAIN: You must have Office 2010 on an accessible computer in order to complete the assignments. This means that you must have access to Word 2010, Excel 2010, Access 2010 and PowerPoint 2010.</li><li>10. Make sure you keep track of your two user ids (one for Eagle Online, and another one you will receive in Topic 5 for Myitlab).</li><li>11. You must have <b>administrator rights</b> to install the Myitlab software and the Office 2010 trial (if you don't already have Office loaded).</li><li>12. <b>TIPS FOR SUCCESS:</b> You must be <b>self-motivated</b> in order to be responsible for completing work on time, and without constant reminders. This class moves at a fast pace and staying ahead of schedule is the key to remaining on track.</li><li>13. <b>DO NOT PROCRASTINATE:</b> You must have access to the necessary computer resources stated above. Please note, the network or computer going down the night before an assignment is due is NOT a valid excuse. Assignments have ample lead time before the Official Due Dates to allow for these types of situations. Start work early and submit your work early and you should not have a problem. If you have internet or computer problems you must be willing to use other resources, such as the HCC open labs.</li><li>14. <b>STUDENT ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION IS MANDATORY:</b> As a DE section of this topic, you must make satisfactory progress in this course. Students may be withdrawn if the student misses turning in assignments or quizzes that total to more than 89 points (which is more than</li></ol>
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	<p>12.5% of the course work prior to the Final Exam). Contact the instructor if you are having a problem (our course is on a 1000 point scale). If you decide to quit participating in the course <u>before</u> the Last Day for Administrative/Student Withdrawals, <u>you may withdraw yourself</u>, or ask instructor to withdraw you. After the withdrawal date deadline, the instructor is not able to withdraw you. If you quit participating in the course <u>after</u> the Last Day for Administrative/Student Withdrawals, you will receive an F. This will apply to all students. <u>Incomplete grades are rarely given.</u></p> <p><b>15. ACAMEDIC DISHONESTY/STUDENT HANDBOOK:</b> Please refer to student hand book regarding cheating. Students may ask questions to other students, to myself, or to anyone else. This is how we learn and I encourage it. HOWEVER, all work must be started and completed in its entirety on your own. If it is found that students are sharing the same files, and then making minor changes to submit the work as their own, students will receive a 0 on the assignment and may possibly be removed from the class.</p> <p>The Distance Education Student Handbook contains policies and procedures unique to the DE student. Students should have reviewed the handbook as part of the mandatory orientation. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the handbook's contents. The handbook contains valuable information, answers, and resources, such as DE contacts, policies and procedures (how to drop, attendance requirements, etc.), student services (ADA, financial aid, degree planning, etc.), course information, testing procedures, technical support, and academic calendars. Refer to the DE Student Handbook by visiting this link: <a href="http://de.hccs.edu/de/de-student-handbook">http://de.hccs.edu/de/de-student-handbook</a></p> <p><b>16. PROFESSOR PARTICIPATION:</b> I will normally respond to student requests between 1-3 days. Instructors are usually allowed up to two weeks to grade assignments, however, I will try to grade lab assignments within 7 days after the due date. All quizzes are self grading and students can see their results immediately. I will read all Blackboard Vista "Mail" every time I enter the course and normally will respond that same day. Thus, as your Professor, I expect to have regular contact with you during the semester. Most of this contact will be electronically within the Blackboard Vista environment. Most interaction will be via the Mail, Announcements and Discussion tools and grading of lab assignments.</p> <p><b>17. DE FINAL EXAM:</b> It will be similar to your EagleOnline Lab assignments. It is CLOSED-BOOK and ON-CAMPUS. Final exam will take place at the <b>West Loop Campus</b> on <b>Fri-May04 and Sat-May05</b> (<i>You can choose one of the days</i>). More information posted in EagleOnline Topic 23.</p> <p><b>18. EGLS3 -- Evaluation for Greater Learning Student Survey System</b> At Houston Community College, professors believe that thoughtful student feedback is necessary to improve teaching and learning. During a designated time, you will be asked to answer a short online survey of research-based questions related to instruction. The anonymous results of the survey will be made available to your professors and division chairs for continual improvement of instruction. Look for the survey as part of the Houston Community College Student System online near the end of the term.</p> <p><b>19. MENINGITIS IMMUNIZATION REQUIRED FOR SPRING REGISTRATION</b> Texas Senate Bill 1107 passed in May 2011, requires that new HCC students and former HCC students returning after an absence of at least one fall or spring semester who are under the age of 30 are required to present a physician-signed certificate showing they have been vaccinated against bacterial meningitis. Beginning with Spring registration, November 7, students will have to satisfy this requirement prior to enrollment. For more information and a list of exemptions please go to <a href="http://www.hccs.edu/hccs/admissions-registration-center/new-student-general-admissions-steps/submit-meningitis-documentation">http://www.hccs.edu/hccs/admissions-registration-center/new-student-general-admissions-steps/submit-meningitis-documentation</a></p>
<p><b>Eagle Online and MyITLab Requirements</b></p>	<p><b><u>EAGLE ONLINE DELIVERY OF INSTRUCTION:</u></b> This course is delivered to the student using Eagle Online (educational delivery software). Basically, the Eagle Online website is where you will go to enter our virtual classroom! The Distance Education site has links to get you access to the</p>

correct Eagle Online course area. *Please note: Some of your classes may still be using Blackboard during the Fall2011 semester, but this course does NOT. We are using the new Eagle Online! All HCC courses will be using Eagle Online by Spring 2012.*

**Eagle Online USER ID:** Your Eagle Online login user ID will be your HCC User ID (sometimes referred to as the “W” number). All HCC students have a unique User ID. If you do not know your User ID you can look it up by visiting the HCC home page. Please note, this is the same user id you may have used for Blackboard, but it will NOT be the same password. If you have never logged into Eagle Online (or Moodle) at HCC before, the password will be “distance”:

- To log into Eagle Online, go to <http://distance.hccs.edu> and click on the Course/Go To Class link. MAKE SURE AND COMPLETE THE ORIENTATION FIRST!
- [You may click here for extra login help.](#)

**Eagle Online TECHNICAL HELP:** Go to <http://distance.hccs.edu> and click on the Eagle Online Help Desk link. Within our Eagle Online course there is also a blue HELPDESK button located at the top p of the course.

**POP UP?** If a pop-up is blocked, you will need to set your pop-up blocker to allow pages from our Eagle Online site. *The technical requirements section of the orientation will discuss how to allow pop-ups from Eagle Online. The HELPDESK button will explain this as well, located at the top of the course. Do this before beginning our course as many of the early links in the course are pop-ups!*

**MYITLAB:** The course materials are available under Eagle Online. However, all students in this course will need to access the <http://www.myitlab.com> website to complete other assignments. This site will require you to install information on your computer. More information on this in a later topic.

**Myitlab TECHNICAL HELP:** Go to [http://www.myitlab.com/Student\\_Support](http://www.myitlab.com/Student_Support) or you may call the Pearson MyITLab support line for help at (800) 677-6337 Monday through Friday, Noon to 8PM EST.

**POP UP?** You will also need to allow pop-ups from our Myitlab site. This is discussed within Topic 5 of our course.

**Instructor Grading Criteria**

Total Points (Percentage)	Grade
900 - 1000 (90% - 100%)	A
800 - 899 (80% - 89.9%)	B
700 - 799 (70% - 79.9%)	C
600 - 699 (60% - 69.9%)	D
0 - 599 (0% - 59.9%)	F

**Course Calendar**

**DUE DATE TIMES ARE 11:55pm on the day they are due (Every Thursdays)!**

Note: EOQuiz/EOLab (Non-Myitlab assignments) are assignments that you will do on your PC and upload into Eagle Online. The points for these assignments are designated below. Not all Topics will have this type of assignment.

Points allocated to Myitlab Assignment will be done on the Myitlab website or uploaded into Myitlab. All your Myitlab grades (Exams and Grader Projects) will be averaged together. Myitlab grades comprise 25% of your final grade.

For example, looking below we can see that Topic 10 Word Chapter 4 has a Myitlab Exam AND another assignment which will be uploaded in Eagle Online worth 65 points. Topic 6 Office Fundamentals shows that there will be one Myitlab Exam and one Eagle Online quiz worth 20 points.

**Note: DUE DATE is last possible date assignment can be submitted. It is highly suggested that you submit assignments SOONER**

Due Dates (Thursdays)	Topics	Assignments Type & Points Distribution				
		Eagle Online [45%]		MyITLab [25%]		Final Exam [30%]
		EOQuiz	EOLab	MyitExam	MyitGrader	
Jan 26	Course Overview/Orientation					
	Topic 1 (01GS) Getting Started					
	Topic 2 (02IN) Introduction	10	10			
Feb 02	Topic 3 (03FM) File Management	10	50			
	Topic 4 (04CC) Computing Concepts	20				
Feb 09	Topic 5 (05MY) MyITLab	15		Yes		
	Topic 6 (06OF) Office Fundamentals	20		Yes		
Mar 01	Topic 7 (07W1) Word Chapter 1			Yes		
	Topic 8 (08W2) Word Chapter 2			Yes	Yes	
	Topic 9 (09W3) Word Chapter 3			Yes		
	Topic 10 (10W4) Word Chapter 4		65	Yes		
Mar 22	Topic 11 (11E1) Excel Chapter 1			Yes		
	Topic 12 (12E2) Excel Chapter 2			Yes	Yes	
	Topic 13 (13E3) Excel Chapter 3			Yes		
	Topic 14 (14E4) Excel Chapter 4		65	Yes		
Apr 12	Topic 15 (15A1) Access Chapter 1			Yes		
	Topic 16 (16A2) Access Chapter 2			Yes	Yes	
	Topic 17 (17A3) Access Chapter 3			Yes		
	Topic 18 (18A4) Access Chapter 4		65	Yes		
Apr 26	Topic 19 (19P1) Powerpoint Chapter 1			Yes		
	Topic 20 (20P2) Powerpoint Chapter 2			Yes		
	Topic 21 (21P3) Powerpoint Chapter 3		50	Yes		

May 03	Topic 22 (22PR) Project		50			
	Topic 23 (23FO) Final Exam Overview	20				
Fri-May04 & Sat-May05	<b>Final Exam @ West Loop Center (On Word, Excel, and Access)</b>					300
<b>Total [1000 points]</b>		<b>95</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>250</b>		<b>300</b>

**HOLIDAYS and Important Dates:**

**Jan 16 (Mon): HCC Closed – MLK day**

**Jan 17 (Tue): Classes Begin**

**Feb 20 (Mon): HCC Closed – Presidents’ Day**

**Mar 12-18 (Mon-Sun): HCC Closed – Spring Break**

**Mar 29 (Thurs): LAST DAY FOR WITHDRAWALS at 4:30pm**

**Apr 6-8 (Fri-Mon): HCC Closed – Spring Holiday**

**May 4-5 (Fri, Sat): Distance Ed FINAL EXAMS**

**May 7-13 (Mon-Sun): Classroom FINAL EXAMS**

# Learning Objective, Students Learning Outcome, and Program Spec

**Note:** This section of the syllabus provides the general course learning objectives, the expected students learning outcome, the course scope in terms of the department program, and the instrument used to evaluate the course. If you have any question, contact the instructor or the department.

<b>HCC Grading Scale</b>	<table border="1" data-bbox="524 489 1435 827"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade</th> <th>GPA Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A = 100- 90</td> <td>4 points per semester hour</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B = 89 - 80:</td> <td>3 points per semester hour</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C = 79 - 70:</td> <td>2 points per semester hour</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D = 69 - 60:</td> <td>1 points per semester hour</td> </tr> <tr> <td>59 and below = F</td> <td>0 points per semester hour</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IP (In Progress)</td> <td>0 points per semester hour</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W (Withdrawn)</td> <td>0 points per semester hour</td> </tr> <tr> <td>I (Incomplete)</td> <td>0 points per semester hour</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AUD (Audit)</td> <td>0 points per semester hour</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="483 863 1474 989">IP (In Progress) is given only in certain developmental courses. The student must re-enroll to receive credit. COM (Completed) is given in non-credit and continuing education courses. To compute grade point average (GPA), divide the total grade points by the total number of semester hours attempted. The grades "IP," "COM" and "I" do not affect GPA.</p>	Grade	GPA Points	A = 100- 90	4 points per semester hour	B = 89 - 80:	3 points per semester hour	C = 79 - 70:	2 points per semester hour	D = 69 - 60:	1 points per semester hour	59 and below = F	0 points per semester hour	IP (In Progress)	0 points per semester hour	W (Withdrawn)	0 points per semester hour	I (Incomplete)	0 points per semester hour	AUD (Audit)	0 points per semester hour
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<p><b>Program/Discipline Requirements</b></p>	<p>Instructors will use syllabus that will satisfy CurricuUNET requirements and improve on-going assessment of student-centered learning and teaching.</p>
<p><b>Academic Discipline/CTE Program Learning Outcomes</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop essential operating systems skills including how to use, setup, configure, troubleshoot and maintain a current microcomputer operating system</li> <li>2. Use and configure essential office applications and</li> <li>3. Help other technology users, develop training and maintenance plans and to translate new technical knowledge so that others can use it</li> <li>4. Install, configure, and administer Linux/UNIX and other systems.</li> <li>5. Document work log, write clearly and appropriately in an Information Technology context, respect user's data, including backup and security</li> </ol>
<p><b>SCANS and/or Core Curriculum Competencies: If applicable</b></p>	<p>Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. C1: Allocates Time Students will learn to allocate time to perform each task (online course will emphasize this task more).</li> <li>2. C5: Acquires and Evaluates Information Student will be able to identify need for data, obtain it from existing sources or create them, and evaluate information.</li> <li>3. C6: Organizes and Maintains Information Students will learn to organize their assignments and manage to complete them with specific deadline.</li> <li>4. C20: Maintains and Troubleshoots Technology Student will be able to prevent, identify or solve problems in machines, computers, and other technologies.</li> <li>5. F10: Seeing Things in the Mind's Eye Student will be able to organize and process symbols, pictures, graphs, objects or other information.</li> </ol> <p>Every semester, calendar based weekly learning material (reading, hands exercises for in-class, web enhanced, or online assignments, and scheduled quiz/test/exam) will be posted as part of the syllabus.</p>

HCC Policy Statement	
<b>Access Student Services Policies on their Web site</b>	<a href="http://hccs.edu/student-rights">http://hccs.edu/student-rights</a>
Distance Education and/or Continuing Education Policies	
<b>Access DE Policies on their Web site</b>	<p>DE STUDENT SERVICES</p> <p>The Distance Education Student Handbook contains policies and procedures unique to the DE student. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the handbook's contents and part of the mandatory orientation. The handbook contains valuable information, answers, and resources, such as DE contacts, policies and procedures (how to drop, attendance requirements, etc.), student services (ADA, financial aid, degree planning, etc.), course information, testing procedures, technical support, and academic calendars. Refer to the DE Student Handbook by visiting this link: <a href="http://de.hccs.edu/de/de-student-handbook">http://de.hccs.edu/de/de-student-handbook</a></p>
<b>Access CE Policies on their Web site for non-credit classes</b>	<a href="http://hccs.edu/CE-student-guidelines">http://hccs.edu/CE-student-guidelines</a>
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