BSAD 141 Information Technology and Business Systems – Fall 2017

Section A (10:05 AM)
Section B (11:40 AM)

Both meet in Kalkin 004

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Course Introduction

Overview of Today

- Welcome!
- Introduction
  - My background
- Why MIS?
- Preparation/Checklist
- Course Syllabus
- Course Schedule
- For Next Time

My Background

- Education
- Work
- Personal

Some Perspective

- Even if you are not an MIS major, or even interested in information systems and/or technology, you can benefit from:
  - A basic level of comfort with technology and information systems
  - A basic understanding of databases and data
  - A basic understanding of the role and functionality of IS/IT in the world today

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REQUIRED TEXT:

  - Purchase material and register using the same link for your section:
    - Section A
    - Section B

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- Note that I will have you do end of the chapter assessments for many chapters as part of your grade
- This is the HW for the class
- It does not necessarily mirror my lecture notes
- I absolutely want you to read the material in the book, even if I don’t directly lecture on it
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Format of the Course:
- **Lecture-based** with hands-on in-class exercises to enforce/clarify concepts
- Requires you to do out-of-class reading
- Depending on your level of comfort with certain software, may require you to do out-of-class work on your computer
- Introduce you to basic information systems concepts and terminology

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- NOT a software training class
- You are **required** to use MS Access and MS Visio as part of the class
- I use software to illustrate specific concepts and/or techniques but I’m not focused on teaching you how to use software
  - This means that we may move faster than some of you would like

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I assume that you already have a basic understanding and level of comfort with the MS Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) from BSAD 40 If not, you should consider taking an additional class related to software

Required Accounts

- You are required to have your UVM account in good standing
- It is your responsibility to manage this account, know your credentials and to keep the account in good standing.

Administration of BSAD 141

- I administer the course through my own website
  - Lecture Notes
  - Syllabus
  - Schedule
  - Grades
- **I do NOT use Blackboard**

BSAD 141 Course Website

- [http://www.uvm.edu/~dnovak/bsad141.html](http://www.uvm.edu/~dnovak/bsad141.html)
  - Please add the URL to your favorites for easy access
  - You will need to consult this site a number of times per week
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- Syllabus

- Schedule