

MIS375—MIS IN THE ORGANIZATION

Fall 2009-2010

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Course Description:

Broad understanding of using information systems to support organizational objectives. Topics include strategic planning and the uses of information systems, business process analysis and understanding of the technology architecture.

Text:

Essentials of Business Driven Information Systems by Jane Baltzan & Phillips, 0-07-337672-8, McGraw-Hill Irwin, 2009

Objectives:

- a. Understand the interdependency of business organizations and the information technology that supports them.
- b. Appreciate the increasing important of information for all levels of business managers and the role of information systems to provide value and the appropriate information for each level.
- c. Conceptualize the business organization as a system model with interdependent processes supported by information systems.
- d. Utilize a systems approach and apply critical thinking skills in problem solving and decision-making.
- e. Identify basic information system components and explore new technologies and issues affecting the business world.

- f. Comprehend the growing complexity of managing information systems in a global, networked environment and its effect on business and society.
- g. Demonstrate written and oral communication skills in presenting concepts and problem analysis.

Evaluation:

a. Research Paper	30%
b. Exams (2 @ 30% each)	60%
c. Presentations	10%

Final grades will be determined on overall percentages—93% for a 4.0, 88% for a 3.5, 83% for a 3.0, 78% for a 2.5, 73% for a 2.0, 68% for a 1.5, 63% for a 1.0, 58% for a 0.5, and a 0.0 for percentages below 58%.

Policies:

Assignments – All assignments are to be e-mailed to me no later than the beginning of the class on the day they are due. They are also expected to be available in hard copy form during class on the day they are due. Failure to meet these deadlines will result in a 10% grade reduction for that assignment. If the assignment is not completed within a week after it was due, the student will receive 0% for that assignment.

Exams – There will be 2 examinations administered during the trimester. As a general rule, no makeup examinations will be allowed.

Attendance – Students are expected to attend all class sessions. Missing more than 6 hours of class will result in a minimum of a 10% reduction in the student's grade.

Honesty – Students are expected to uphold Augsburg's academic honesty policy.

Preliminary Schedule (subject to change)

Class 1 Introduction and Course Overview
Chapters 1 & 2

Class 2 Chapter 3 & 4

Class 3 Chapter 4 & 5

Class 4 Exam One
Chapter 6 & 7

Class 5 Chapter 8 & 9

Class 6 Chapters 10, 11, & 12
Presentations

Class 7 Exam Two
Final Paper Due
Presentations