



**DESKTOP PUBLISHING &  
PRESENTATION  
APPLICATIONS/BUSN 1430  
COURSE SYLLABUS  
ONLINE  
Spring Semester 2016**

Semester: Spring 2016

Course Title: Desktop Publishing & Presentation Applications

Course Number: BUSN 1430

Credit Hours/ Minutes: 4 / 4500

Class Location: GVTC/Blackboard

Class Meets: Via Internet/ 15 weeks

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**REQUIRED TEXT:** Desktop Publishing & Presentation Applications-BUSN 1430. Course Technology: Cengage Learning. Sebok and Starks, ISBN-13: 978-1-305-29200-0.

**REQUIRED SUPPLIES & SOFTWARE:** Microsoft PowerPoint 2013 and Microsoft Publisher 2013 or using STC Remote Lab (IDS-Citrix). Office 2013 can be purchased in the STC Bookstore. Browser requirement is Internet Explorer 9 or higher, Mozilla Firefox, or Google Chrome. You can purchase a 180 day (6 month) full evaluation version from the STC Bookstore if you do not already have Office 2013 due to the variety of home internet connections. This version available in the bookstore does not contain Publisher 2013. Remember, if you choose to use the software that is provided on the STC Remote Lab, you may experience slow response times or outages. This will not be used as an excuse for late work!

Note: Although students can use their smart phones and tablets to access their online course(s), exams, discussions, assignments, and other graded activities should be performed on a personal computer. Neither BLACKBOARD nor GVTC provide technical support for issues relating to the use of a smart phone or tablet so students are advised to not rely on these devices to take an online course.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course covers the knowledge and skills required to use desktop publishing (DTP) software and presentation software to create business publications and presentations.

**MAJOR COURSE COMPETENCIES:** Topics include: desktop publishing concepts, basic graphic design, publication layout, presentation design, and practical applications.

**PREREQUISITE:** COMP 1000 or Guided Elective

**COURSE OUTLINE:**

1. Desktop Publishing and Presentation Concepts
2. Basic Graphic Design
3. Publication Layout
4. Operation of Application Software
5. Practical Applications

**GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COMPETENCIES:** STC has identified the following general education core competencies that graduates will attain:

1. The ability to utilize standard written English.
2. The ability to solve practical mathematical problems.
3. The ability to read, analyze, and interpret information.

**STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:** Students are expected to complete all work required by the instructor, and to attend the required proctored campus exam. Tests and assignments must be completed on the specified dates. Ample time is given for completion of all assignments; therefore, **NO ASSIGNMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED LATE. A grade of zero will be given for any late assignment.** Assignments will be via the dropbox in the Blackboard course. All online students must

pledge that they have read and understand the STC Online Orientation within the first three days of class. Online students are responsible for checking e-mails and Blackboard announcements DAILY.

**ONLINE ATTENDANCE:** It is the student's responsibility to be academically engaged each week doing course related activities. The completion dates of these activities will be used to determine a student's last date of attendance in the event a student withdraws, stops attending, or receives an F in a course. Students will not be withdrawn by an instructor for attendance; however, all instructors will keep records of graded assignments and student participation in course activities. Students will be expected to complete all work required by the instructor as described in the individual course syllabus.

Students will have at least one week to complete tests and assignments. All tests and assignments are due at midnight on Monday of each week. Exceptions to the due dates of assignments due to jury duty, military duty, court duty, or required job training will be made at the discretion of the instructor.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this class based on the impact of a disability are encouraged to contact Jan Brantley, Room 1208 Swainsboro Campus, 478-289-2274, or Helen Thomas, Room 108 Vidalia Campus, 912-538-3126, to coordinate reasonable accommodations.

**SPECIFIC ABSENCES:** Provisions for Instructional Time missed because of documented absences due to jury duty, military duty, court duty, or required job training will be made at the discretion of the instructor.

**PREGNANCY:** Southeastern Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of pregnancy. However, we can offer accommodations to students who are pregnant that need special consideration to successfully complete the course. If you think you will need accommodations due to pregnancy, please advise me and make appropriate arrangements with the Special Needs Office. Swainsboro Campus: Jan Brantley, Room 1208, (478) 289-2274 -- Vidalia Campus: Helen Thomas, Room 108, (912) 538-3126.

**WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE:** Students wishing to officially withdraw from a course(s) or all courses after the drop/add period and prior to the 65% portion of the semester (date will be posted on the school calendar) must speak with a Career Counselor in Student Affairs and complete a Student Withdrawal Form. A grade of "W" is assigned when the student completes the withdrawal form from the course.

Students who are dropped from courses due to attendance (see your course syllabus for attendance policy) after drop/add until the 65% point of the semester will receive a "W" for the course. Abandoning a course(s) instead of following official withdrawal procedures may result in a grade of 'F' being assigned.

After the 65% portion of the semester, the student will receive a grade for the course. (Please note: A zero will be given for all missed assignments.)

There is no refund for partial reduction of hours. Withdrawals may affect students' eligibility for financial aid for the current semester and in the future, so a student must also speak with a representative of the Financial Aid Office to determine any financial penalties that may be assessed due to the withdrawal. All grades, including grades of 'W', will count in attempted hour calculations for the purpose of Financial Aid.

**Remember** - Informing your instructor that you will not return to his/her course does not satisfy the approved withdrawal procedure outlined above.

**PROCTORED EVENT REQUIREMENT:** In order to validate student identity for all online courses, students enrolled in online courses are **required** to complete one proctored event per online course. The proctored event will be administered on two separate days during the semester—once on the Vidalia campus and once on the Swainsboro campus and will be monitored by the instructor or another STC employee. The proctored event may be a major exam, assignment, or presentation, etc. that will count a minimum of 20% of the course grade. Students must attend one of the scheduled proctored sessions and will need to make arrangements with work, childcare, etc. The specific dates of the proctored event are scheduled on the Lesson Plan/Calendar for the online course. Students living further than 75 miles from either campus who cannot come to Southeastern Tech for the event must secure an approved proctoring site. The site and the proctor must meet Southeastern Technical College's requirements (instructor will provide more information and necessary forms if this is the case). Note: Students taking proctored events off campus will utilize the Proctor Scheduling and Approval Form found in Blackboard within the Getting Started/Start Here and Proctored Event area. The completed form should be submitted to the course instructor a minimum of two weeks prior to the proctored event. If approved, the instructor will notify the proctor.

Students arranging off-campus proctoring must take the event on one of the originally scheduled days. Students who do

not complete the proctored event as scheduled must submit a valid documented excuse within three business days after the scheduled event. If the excuse is approved, students must make arrangements with the instructor to makeup/reschedule the missed event. The penalty and makeup instructions will be at the instructor's discretion. Proctored events will be given after the 65% point of the semester. **Students who do not complete the proctored event will receive an F in the course.**

As published on STC's website, any expenses incurred to obtain a proctor will be the responsibility of the student; however, students are not charged a proctoring fee when taking the proctored exam on the campus of Southeastern Tech. Most of Georgia's technical colleges do not charge to proctor exams for students enrolled in other TCSG colleges. Students who are enrolled at Southeastern Technical College and live out of the state of Georgia or out of the country could incur a proctoring charge. However, in that instance, the instructor would assist the student in locating the least expensive proctor

***The required proctored event for this class is Wednesday, April 6, 2016, OR Thursday, April 7, 2016. The event will be given on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at the Vidalia Campus, Medical Technology Building, Room 806, and will begin at 1:30 p.m. sharp. The event will also be given on Thursday, April 7, 2016, at the Swainsboro Campus, Building 8, Room 8111, and will begin at 1:30 p.m. sharp. The proctored exam is listed in the lesson plan. The test will be composed of an objective exam over Chapters 1 – 4 in Publisher and an objective exam over Chapters 2, 5, and 6 in PowerPoint. You may come either day that is convenient for you!***

**DISCUSSION BOARDS:** Discussion Board topics must be appropriate to the class. Spelling and Grammar are considered part of the grade. Posted content should fully answer the question. Short one to two sentence posts will not be sufficient. See Discussion Board rubric below.

**CHECKING GRADES:** A grade book is made available in the Blackboard course on the main page when students log in. This grade book is for students to review and is continuously updated throughout the semester. The overall percentage averages should display in the grade book to help track course progress.

**CHAPTER WORK:** Chapter work will be randomly checked to ensure that work is consistently being completed. **Assignments must be saved in the appropriate dropbox in the Blackboard course.**

**MAKEUP GUIDELINES:** Tests and assignments must be completed on the specified dates. Ample time is given for completion of all assignments; therefore, **NO ASSIGNMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED LATE.** A grade of zero will be given for any late assignment.

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY:** The STC Academic Dishonesty Policy states All forms of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating on tests, plagiarism, collusion, and falsification of information, will call for discipline. The policy can also be found in the STC Catalog and Student Handbook.

#### **Procedure for Academic Misconduct**

The procedure for dealing with academic misconduct and dishonesty is as follows:

##### **--First Offense--**

Student will be assigned a grade of "0" for the test or assignment. Instructor keeps a record in course/program files and notes as first offense. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

##### **--Second Offense--**

Student is given a grade of "WF" for the course in which offense occurs. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus indicating a "WF" has been issued as a result of second offense. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

##### **--Third Offense--**

Student is given a grade of "WF" for the course in which the offense occurs. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus indicating a "WF" has been issued as a

result of second offense. The Vice President for Student Affairs, or designee, will notify the student of suspension from college for a specified period of time. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

**STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION:** Southeastern Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability, age, disabled veteran, veteran of Vietnam Era or citizenship status, (except in those special circumstances permitted or mandated by law). This school is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin; with the provisions of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender; with the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap; and with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

**GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES:** Grievance procedures can be found in the Catalog and Handbook located on STC's website.

**ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY:** Students can now access Blackboard, Remote Lab Access, Student Email, Library Databases (Galileo), and BannerWeb via the mySTC portal or by clicking the Current Students link on the STC website at [www.southeasterntech.edu](http://www.southeasterntech.edu).

**GRADING POLICY**

Objective Exams	25%
Production Exams	20%
Proctored Exam	20%
Chapter and Lab Work	30%
Discussion Boards	<u>5%</u>
Total	100%

**GRADING SCALE**

A: 90-100
B: 80-89
C: 70-79
D: 60-69
F: 0-59

**TCSG GUARANTEE/WARRANTY STATEMENT:**  
*The Technical College System of Georgia guarantees employers that graduates of State Technical Colleges shall possess skills and knowledge as prescribed by State Curriculum Standards. Should any graduate employee within two years of graduation be deemed lacking in said skills, that student shall be retrained in any State Technical College at no charge for instructional costs to either the student or the employer.*

**BUSN 1430-DESKTOP PUBLISHING & POWERPOINT APPLICATIONS  
SPRING SEMESTER 2016 LESSON PLAN**

Date	Chap / Less	Content	Assignments & Tests Due	Comp Area
<b>Week 1 (January 11 – January 18)</b>				
Mon Jan 11		<b>Class Introduction – Syllabus, Outline, Rules, and Regulations Coverage</b> <b>First Day of Class:</b> <b>BUSN 1240 Class Orientation (Lab 806) 2 p.m.</b>	<b>YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE THE “CONSIDER THIS” ACTIVITIES AT THE END OF THE ASSIGNMENTS!</b>  <b>Logon to BLACKBOARD MAIL:</b> Send email to Instructor. Reply to any Instructor email. <b>Login to BLACKBOARD: 01/18 MIDNIGHT</b>	*1 **a,c
12			Complete Personal Introduction on BLACKBOARD <b>Read and review</b> information regarding BLACKBOARD, IDS, and Discussion Board coverage Complete STC Acknowledgement, Student Information & Policy Packet and email to instructor <b>through E-MAIL</b> <b>DUE 01/18 MIDNIGHT</b>	
13			Create a BUSN 1430 folder on your P: DRIVE on IDS. Create a folder for each chapter within the BUSN 1430 folder created. <b>DUE 01/18 MIDNIGHT</b>	
14				
18			<b>DUE 01/18 MIDNIGHT</b>	
<b>Week 2 (January 19 – January 25)</b>				
Tues Jan 19	2	<b>Microsoft PowerPoint 2010: Enhancing A Presentation with Pictures, Shapes, and WordArt</b>	Chapter 2 Work ( <b>Emergency Plan</b> ) PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 01/25 MIDNIGHT</b>	*1,3,5,6 **a,c
20			<b>Complete Discussion Board Topic #1</b> <b>DUE 01/25 MIDNIGHT</b>	
21			Project: Chap 2 In the <b>Lab 1</b> from <b>BOOK (Lab 2-1 Homemade Apple Pie)</b> . PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 01/25 MIDNIGHT</b>	
25			<b>Chapter 2 Objective and Production Exam</b> <b>DUE 01/25 MIDNIGHT</b>	
<b>Week 3 (January 26 – February 1)</b>				
Tues Jan 26	5	<b>Microsoft PowerPoint 2010: Collaborating on and Delivering a Presentation</b>	Chapter 5 Work ( <b>Mayans Final; Mayans Final Show; Mayans SmartArt; Mayans Final Previous Version; Mayans Final Duplicate</b> ) PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>YOU DO NOT HAVE TO STORE ON A CD (PAGE 308-309)</b> . <b>DUE 02/01 MIDNIGHT</b>	*1,2,3,5,6 **a,b,c
27			Project: Chap 5 In the <b>Lab 1</b> from <b>BOOK (Lab 5-1 Teaching Kids about Gardening-- Please complete Step #9)</b> . PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL.	

			<b>DUE 02/01 MIDNIGHT</b>	
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Feb 1			<b>Chapter 5 Objective and Production Exam DUE 02/01 MIDNIGHT</b>	
<b>Week 4 (February 2– February 8)</b>				
Tues Feb 2	<b>6</b>	<b>Microsoft PowerPoint 2010: Navigating Presentations Using Hyperlinks and Action Buttons</b>	Chapter 6 Work ( <b>Exercise Motivation</b> ) PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 02/08 MIDNIGHT</b> Project: Chap 6 In the <b>Lab 1</b> from <b>BOOK (Lab 6-1 Likeable Ladybugs-Do not complete step #13)</b> . PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 02/08 MIDNIGHT</b>	*1,2,3,5,6 **a,b,c
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4			<b>Chapter 6 Objective and Production Exam DUE 02/08 MIDNIGHT</b>	
8			<b>Complete Discussion Board Topic #2 DUE 02/08 MIDNIGHT</b>	
<b>Week 5 (February 9– February 15)</b>				
Tues Feb 9	<b>1</b>	<b>Microsoft Publisher 2010: Creating a Flyer</b>	Chapter 1 Work ( <b>Concert Flyer; Concert Flyer Single File Web Page</b> ) PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 02/15 MIDNIGHT</b>	*1,2,3,5,6 **a,b,c
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11			Project: Chap 1 In the <b>Lab 2</b> from <b>BOOK (Flash Mob Flyer)</b> . PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 02/15 MIDNIGHT</b>	
15			<b>Chapter 1 Objective Exam DUE 02/15 MIDNIGHT</b>	
<b>Week 6 (February 16– February 22)</b>				
Tues Feb 16	<b>2</b>	<b>Microsoft Publisher 2010: Publishing a Trifold Brochure</b>	Chapter 2 Work ( <b>Internship Brochure; Internship Brochure with Pack and Go Wizard</b> ) PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 02/22 MIDNIGHT</b>	*1,2,3,5,6 **a,b,c
17			<b>Complete Discussion Board Topic #3 DUE 02/22 MIDNIGHT</b>	
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<b>Week 7 (February 23– February 29)</b>				
Tues Feb 23	<b>2</b>	<b>Microsoft Publisher 2010: Publishing a Trifold Brochure</b>	Project: Chap 2 In the <b>Lab 1</b> from <b>BOOK (Students Against Bullying Brochure)</b> . PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 02/29 MIDNIGHT</b>	*1,2,3,5,6 **a,b,c
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29			<b>Chapter 2 Objective Exam DUE 02/29 MIDNIGHT</b>	

**Week 8 (March 1– March 7)**

Tues Mar 1	<b>3</b>	<b>Microsoft Publisher 2010: Designing a Newsletter</b>	Chapter 3 Work ( <b>Tech Talk Newsletter; Newsletter Template</b> ) PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 03/07 MIDNIGHT</b>	*1,2,3,5,6 **a,b,c
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3			<b>Complete Discussion Board Topic #4</b> <b>DUE 03/07 MIDNIGHT</b>	
Mar 7				

**Week 9 (March 8 – March 14)**

Tues Mar 8	<b>3</b>	<b>Microsoft Publisher 2010: Designing a Newsletter</b>  <b>Semester Mid-Term</b>	Project: Chap 3 In the <b>Lab 1</b> from <b>BOOK</b> ( <b>Symphony Newsletter; Symphony Newsletter Template</b> ). PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 03/14 MIDNIGHT</b>	*1,2,3,5,6 **a,b,c
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10			<b>Chapter 3 Objective Exam</b> <b>DUE 03/14 MIDNIGHT</b>	
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**Week 10 (March 15 – March 21)**

Tues Mar 15	<b>4</b>	<b>Microsoft Publisher 2010: Creating a Custom Publication from Scratch</b>	Chapter 4 Work ( <b>Rocket Dogs Table Card</b> ) PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 03/21 MIDNIGHT</b>	*1,2,3,5,6 **a,b,c
16				
17			Project: Chap 4 In the <b>Lab 1</b> from <b>BOOK</b> ( <b>Recipe Card</b> ). PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 03/21 MIDNIGHT</b>	
21				

**Week 11 (March 22 – March 28)**

Tues Mar 22	<b>4</b>	<b>Microsoft Publisher 2010: Creating a Custom Publication from Scratch</b>	Project: Chap 4 In the <b>Lab 2</b> from <b>BOOK</b> ( <b>Save the Date Card</b> ). PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 03/28 MIDNIGHT</b>	*1,2,3,5,6 **a,b,c
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24			Project: Chap 4 Apply Your Knowledge from <b>BOOK</b> ( <b>Engine; Hobby Express Complete</b> ). PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 03/28 MIDNIGHT</b> <b>****STUDY FOR PROCTORED EXAM</b>	
28			<b>Chapter 4 Objective Exam</b> <b>DUE 03/28 MIDNIGHT</b> <b>REMINDER: PROCTORED EXAM</b> <b>04/06-Vidalia Campus OR 04/07-Swainsboro Campus BEGINNING AT 1:30 P.M.</b>	

**Week 12 (March 29 – April 4)**

Tues Apr 5	5	Microsoft Publisher 2010: Using Business Information Sets	Chapter 5 Work ( <b>Quality Limos Letterhead; Johnson Letter; Quality Limos Fax Cover; Quality Limos Envelope; Quality Limos Business Card; Quality Business Card PDF</b> ) PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 04/11 MIDNIGHT</b> <b>PROCTORED EXAM 04/06-Vidalia Campus OR 04/07-Swainsboro Campus BEGINNING AT 1:30 PM.</b>	*1,2,3,5,6 **a,b,c
6			Complete <u>Discussion Board Topic #5</u> <b>DUE 04/11 MIDNIGHT</b>	
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**Week 13 (April 5 – April 11)**

Tues Apr 12	5	Microsoft Publisher 2010: Using Business Information Sets	Project: Chap 5 In the <b>Lab 1</b> from <b>BOOK (Trends Again Business Card—Use the information in the book)</b> . PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 04/18 MIDNIGHT</b>	*1,2,3,5,6,7 **a,b,c
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18			<b>Chapter 5 Objective Exam</b> <b>DUE 04/18 MIDNIGHT</b>	

**Week 14 (April 12 – April 18)**

Tues Apr 19	6	Microsoft Publisher 2010: Working with Publisher Tables	Chapter 6 Work ( <b>A+ Campground Amenities Table; A+ Campground Calendar; A+ Campground Manager Letter</b> ) PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 04/25 MIDNIGHT</b>	*1,2,3,5,6,7 **a,b,c
20			Project: Chap 6 In the <b>Lab 2</b> from <b>BOOK (Grade School Calendar)</b> . PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 04/25 MIDNIGHT</b>	
21			Project: Chap 6 Apply Your Knowledge from <b>BOOK (Monthly Expenses Complete)</b> . PLACE IN IDS – MY FILES – BUSN 1430 folder. DO NOT PRINT OR EMAIL. <b>DUE 05/2 MIDNIGHT</b>	
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**Week 15 (April 19 – May 2)**

Tues Apr 26	6	Microsoft Publisher 2010: Working with Publisher Tables		*1,2,3,5,6,7 **a,b,c
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May 2			<b>Chapter 6 Objective Exam</b> <b>DUE 05/2 MIDNIGHT</b> <b>Last Day of Semester</b>	







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**Competency Areas:**

1. Word Processing Concepts
2. Customizing Documents
3. Formatting Content
4. Working with Visual Content
5. Organizing Content
6. Reviewing Documents
7. Sharing and Securing Content

**\*\*General Core Educational Competencies**

- a) The ability to utilize standard written English.
- b) The ability to solve practical mathematical problems.
- c) The ability to read, analyze, and interpret information.

Criteria	Levels of Achievement				
	Exceptional	Proficient	Satisfactory	Poor	Unacceptable
<b>Grammar/Spelling</b>  <b>Weight 25.00%</b>	<b>100 %</b> •No grammatical or spelling errors (25 points)	<b>90 %</b> •Grammatical and Spelling errors are few and cause no comprehension problems (22.5 points)	<b>70 %</b> •Grammatical and spelling errors cause the reader to reread many parts of the post (17.5 points)	<b>50 %</b> •Grammatical and spelling errors are frequent making post confusing to read and comprehend (12.5 points)	<b>0 %</b> •Grammatical and spelling errors are so numerous the post is hard or impossible to comprehend
<b>Posts &amp; Word Count</b>  <b>Weight 25.00%</b>	<b>100 %</b> •Posts early to allow time to read and reply •Publishes at least one original post and at least one reply •125-150 words in main thread (25 points)	<b>90 %</b> •Posts early to allow others time to read and reply •Publishes one post and one reply •80-124 words in main thread (22.5 points)	<b>70 %</b> •Posts at the last minute without allowing enough time for others to read and reply •Publishes one post and no replies •26-79 words in main thread (17.5 points)	<b>50 %</b> •Posts at the last minute without allowing enough time for others to read and reply •Publishes no posts and one reply •0-25 words in main thread (12.5 points)	<b>0 %</b> •Publishes no post or replies
<b>Critical Thinking</b>  <b>Weight 25.00%</b>	<b>100 %</b> •Content provides a thorough frame of reference for comprehending the solution •An original solution is provided •Numerous resources listed (25 points)	<b>90 %</b> •Content provides appropriate factual data but is not original or complete to solve problem or topic •Resources listed (22.5 points)	<b>70 %</b> •Content attempts to solve problem or topic but is too vague or disorganized to completely comprehend solution •Few resources listed (17.5 points)	<b>50 %</b> •Content is not a realistic solution to the problem or topic •Only one resource listed (12.5 points)	<b>0 %</b> •Content fails to offer a conscientious solution to selected problem or topic •No resources listed
<b>Explanation</b>  <b>Weight 25.00%</b>	<b>100 %</b> •All steps are covered •Questions are answered correctly (25 points)	<b>90 %</b> •Most steps are covered and answered correctly (22.5 points)	<b>70 %</b> •Most steps are covered but not answered correctly (17.5 points)	<b>50 %</b> •Less than half of the steps are covered and answered correctly (12.5 points)	<b>0 %</b> •No steps are covered or answered