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BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY School of Business

COURSE OUTLINE FOR: Projects In Industry	DATE: January 2003 FMGT 4910
TAUGHT BY: Financial Management	
TAUGHT TO: Financial Management *Program: Professional Accounting* *Option:* Sets H	

Hours/Week :		Total Hours:		Term/Level:	
Lecture:	0	0		4	
Lab:		40			
Other:	4	Total Weeks: 10		Credits: 2.5	

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Pre-requisites: Successful completion of all Level 3 courses.

Course Description and Goals: An experiential module aimed at developing problem-solving, reporting and presentation skills. No classroom hours are scheduled.

Prior Learning Assessment Method:
Not available

Evaluation:
A high standard of work is expected in this module. All work done should be to a professional standard.

Outline Proposal	5%
Draft Table of Contents	10%
Final Submission	85%

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Form a working team (syndicate).
2. Negotiate and agree a research objective within the syndicate.
3. Contact an organization and negotiate a research project.
4. Prepare and follow a research project plan.
5. Analyze and diagnose a problem defined by the client.
6. Present research findings to the client both orally and in writing.

Learning Approaches:

This is not a taught course:

1. Students will organize in syndicates of not more than four members.
2. A firm will be chosen for study and approached by each syndicate and an agreement reached to do empirical research at the firm. (where students are unable to identify a firm for study, research may be assigned by the coordinator).
3. The syndicate will identify a member of faculty to supervise their project. Supervising faculty will contact the firm and, if feasible, visit the site where the research is being carried out.
4. Research findings will be presented orally, and in written report form to the sponsoring firm prior to being turned into the faculty supervisor for a grade.
❑ Where financial awards are to be given for exemplary projects, a procedure will be set out separately from this Outline.

Course Notes (Policies and Procedures)

- *Assignments:* Late assignments or projects will not be accepted for marking.
- *Course Outline Changes:* The material specified in this course outline may be changed by the instructor. If changes are required, they will be mutually agreed with the Set Representatives.
- *Ethics:* BCIT assumes that all students attending the Institute will follow a high standard of ethics. Incidents of cheating or plagiarism may, therefore, result in a grade of zero for the project for all parties involved and/or expulsion from the course.
- *Illness:* A doctor's note is required for any illness causing you to miss assignments, quizzes, tests, projects or exams. At the discretion of the instructor, you may complete the work missed or have the work prorated (i.e. an average is given according to your performance throughout the course).
- *Shared grades:* In the absence of complaint, all the members of a syndicate will share the same grade for the finished work. Where the syndicate does not feel that one or more members have contributed properly to the finished work, a reduced grade may be negotiated for non-contributing syndicate members.

Plan of Work:

OBJECTIVE	DUE DATE	ON-TIME MARKS	QUALITY MARKS
Outline Proposal	February 12th	5	N/A
Draft Table of Contents	March 05th	5	5
Final Submission	April 16th	10	75
Final submission detail:			
Description			10
Analysis			45
Recommendations			20
Totals		**20**	**80**

Intranet Site:

An intranet site has been created to support this course. The URL is:
http://coursesites.blackboard.com . All students in the course are to register on this site.

The site is designed to minimize the use of paper in the course and to provide for 7/24 communications between the Instructor and students, and amongst students. All communications with the Instructor are to be via email: students can sign up for a free email account on the intranet site.

The site may also be used for communication with clients.

Course Record:

Developed by:_____R. Curtis _____   Date: November, 2000
            Instructor

Revised by: _____G. Hughes_____   Date: January 2003
            Instructor

Approved by: _____   Date:
            Associate Dean