

BCIT COURSE OUTLINE

Ref. no./Date	FMGT 4730 March 1996
Title	Dynamics for Managers
Type and Purpose	A general module which uses current software in developing skills and understanding in the use of Decision Support Systems.
Texts & Tools	Dynamics LAN Version 3.0 (Windows) plus at least three Add-on Productivity/Functionality packages. Teaching and Software support provided by Systemwise International, Inc. A Novell LAN with software pre-loaded and installed.
Instructor	Russ Curtis, MBA
Learning Outcomes	The successful student will: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Understand the role of Financial Information Systems in the context of Decision Support Systems.2. Perform Drill-downs to support decisions arising from daily or specific transactions.3. Perform Drill-downs to support decisions arising from end-of-period and summative information.4. Appreciate and use a variety of enhancements to the FIS.5. Design, extract and print reports using both the FIS and the enhancements.6. Write effective business reports based on information extracted from the FIS.
Content/Context	Corresponding with the above Learning Outcomes, the successful student will: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Understand the role and functions of the FIS and Decision Support system across a range of management decisions.2. Appreciate the benefits and costs of such systems.3. Appreciate how financial information can be extracted from an FIS and then used to support managerial decision-making.4. Understand the needs analysis process that precedes the installation of such systems.5. Be aware of the leading products and their functionality in the FIS/DSS domain.

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Learning and
Teaching
Approaches**

A practical approach will be taken, with emphasis on 'hands-on' learning. The course begins with navigating through the Dynamics LAN software and the built-in Decision Support features of this software. The course will then move on to explore the operation and functionality of several add-on enhancements, which are generic in nature (as distinct from vertical in their application). A needs analysis format will be presented and used (if time permits).

**Assessment
Procedures**

Students will complete several practical assignments during the course.

One major assignment will be given of an integrating nature at the end of the course. Assessment should be carried out continuously and opportunities should be provided to students to rectify unsatisfactory performance.

Assignments must be submitted on time or no marks will be given.

All of the assignments must be completed or an 'Incomplete' standing will be assessed.

All of the graded work done in this course must be original work.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated.

**Assessment
Weights**

Term Assignments	60%
Final Assignment	40%
Total	<u>100%</u>