Moberly Area Community College
Common Syllabus

ACC 110 Personal Finance
Current Term

Instructor:  
Office number:  
Office hours:  
Response Time: I typically respond to student emails within 24 hours, Monday through Friday.
Contact information:  
Classroom number:  
Class days and time:  

Catalog Description:  ACC110 Personal Finance  (3-0-3)
This is a course in the management of personal finances. It will provide students with opportunities to develop skills for solving “real world” problems. The course will identify the components and sources of income, money management, spending and credit, savings and investment.

Prerequisite/Co-requisite:  
none.

Text(s):  Focus on Personal Finance. By Kapoor, Dlabay, Hughes. 7th Ed. McGraw-Hill

*An ebook is included in your course fees.

Other Required Materials:

Purpose of Course:  
The course is designed to provide the financial information you will need to make wise financial decisions for both the short term and long term. The goal is to help you solve your immediate financial problems and to help you make decisions that can lead to long-term financial security.

Course Objectives:  
• To identify sources of income and how our choices affect our income and our ability to achieve our goals.
To develop money management skills, looking at the consequences of our financial decisions.

To understand the advantages and disadvantages of different savings and payment methods.

To evaluate the types of credit, the costs of credit and the correct way to use credit to avoid any credit problems.

To be able to analyze consumer spending strategies, comparing different methods of spending.

To explain the basic principles of taxes.

To help consumers in determining good purchasing strategies for major purchases such as cars and homes.

To understand the role of automobile insurance, health insurance and life insurance in helping protect against financial loss.

To understand the basics of investing in stocks, bonds and mutual funds.

To understand the benefits of retirement and estate planning.

Course Content:
I. Financial planning and money management
II. Income tax
III. Savings and payment plans
IV. Credit
V. Automobile and home purchases
VI. Types of insurance
VII. Basic investing in stocks, bonds, and mutual funds
VIII. Retirement and estate planning

Connection with Career and Technical Education (CTE) Outcome Statement:
In compliance with MACC’s CTE outcomes, the student who successfully completes this course will be able to:

- Students will demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills.
- Students will think critically while systematically assessing problems, identifying issues and implementing solutions.
- Students will demonstrate skill mastery and will pursue lifelong learning in their field while adapting to changing standards and following evidence-based practices.

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING

Grade Scale:
A = 90–100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = 59% and below
Assessment:
(State the way learning outcomes will be measured. They may be measured through, but not limited to, the following: objective and essay questions, papers, quizzes, oral presentations, class participation, small group work, and/or projects.)

Expected Study Time Commitments:
Students should expect to spend approximately 2 to 4 hours per week studying, reading, and working on assignments for each registered credit hour. For example, 6 to 12 study hours per week may be expected for a 3 credit hour class.

Description of Major Assignment(s)/Project(s):

INSTRUCTOR POLICIES:

Tardiness:
per instructor’s policy

Make-up and late work:
per instructor’s policy

Extra-credit work:
per instructor’s policy

Schedule of Student Assignments/Activities:
(Instructors will identify a Student Assignment/Activities schedule. Instructors have the prerogative to construct the schedule by class periods, weeks, or an overview of topics to be covered.)

Other:
List any other instructor policies

COLLEGE POLICIES:

Attendance:
Students are expected to attend all class sessions for which they are enrolled. The College reserves the right to drop or withdraw students from courses due to lack of attendance.

Students need to be aware that dropping/being dropped from a course and their last date of attendance in the course may impact their financial aid.

MACC faculty are required to track attendance and report lack of attendance. An instructor must complete the appropriate steps to drop a student within one week following the student’s violation of the attendance policy. Additionally, a student’s attendance rate will be calculated based upon the first day the academic session begins (not the student’s date of
enrollment in the course). If a student does not attend a course as defined below, the student will be dropped as “Never Attended.”

**Term Length Drop Calculations**

**16-week:** Any student who misses two (2) consecutive weeks of class will be dropped from the course by the instructor unless acceptable justification is provided by the student and the student still has the opportunity to be successful in the course.

**8-week:** Any student who misses one (1) consecutive week of class will be dropped from the course by the instructor unless acceptable justification is provided by the student and the student still has the opportunity to be successful in the course.

**4-week:** Any student who misses two (2) consecutive days of class will be dropped from the course by the instructor unless acceptable justification is provided by the student and the student still has the opportunity to be successful in the course.

**Intersession:** Any student who misses one (1) day of class will be dropped from the course by the instructor unless acceptable justification is provided by the student and the student still has the opportunity to be successful in the course.

Acceptable justification may include, but is not limited to, family emergencies, illness or injury, college-approved co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, and religious holidays.

**Definition of Course Attendance**

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Simply logging into the Learning Management System (Canvas) and/or accessing the course and course related material does not constitute active participation for the online component of hybrid courses or for online courses. *(Policy Handbook, G.040)*

**Academic Dishonesty:**
MACC board policy is as follows: “Academic dishonesty by students damages institutional credibility and unfairly jeopardizes honest students; therefore, it will not be tolerated in any form.” Forms of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to the following: violations of copyright law, plagiarism, fabrication, cheating, collusion, and other academic misconduct. Incidents of dishonesty regarding assignments, examinations, classroom/laboratory activities, and/or the submission of misleading or false information to the College will be treated seriously. The procedure for handling academic dishonesty is outlined in the Student Handbook *(Policy Handbook G.020)*. In cases of alleged academic dishonesty, the burden of proof is on the student, not on the instructor.

**Recording Class Sessions Using Zoom:**
The privacy of students is a priority in live or virtual meetings. Recordings of lectures or class meetings that share student information constitute an educational record and are protected under FERPA. Instructors may share recordings within the course section where they were originally recorded and only with the students enrolled in the section. Documented consent from each student identified in the recording is required to distribute outside of the course where it was originally recorded, or student identity must be redacted.

**Student Email:**
MACC Mail is the official student email system at MACC. Official college communication is sent via this email system. Students are responsible for checking their MACC Mail account regularly. Students may also receive notifications and reminders from MACC through the online learning platform. However, students should remain aware that the online learning platform messaging system and MACC Mail (student email) system are two separate systems.

**ADA Statement:**
Students who have disabilities that qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act may register for assistance through the Office of Access and ADA Services. Students are invited to contact the Access Office to confidentially discuss disability information, academic accommodations, appropriate documentation and procedures. For more information, please call either the Moberly office at (660) 263-4100 Ext. 11240 or the Columbia office at (573) 234-1067 Ext. 12120, or visit our web page at [http://www.macc.edu/index.php/services/access-office](http://www.macc.edu/index.php/services/access-office).
Title IX Statement:
MACC maintains a strict policy prohibiting sexual misconduct in any form, including sexual harassment, sexual discrimination, and sexual violence. All MACC employees, including faculty members, are considered mandated reporters of sexual misconduct and as such are expected to contact the Title IX Coordinator when they become aware, in conversation or in writing, of an incident of sexual misconduct. For more information on this policy or to learn about support resources, please see http://www.macc.edu/sexual-misconduct-policy or contact Ms. Cheryl Lybarger, MACC's Title IX Coordinator, at 660-263-4110, ext. 11369 or CherylLybarger@macc.edu.