

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2018	Instructor Name:	Melody Chronister
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CRN #:	11475/76	Units:	3
Classroom:	801/Online	Office #:	809 and Online
Class Dates:	Aug 13 – Dec 8	Office Hours:	By Appointment Only
Class Days:	Tuesday/Online	Office Phone #:	760-355-6552 or text to 760-550-0227
Class Times:	6-8:05pm/Online	Emergency Contact:	Division Secretary @ (760) 355-6361

Course Description

Computer use in the workplace with emphasis on agribusiness situations. Computer applications including word-processing, spreadsheets, databases, and presentation managers will be covered. Also included will be accessing information through the Internet and World Wide Web, telecommunications, an introduction to web page design and other software appropriate to agribusiness. Application of these concepts and methods through hands-on projects developing computer-based solutions for agriculture business. (CSU)

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

None

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Demonstrate a competent use of technology through the use of office applications as they apply to the agricultural industry. (ILO2, ILO4, ILO5)

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate skill in the operation of the Microsoft Windows operating system, common micro-computer systems and peripherals.
2. Demonstrate skill by using Microsoft Office software including Excel, Word and PowerPoint.
3. Utilize the internet to access agricultural information.
4. Construct financial documents using an electronic spreadsheet.
5. Manage data using database functions.
6. Complete specific agricultural projects that demonstrate the ability to identify and solve problems using computers
7. Evaluate the criteria for selecting computer hardware and software appropriate to agricultural business applications.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

[Open Educational Resources](#) will be used throughout this course, so a textbook purchase will not be required. Website Host: Goodwill Community Foundation, Inc

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

This course will consist of a combination of lectures, assigned activity, lab assignments and performance on homework, exam, and final project presentation.

Lab Assignments: Every week there will be lab assignments that correspond to the unit covered during lecture.

Homework: There will a concept review quiz each week based on the unit covered.

Exams: A midterm exam will be given. Exam will be multiple choice and true and false. No make-up exams will be given. Tests will be administered using Canvas.

Final Project: In place of a final exam, each student will be required to complete and present a final project.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

You may earn up to 750 points, as follows:

Discussion Participation (15*10)	150	Grading Scale:	
Quizzes/Concept Review (14*10)	140	A	675-750
Weekly Lab Assignment (13*20)	260	B	600-674
Midterm Exam	50	C	525-599
Final Project	150	D	450-524
		F	449 and below

Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online/hybrid courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Online Netiquette

- What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.
- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)].

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the importance of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- **CANVAS LMS.** Canvas is Imperial Valley College's main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- **Learning Services.** There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- **Library Services.** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills Center](#), study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services \(DSP&S\)](#) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- **Student Health Center.** A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.
- **Mental Health Counseling Services.** Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information..

Veteran's Center

The mission of the [IVC Military and Veteran Success Center](#) is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, personal/academic counseling, tutoring, book vouchers, and community referrals to qualifying low-income students. EOPS is composed of a group of professionals ready to assist you with the resolution of both academic and personal issues. Our staff is set up to understand the problems of our culturally diverse population and strives to meet student needs that are as diverse as our student population.

Also under the umbrella of EOPS our CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program for single parents is specifically designed to provide support services and assist with the resolution of issues that are particular to this population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program, for additional information on CARE please contact Lourdes Mercado, 760-355- 6448, lourdes.mercado@imperial.edu.

To apply for EOPS and for additional information on EOPS services, please contact Alexis Ayala, 760-355-5713, alexis.ayala@imperial.edu.

Student Equity Program

- The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College's success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity

Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students' access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.

- The Student Equity Program also houses IVC's Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic
Week 1	Syllabus & Introduction, Getting Started with the Cloud <i>Discussion & Quiz</i>
Week 2	MS Outlook <i>Discussion, Assignment, Quiz</i>
Week 3	MS Word <i>Discussion, Assignment, Quiz</i>
Week 4	MS PowerPoint <i>Discussion, Assignment, Quiz</i>
Week 5	MS Excel <i>Discussion, Assignment, Quiz</i>
Week 6	MS Access <i>Discussion, Assignment, Quiz</i>
Week 7	Intuit QuickBooks <i>Discussion, Assignment, Quiz</i>
Week 8	Review and Midterm <i>Discussion and Exam</i>
Week 9	Web Development Tools Intro <i>Discussion, Assignment, Quiz</i>
Week 10	Web Development Tools – Weebly Site Creation <i>Discussion, Assignment, Quiz</i>

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic
Week 11	The Internet and Social Media <i>Discussion, Assignment, Quiz</i>
Week 12	Global Positioning and Geographic Info Systems <i>Discussion, Assignment, Quiz</i>
Week 13	Artificial Intelligence <i>Discussion, Assignment, Quiz</i>
Week 14	Drone Technology <i>Discussion, Assignment, Quiz</i>
Thanksgiving Break	
Week 15	The future of Technology and Agriculture / Project Presentations <i>Discussion, Assignment, Quiz</i>
Week 16	Project Presentations / Course Evaluation

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