



IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2026	Instructor Name:	Maria R. Lopez
Course Title & #:	Bus 124 Intro to Business	Email:	maria.lopez@imperial.edu
CRN #:	20066	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	812	Office #:	809-C
Class Dates:	Feb 17 – Jun 9, 2026	Office Hours:	After Class
Class Days:	Tuesdays on IVC Campus	Office Phone #:	Use Canvas email
Class Times:	0100-0410	Emergency Contact:	maria.lopez@imperial.edu
Units:	3	Class Format:	Face-to-Face

Course Description

A basic beginning college course that introduces U.S. business and industry, includes the nature and importance of business, forms of business ownership, organization, management, finance, marketing, government and legal regulations, pricing, and taxes. Class activities include participating in team building concepts. (C-ID: BUS 110) (CSU/UC)

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. Identify the major business and political forces nurturing economic globalization.
2. Explain the concepts of ethics and corporate responsibility.
3. Explain the impact of the Internet on business and on methods of doing business and compare e-business and e-commerce.
4. Describe the purpose of a securities market and explain the basic concepts of stock research activities.
5. Explain the purpose of money, banking, and accounting, and design a basic business budget as a part of the business planning process.

Course Objectives

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

1. Compare American Capitalism, Socialism, and Communism.
2. Identify the various factors (turbulence) that affect business.
3. Explain the various forms of legal business ownership and formation.
4. Describe the purpose of the securities markets.

5. Explain to other students the basic concepts of stock research activities in a team setting.
6. Explain the purpose of money and banking.
7. Design a basic budget as a part of the business planning process.
8. Explain the function of accounting.
9. Describe marketing mix and methods of identifying target markets.
10. Explain the role of small businesses and franchising.
11. Explain the purpose of human resources, activities, and labor relations.
12. Describe the function of insurance.
13. Recognize the impact of government on business.
14. Explain the impact of the Internet on business and on methods of doing business; and compare e-business and e-commerce

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Foundations of Business 7th Edition by Pride, Hughes, Kapoor
Publisher: Cengage

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

In-Class Lecture and class discussion (attendance required), Chapter Exams covering reading assignments, Stock Market Game.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Grading Weight:

Multiple Choice Exams	40% of Grade
Classroom Assignments	40% of Grade
Attendance & Participation	20% of Grade

Typical Grading Scale:	90% to 100% - A
	80% to 89% - B
	70% to 79% - C

Note: All students start with 100 attendance points. Ten points will be deducted for each absence, and five points will be deducted for each tardy. Points will be deducted for wearing air pods, etc. Points will be deducted for leaving early. Points will be deducted for looking at phone or iPad. Points will be deducted for exhibiting a pattern of taking breaks to wander around. Points will be deducted for appearing to be sleeping. Points will be deducted for lack of participation, or lack of good listening behaviors. Try to never be absent or tardy! PS: I regret to need to write the above, but I have noticed an increasing number of students (a few per class) that need this kind of supervision. I apologize to all my students that did not need this reminder.



Academic Honesty (Artificial Intelligence -AI)

IVC values critical thinking and communication skills and considers academic integrity essential to learning. Using AI tools as a replacement for your own thinking, writing, or quantitative reasoning goes against both our mission and academic honesty policy and will be considered academic dishonesty, or plagiarism unless you have been instructed to do so by your instructor. In case of any uncertainty regarding the ethical use of AI tools, students are encouraged to reach out to their instructors for clarification.

Accessibility Statement

Imperial Valley College is committed to providing an accessible learning experience for all students, regardless of course modality. Every effort has been made to ensure that this course complies with all state and federal accessibility regulations, including Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. However, if you encounter any content that is not accessible, please contact your instructor or the area dean for assistance. If you have specific accommodations through **DSPS**, contact them for additional assistance.

We are here to support you and ensure that you have equal access to all course materials.

Course Policies

- 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 courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor.
- Cellphones, iPads, Laptops may only be used in class to work assignments that the instructor is demonstrating. Random surfing the internet or social media is distracting to the class and not allowed.
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Financial Aid

Your Grades Matter! In order to continue to receive financial aid, you must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirement. Making SAP means that you are maintaining a 2.0 GPA, you have successfully completed 67% of your coursework, and you will graduate on time. If you do not maintain SAP, you may lose your financial aid. If you have questions, please contact financial aid at finaid@imperial.edu.

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar (Subject to change without prior notice)

WK / Date	Chapter
1 02/17/2026	Instructor and Student Introductions App A
2 02/24/2026	Part 1 The Environment of Business, Chapter 1
3 03/03/2026	Part 2 Business Ownership and Entrepreneurship, Chapter 4 App B & App C
4 03/10/2026	Part 2 Business Ownership and Entrepreneurship, Chapter 5
5 03/17/2026	Part 3 Management and Organization, Chapter 6
6 03/24/2026	Part 3 Management and Organization, Chapter 7
7 03/31/2026	Part 3 Management and Organization, Chapter 8
8 04/07/2026	Spring Break / No Class
9 04/14/2026	Part 6 Information, Account, and Finance Chapter 14
10 04/21/2026	Part 6 Information, Account, and Finance Chapter 15
11 04/28/2026	Part 6 Information, Account, and Finance Chapter 16
12 05/05/2026	Part 4 Human Resources, Chapter 9
13 05/12/2026	Part 4 Human Resources, Chapter 10
14 05/19/2026	Part 5 Marketing, Chapter 11
15 05/26/2026	Part 5 Marketing, Chapters 12 & 13
16 06/02/2026	Part 1 The Environment of Business Chapters 2 & 3
17 06/09/2026	TBD