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## UNDERGRADUATE ASSESSMENT PLAN 2010-2011

	DISTRIBUTION OF KSA ASSESSMENT ACROSS UPPER LEVEL CORE COURSES UPDATED: September 30th, 2											
No.	KSA #	BUSX 301	BUSX 460	EBTM 311	EBTM 337	EBTM 365	ECON 306	FIN 331	MNGT 361	MNGT 481	MNGT 482	MK' 34
			ACC	REDITED	BUSINE	SS KNOW	LEDGE					
1	Know, apply, and integrate the content of one's major.									μ MFT		
	COMMUNICATION											
2	Write articulate, persuasive, and influential reports, proposals, and letters.	μ letter								μ proposal	μ report	
3	Make articulate, persuasive, and influential oral presentations.	μ								μ		
4	Develop graphic, spreadsheet, and business analysis to support position taken					μ	μ					
5	Engage in active listening in individual and group settings.		μ Employer									
			THI	NKING: C	RITICAL	AND CR	EATIVE					
6	Identify problems and/or opportunities using relevant disciplinary concepts							μ	μ			μ
7	Generate and evaluate feasible alternatives								μ			μ
8	Develop comprehensive, justified conclusions and recommendations using qualitative and/or quantitative tools							μ	μ			μ
	TECHNOLOGY											
9	Use general & discipline specific software for state-of-the-practice business applications				μ							
				LEADER	SHIP & T	EAMWO	RK					
10	Focus on goal achievement	μ		μ								

11	Guide team towards the achievement of common goals	μ		μ						
12	Maintain group cohesion, follower satisfaction, and efficient operations	μ		μ						
				ETI	HICS & V	ALUES				
13	Prefer ethical conduct and honor-system behavior							μ	μ	
14	Apply ethics in business decision-making, considering the impact on multiple stakeholders							μ	μ	
			ATTI	TUDE & I	PRACTIC	AL EXCE	LLENCE			
15	Be attentive, proactive and ready to learn		μ Employer							
16	Meet commitments and complete tasks according to assigned requirements		μ Employer							
17	Treat others with respect; show sensitivity to their views, values and customs		μ Employer							
				EM	IPLOYAB	BILITY				
18	Show evidence of a quality, mentored, reflective professional experience		μ Employer							
19	Demonstrate effective job search; career portfolio and resume		μ Faculty							
20	Assume responsibility for one's own career management and goal-setting		μ Employer							

Principles for allocating KSAs across courses.

- i. We will assess KSAs 1 (in MNGT 481), and 18, 19, 20 (in BUSX 460) in one course only and collect data every semester.
- ii. Assessment for other KSAs will be done in Spring semester and evaluation of assessment for closing the loop will be done in Fall semester.
- iii. All upper-level core courses will assess from one (1) to four (4) KSAs with a goal of assessing at least two (2).
- iv. All KSAs, except for numbers 1, 18, 19, and 20, should be assessed in at least two (2) courses.
- v. All assessment will be completed in a ? year cycle.

KSA #19: Assessment will take place by the Career Center interviewer KSA #18 and #20: Assessment will take place by the employer through the internship course.

Update 09/29 removed #9 from Econ 306 Wording changed from:

Demonstrate effective job search: career portfolio resume and interview skills

	DISTRIBUTION OF KS	A ASSES	SMENT A	CROSS L	JPPER LE	VEL COR	E COUR	SES UP	DATED: 0	October 4t	h, 2010		
No.	KSA#									MNGT 481		MKTG 341	СРЕ
	ACCREDITED BUSINESS KNOWLEDGE												
1	Know, apply, and integrate the content of one's									•			
	major. MFT MFT COMMUNICATION												
2	Write articulate, persuasive, and influential reports, proposals, and letters.	letter								proposal	report		
3	Make articulate, persuasive, and influential oral presentations.	•								•	roport		
4	Develop graphic, spreadsheet, and business analysis to support position taken					•	٥						
5	Engage in active listening in individual and group settings.		Employer										
				THINKING	: CRITICAL	AND CREA	TIVE						
6	Identify problems and/or opportunities using relevant disciplinary concepts							•	•				
7	Generate and evaluate feasible alternatives								•			•	
8	Develop comprehensive, justified conclusions and recommendations using qualitative and/or quantitative tools							٥	<b>\$</b>				
		T			TECHNOLO	OGY	_						
9	Use general & discipline specific software for state-of-the-practice business applications				•								•
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10	Focus on goal achievement	•		•									
11	Guide team towards the achievement of common goals	•		•									
12	Maintain group cohesion, follower satisfaction, and efficient operations	•		•									
	Display ethical conduct and honor-system	1	Π	E	THICS & VA	ALUES			Π		Τ		
13	behavior:												
13.1:	Knows and follows organization rules and policies		Employer										
13.2:	Acts with integrity Apply ethics in business decision-making,		Employer						_		_		
14	considering the impact on multiple stakeholders								•		•		
		l		ATTITUDE	& PRACTIC	AL EXCELLE	ENCE	<u> </u>	Π		I		
15	Be attentive, proactive and ready to learn		Employer										
16	Meet commitments and complete tasks according to assigned requirements		Employer										
17	Treat others with respect; show sensitivity to their views, values and customs		Employer										
					EMPLOYAB	BILITY							
18	Show evidence of a quality, mentored, reflective professional experience		Employer										
19	Demonstrate effective job search; career portfolio and resume		Faculty										
20	Assume responsibility for one's own career management and goal-setting		Employer										

#### **Rubrics for CBE's KSAs**

## KSA 1: Accredited Business Knowledge

Instruments: Major Field Test (MFT) administered in MNGT 481

#### **KSA 1 INSTRUMENT**

#### **Comprehensive Major Field Examination**

MNGT 481, "Business Strategy and Policy," is the business capstone course and integrates material from throughout your undergraduate business education. Ten percent (10%) of your grade for the course will be determined by your performance on a comprehensive examination. This examination supports CBE's mission to become a premier regional business school.

☐ The examination covers basic concepts from accounting, finance, management, operations,
economics, international business, statistics, marketing, and other topics covered in the CBE core.
As this test covers material from across the curriculum, it is up to all students to be certain that they
are familiar with their course material from all subject areas. Students with a concentration in
marketing, for example, may need to brush up their finance and accounting, and vice versa. It is
recommended that you allocate sufficient time to review various subjects as you believe is
appropriate.
☐ The topics covered on the exam are available on the CBE website at:

$\Box$ The topics covered	on the exam are	available on the	CBE website at:
http://wwwnew.towson	edu/che/Files/pr	rograms/undergra	aduate/ctchk ndf

- http://wwwnew.towson.edu/cbe/Files/programs/undergraduate/ctcbk.pdf 

  The exam is a 2 hour multiple choice exam, and will be given in class.
- ☐ ☐ There will be no in-class review for the exam.

#### **RUBRIC**

Know, apply, and integrate the content of one's major.

Criteria	Exemplary	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Score on Major Field Test	69 <sup>th</sup> percentile of the national distribution or above on the entire test (or about half a standard deviation above the mean), AND 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile or above on ALL subject sub scores.	30 <sup>th</sup> percentile of the national distribution or above on the entire test, AND 20 <sup>th</sup> percentile or above on ALL subject sub scores.	All others.

## KSA 2: Write articulate, persuasive, and influential reports, proposals, and letters.

Instruments: Business memo in BUSX 301; Proposal in MNGT 481; Report in MNGT 482

BUSX 301: Writing Assignment#1/Presentation#1--Business Communication Evaluation The purpose of this assignment is to assess your business communication & research skills.

**Fall 2011** 

MNGT 481: Assessment rubric for KSA #2: Write articulate, persuasive and influential reports, proposals and letters (adapted from BUSX 301's "Business Writing Rubric")

Excellent: All questions posed by the assignment are answered with a high level of quality and completeness.

Satisfactory: Most key data is present or most of the questions were answered, but missing minor points

<u>Unsatisfactory</u>: Missing most or all key data or answered questions with a low level of quality and/or completeness.

#### **Report and Presentation (MNGT 481)**

Students will complete a report and presentation in MNGT 481, Business Strategy and Policy. As outlined below, the written document will be evaluated for content and conventions of writing on a three point scale. As outlined below, oral presentations will be evaluated for content and knowledge and the conventions of oral presentations on a three-point scale. In each area, a category score of 3 is exemplary, a category score of 2 is 'acceptable,' and a category score of 1 is 'unacceptable.' Each course instructor will report back to the college the percentage of the class scoring 1, 2, or 3 in each respective category listed below.

#### Rubric

2) Write articulate, persuasive, and influential reports, proposals, and letters.

Criteria	Exemplary	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Content: Fully	Clear and effective support of	Clear support of central idea,	Unclear and undeveloped ideas,
developed and	central idea, full development	development of relevant	lack of support and no analysis,
maintained central	of relevant message, in-depth	message, basic analysis	leading to reader confusion or
idea.	analysis through which	through which reader gains	misinterpretation.
	reader gains knowledge and	knowledge.	
	understanding.		
Organization:	Logical arrangement and	Logical arrangement of	Lack of focus and organization
Clearly focused and	smooth flow of focused ideas	generally connected ideas	with few or no ideas around a
organized with a	around a central theme,	around a central theme,	central theme, leaving the reader
logical progression of	allowing reader to follow	allowing reader to usually	unable and unwilling to identify
ideas around a	reasoning and meaning.	following line of reasoning.	a line of reasoning.
common theme.			
Purpose: Clearly	Writer's purpose is	Writer's purpose becomes	There is no clear purpose to the
apparent task	immediately evident to the	clear to the reader as the paper	paper that is evident to the
accomplished	reader and remains consistent	progresses, although the writer	reader.
through writing.	throughout the paper.	occasionally digresses from	
		the purpose.	
Support: Substantial	Substantial support of ideas	Sufficient support of ideas is	Little or no support of ideas,
and varied support of	is provided through varied	provided through detail and	weak or no link between main
ideas through	and appropriate details and	documentation demonstrating	idea and evidence.
appropriate details	documentation demonstrating	linkage between evidence and	
and evidence	clear linkage between the	main points.	

	evidence and the main points.		
Conventions of	No usage, grammatical or	Minimal errors in usage,	Mistakes in usage, grammar,
Writing:	mechanical errors; consistent	grammar or mechanics;	mechanics and sentence
	and professional tone; well-	generally professional tone;	structure detract from reader's
	phrased and varied sentences;	some variety in sentence	understanding; tone is
	consistent and appropriate	structure; generally	unprofessional; words are used
	word choice.	appropriate word choice.	inappropriately and confuse the
			reader.

# KSA #3: Make articulate, persuasive, and influential oral presentations (BUSX 301; MNGT 481)

## BUSX 301 PRESENTATION #3—Strategy Recommendation Presentation

## **RUBRIC**

Criteria	Exemplary	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Content and	Audience is presented with full	Audience is presented	Audience is presented with
Knowledge: Fully	coverage and explanation of	with sufficient	insufficient information
developed and	information related to topic and	information about the	about the topic and student
maintained central	presenter provides complete and	topic and presenter is	cannot answer questions
idea.	elaborate answers to questions.	able to answer expected	about the topic.
		questions.	
Organization: Clearly	Logical, interesting and	Logical sequence of	The audience cannot
focused and organized	understandable sequence of	information which is	understand the presentation
with a logical	information which is easily followed	easily followed by the	because there is no sequence
progression of ideas	by the audience.	audience.	of information.
around a common			
theme.			
Media Effective use	Unique and interesting use of	Basic use of presentation	Ineffective use of
of multimedia to	presentation media enhances	media to support	presentation media and
enhance audience	audience understanding and	audience understanding;	multiple spelling and/or
experience.	appreciation; no spelling or	no more than two	grammatical errors such that
	grammatical errors in presentation	spelling or grammatical	audience is not able to
	text; interesting visual or sound	errors in presentation	understand or sustain interest
	effects.	text.	in the topic.
Support: Substantial	Effective and interesting use of	Use of graphics related	No use of graphics in
and varied support of	graphics to explain and reinforce	to text and presentation.	presentation.
ideas through	screen text and presentation.		
appropriate details			
and evidence	D' 1 11 11		NY
Conventions of Oral	Direct eye contact with audience,	Consistent use of eye	No eye contact with
<u>Presentation</u> :	rarely looks at notes, maintains fluid	contact with audience but	audience; reads entire report
Effective presentation	and relaxed movements, and uses	substantial reliance on	from notes; no movement or
of ideas and	clear voice and correct pronunciation.	notes; movements and	descriptive gestures; obvious tension and nervousness;
supporting documentation in oral		gestures enhance articulation; clear voice	,
		<u> </u>	mumbles or speaks too
report format.		that is heard by most of the audience.	quietly for audience to hear.
		the audience.	

## KSA 4: Develop graphic, spreadsheet, and business analysis to support position taken (EBTM 365; ECON 306)

EBTM 365 Scoring Rubric (50 Points)

	Exemplary (9-10 pts)		Acceptable (5-8 pts)		Developing (1-4 pts)
Format and Business Writing	Tone and style are appropriate and		Responses are clear and concise		Spelling and grammar are accurate.
(10 Points)	consistent for business		Data tables are inserted	۵	12 pt font and 1" margins
	communication.		appropriately to support		
	Business letter and		the discussion Business letter and		
	report are properly formatted and complete		business report are used		
Check Sheet and	Check Sheet and Pareto		Check Sheet and Pareto		Check Sheet and Pareto Chart
Pareto Chart	Chart clearly summarize		Chart are properly titled		are included
(10 Points)	the data and identify the priorities		Data are accurately represented in the Check		3-5 logical categories are identified
	Charts are complete and accurate		Sheet and Pareto Chart		Pareto chart includes historical and target data
Run Charts	Run charts are		Run chart data are		Run charts for the overall
(10 Points)	accurately titled and axis	_	accurate and the scale	_	trend and individual categories
	labeled		consistent / appropriate		are provided
Cause-Effect	Diagram includes more		Diagram includes at least		Diagram is included in the
Diagram	than 4 sources of failures		4 sources of failures and 2		analysis
(10 Points)	with 3-4 causes within	_	causes within each source		
	each source		Diagram is developed from the critical area		
	Diagram reflects a clear understanding of using		identified by the Pareto		
	the tool to identify		analysis		
	sources of quality		unuly sis		
	failures				
Recommendation	5 recommendations are		3-4 recommendations are		1-2 reasonable
(10 Points)	provided		clearly linked to the data		recommendations are provided
	Recommendations are		and analysis		
	feasible and clearly		Implementing the		
	linked to the data		recommendations is feasible		
İ	analysis		TEASTURE		

## ECONOMICS 306 KSA – FALL 2009

## Rubric for 2009 assessment:

	Exemplary	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Import and manipulate	The student imports the	The student imports the	The students fails to
data sets.	data and calculates all	data and calculates	import the data and/or
	the required statistics	some of the statistics.	calculates few of the
	_		required statistics
Generate and report the	The student successfully	The student successfully	The student
results of regression	executes the required	executes the required	unsuccessfully executes
analysis.	regression and reports	regression but fails to	the required regression.
•	the required output.	completely report the	

		required output.	
Interpretation of results	The student correctly	The student correctly	The student correctly
	answers most of the	answers some of the	answers few of the
	questions in the	questions in the	questions in the
	exercise.	exercise.	exercise.

KSA 5: Engage in active listening in individual and group settings (BUSX 460 Employer Survey)

Criteria	Exemplary	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Acquire and Analyze	Interprets meaning through hearing	Extracts ideas and information	Fails to collect sufficient information
<u>Information</u> : Acquires	and listening, and identifies	through hearing and listening,	through hearing and listening, unable
and analyzes	speaker's purpose and point of	and identifies purpose and point	to identify speaker's purpose and
knowledge from others	view, evaluates and interprets	of view, and applies information	point of view, demonstrates little or
through listening	information, and applies	to a specific purpose or task.	no evidence of understanding
	information to a specific purpose or	Employer rating of 4 on a $1-5$	information.
	task.	scale	Employer rating of 3 or less on a 1 –
	Employer rating of 5 on a $1-5$		5 scale
	scale		
Follow Directions:	Always hears and internalizes	Consistently hears and	Rarely follows multi-step
Gains knowledge of	multi-step instructions, draws	internalizes multi-step	instructions and often needs to have
multi-step instructions	inferences from these instructions,	instructions, seeks clarifications	them repeated before attempting to
from others through	and formulates logical conclusions.	when necessary, and draws	carry them out.
listening	Employer rating of 5 on a $1-5$	inferences from these	Employer rating of 3 or less on a 1 –
	scale	instructions.	5 scale
		Employer rating of 4 on a $1-5$	
		scale	

KSA 6: Identify problems and /or opportunities using cross disciplinary concepts (Exam in FIN 331; Case in MNGT 361; Case in MKTG 341)

KSA 7: Generate and evaluate feasible alternatives.(MNGT 361; MKTG 341)

KSA 8: Develop comprehensive, justified conclusions and recommendations suing qualitative and/or quantitative tools. (Exam in FIN 331; Case in MNGT 361; Case in MKTG 341)

## **KSA:** Thinking: Critical and Creative

6) Identify problems and /or opportunities using cross disciplinary concepts.

Criteria	Exemplary	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Identify problems and/or opportunities using disciplinary concepts	Identifies a problem as a difference between the existing state of affairs and the desired state. Accurately describes the desired state using at least 2 perspectives. For example, the desired state may lead to greater profits (finance) and greater	Identifies a problem as a difference between the existing state of affairs and the desired state of affairs. Uses multiple perspectives, but not correctly identified.	Does not identify a problem. Either only states a deficiency in the existing state of affairs or only states a desired state, or does not refer to multiple perspectives.
	political clout for a division within the corporation (management/ sociology/ political science)		

## 7) Generate and evaluate feasible alternatives.

Criteria	Exemplary	Acceptable	Unacceptable
7a. Identifies	Identifies and describes in detail	Identifies and describes at	Identifies two or fewer feasible
alternatives	at least three feasible alternatives	least three feasible	alternatives or more than two but
	that reflect an in-depth	alternatives that reflect an	without demonstrating an
	understanding of the material	understanding of the material	accurate understanding of the material.
7b. Identifies criteria	Identifies at least three relevant	Identifies at least three	Fewer than three relevant criteria
for assessing	decision criteria and weights each	relevant decision criteria and	are offered and/or there is no
alternatives and	demonstrating a clear priority of	their relative importance by	discussion of the alternatives'
ranks alternatives	some criteria over others.	mentioning a priority of some	relative importance.
based on importance	Relative importance is justified	criteria over others.	
	using compelling and logical		
	reasoning.		
7c. Applies criteria	Creates an analysis that includes	Each alternative is assessed	Simply describes the application
to alternatives	all alternatives and decision	using all criteria.	of the criteria without a
	criteria. The rationale shows the		supporting rationale
	difference between all		demonstrating the differences
	alternatives in terms of relative		between alternatives.
	importance for each criterion.		

8) Develop comprehensive, justified conclusions and recommendations suing qualitative and/or quantitative tools.

Criteria	Exemplary	Acceptable	Unacceptable
8a. & 8b. Develops and	Evaluates each alternative. Selects	Selects best alternative, but	Analysis does not provide
justifies conclusion/	best alternative based on relative	does not make mention of	a clear recommendation
recommendation	importance. Relative importance	relative importance of various	and conclusion
	of all criteria is consistent with and	criterion.	
	reflects criterion ranking		
	developed in Item 7b.		

Re: KSA assessment #6 and #8 – data collection in the spring of 2011 – FIN331

	KSAs	Questions
6	Identify problems and/or opportunities using relevant disciplinary concepts	1, 2, 5, 6, 7
8	Develop comprehensive, justified conclusions and recommendations using qualitative and/or quantitative tools	3, 4, 8, 9, 10

#### For each KSA

5/5 Exemplary 100% 3-4/5 acceptable 60-80% 0-2/5 unacceptable <=40%

## Assessment of Critical and Creative Thinking Skills in MNGT 361

**Spring**, 2011

<b>KSA:</b> Thinking: Critical and Creat	tive
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## KSA 6. Identify problems and /or opportunities using relevant disciplinary concepts

TRAIT	Unacceptable	Acceptable	Exemplary	Score
	(Score=0)	(Score=1)	(Score =2)	
6. Identify problems	Does not identify a	Identifies a problem, but does	Identifies a problem as a difference between the	
and/or opportunities	problem. Either only	not clearly describe the	existing state of affairs and the desired state. Clearly	
using cross -	states a deficiency in	difference between the	describes the existing and desired states.	
disciplinary concepts	the existing state of	existing state of affairs and the		
	affairs or only states a	desired state of affairs		
	desired state.			

## KSA 7. Generate and evaluate feasible alternatives.

TRAIT	Unacceptable	Acceptable	Exemplary	Score
7a. Identifies	Identifies fewer than six feasible	Identifies and describes six feasible	Identifies and describes in	
alternatives	alternatives or does not demonstrate	alternatives that reflect an	detail six feasible alternatives	
	an accurate understanding of the	understanding of the material	that reflect an in-depth	
	material.		understanding of the material	
7b. Identifies criteria	Fewer than three relevant criteria are	Identifies at least three relevant	Identifies at least three relevant	
for assessing	offered and weights are either not	decision criteria and weights each	decision criteria and weights	
alternatives and ranks	assigned or do not facilitate the	demonstrating a priority of some	each demonstrating a clear	
alternatives based on	differentiation of alternatives.	criteria over others.	priority of some criteria over	
importance			others. Weighting is justified	
			using compelling and logical	
			reasoning.	
7c. Applies criteria to	Simply describes the application of	Creates a table in spreadsheet form that	Creates a table in spreadsheet	
alternatives	the criteria without a supporting	includes all alternatives and decision	form that includes all	
	spreadsheet demonstrating the	criteria. Each alternative is assessed	alternatives and decision	
	differences between alternatives or	using all criteria.	criteria. The spreadsheet shows	
	does a spreadsheet that does not		the difference between all	
	demonstrate the difference between		alternatives in terms of values	
	alternatives.		and weights for each criterion.	

## $KSA\ 8.\ \ Develop\ comprehensive, justified\ conclusions\ and\ recommendations\ suing\ qualitative\ and/or\ quantitative\ tools.$

TRAIT	Unacceptable	Acceptable	Exemplary	Score
8a. Develops conclusion/ recommendation	Analysis does not develop a score for each alternative or does not effectively use the spreadsheet.	Using a spreadsheet, evaluates each alternative. Selects best alternative based on score (sum of weights times values across all criteria).	Using a spreadsheet, evaluates each alternative. Selects best alternative based on score (sum of weights times values across all criteria). Weights of all criteria are consistent with and reflect criterion ranking developed in Item 7b.	
8b. Justifies conclusion/ recommendation	Does not explain the advantages and disadvantages of each alternative in	Explains the advantages and disadvantages of each	Explains the advantages and disadvantages of each	
	writing. Selected recommendation is not adequately justified, and/or and shortfalls of alternatives not chosen clearly articulated.	alternative in writing, but may not refer to all criteria. Provides justification in writing, but only discusses trade-offs and	alternative in writing with reference to all criteria, using compelling and logical reasoning. Justifies selected	

	shortfalls of some of the alternatives not chosen.	recommendation by discussing its unique strengths, as well as trade-offs and shortfalls of all alternatives not chosen.	
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## KSA 9: Use general & discipline specific software for state-of-the-practice business applications (EBTM 337; CPE)

#### **CBE Computer Proficiency Exam (not applicable for Panama program)**

Students whose catalog year is 2008-09 or later and are a pre-major in accounting, business administration, e-Business, and any combined CBE majors are required to take the CBE Computer Proficiency Exam as an admissions requirement to the major.

#### **Steps for taking the CBE Computer Proficiency Exam**

- 1. Register for a scheduled exam date.
- 2. Purchase the software.
- 3. Review the exam policies and use the study guides and lessons to prepare for the exam.
- 4. Arrive to the exam prepared.

#### http://www.towson.edu/cbe/student\_resources/cpe.asp

Criteria	Exemplary	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Score on Computer Proficiency Exam: First time takers	90-100	70-89	<70
Score on Computer Proficiency Exam: Second time takers	90-100	70-89	<70
Score on Computer Proficiency Exam: Third time takers	90-100	70-89	<70

## KSA #9: EBTM 337

KSA#9: Use general and discipline specific software for state-of-the-practice business applications

Assignment	Software Tool and Feature	Task Component	Exceptional (7-10 Points)	Acceptable (3-6 Points)	Unacceptable (0-2 Points)
Using MS-Excel to assist in decision- making	Microsoft Excel -Filtering records - Regression technique -IF function — Graphing -Formatting table	Filtering records (0-10 Points)	Student correctly applies the advanced filter feature in Excel and extracts the record in another location with appropriate column name and formatting according to instructions	Student correctly applies the advanced filter feature in Excel and extracts the record in another location	Student does not filter record or extracts record without using the advanced filter feature
		Regression technique (0-10 Points)	Student correctly applies the regression technique, demonstrates all the calculations as listed in the sheet and computes using the predicted salary as shown in the assignment.	Student correctly applies the regression technique, demonstrates some of the calculations	Student does not apply the regression technique.
		IF function (0-10 Points)	Student correctly applies the IF function as shown in the assignment.	Student incorrectly applies the IF function in one or more cases.	Student does not apply the IF function.
		Graphing (0-10 Points)	Student correctly draws the graphs with the correct axis titles, legends and displays the trend line as shown in the assignment.	Student correctly draw the graph with the correct axis and/or lacks few features such as legend, trend line, axis title	Student does not provide the graph.
		Formatting (0-10 Points)	Output results and format are professional looking, as shown in the assignment.	Output results and format are acceptable looking, and/or contain a few errors.	Output results and form are not acceptable looking and contain significant errors.

Total: 0-40 Points

## Leadership & Teamwork (BUSX 301; EBTM 311)

KSA 10: Focus on goal achievement;

KSA 11: guide a team towards the achievement of common goals

KSA 12: Maintain group cohesion, follower satisfaction, and efficient operations

Survey on Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes (KSAs)

## Towson University College of Business and Economics

**Instructions:** You are invited to participate in a very important survey that the College of Business and Economics is administering on knowledge, skills, and attitudes (KSAs). The survey will help the college collect valuable information on our students' KSAs focused by the team project in this class. Please indicate whether you agree with each of the following statements by marking your answer using the Scantron sheet. The survey will take you approximately 10 minutes.

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. My team had specific goals for	a	b	С	d	e
the project.					
2. My team had a clear plan to	a	b	С	d	e
accomplish the goals of the project.					
3. Each of the members of my team	a	b	c	d	e
knew his or her tasks and					
responsibilities.					
4. My team had a clear leader.	a	b	С	d	e
5. A specific member played a	a	b	С	d	e
leading role in the project.		_			
6. One member of our team made	a	b	С	d	e
many major decisions.		_			
7. Personality clashes were evident	a	b	С	d	e
in our team.					
8. There was a lot of tension in our	a	b	С	d	e
team.					
9. The majority of team members	a	b	С	d	e
seemed upset working in our team.		,			
10. There was a great deal of	a	b	С	d	e
emotional conflicts in our team.					
11.Friction was obvious among our	a	b	С	d	e
team members.		1		1	
12. Our team members often	a	b	С	d	e
disagreed about who should do					
what.		b	_	d	_
13. Members in my team often disagreed about the way to	a	D	С	a	e
complete the group task.					
14. Members in my team often		b	С	d	2
disagreed about the method for	a	U		u	e
making decisions					
15. There were major differences	a	b	С	d	e
of opinions in our team.	a			u	
16. Members of our team often	a	b	С	d	e
10. Memoers of our team often	а	U	C	u	

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disagreed about the decisions to be					
made.					
17. There were often conflicts	a	b	c	d	e
about ideas in our team.					
18. When we had disagreements,	a	b	С	d	e
we tried to resolve them.					
19. My team managed conflicts	a	b	С	d	e
effectively.					
20. Most of our team conflicts	a	b	С	d	e
were successfully resolved.					
21. Members in my team often	a	b	С	d	e
supported each other in tasks.			· ·		
22. Members in my team often	a	b	c	d	e
encouraged each other in face of	а		Č	u u	
difficulties.					
23. Members in my team helped	a	b	c	d	e
keep each other motivated.	a		Č	u u	
24. My team worked together	a	b	c	d	e
better than most teams on which I	a	U	C	u u	
have worked.					
	0	b	c	d	
25. My teammates and I helped each other better than most other	a	U	C	u	e
teams on which I have worked.	_	1.		.1	_
26. My teammates and I got along	a	b	С	d	e
better than most other teams on					
which I have worked.		1		1	
27. My teammates often provided	a	b	С	d	e
each other constructive feedback.					
28. My teammates communicated	a	b	c	d	e
effectively with each other.					
29. My team members mostly	a	b	С	d	e
listened to each other's opinions.		_			
30. My team members usually did	a	b	c	d	e
not publically criticize each other's					
work or opinions.					
31. I think my team did great on	a	b	c	d	e
the project.					
32. I think my team was very	a	b	c	d	e
effective.					
33. My team was very efficient.	a	b	c	d	e
34. My team got things done	a	b	С	d	e
quickly					
35. I am satisfied with my team's	a	b	c	d	e
performance on the project.					

## 10) Focus on goal achievement;

Criteria	Exemplary	Proficient	Unacceptable
Motivation and Goal	Effective situational analysis that	Identifies and describes a hypothetical	Does not demonstrate an understanding
Setting: Foster action	translates into clear and appropriate	situation demonstrating the	of the interaction between vision,
toward achievement	recommendations for workable goals for	interrelatedness of vision, mission, goals,	mission, and goals or fails to translate
of vision, mission and	self and team; develops a clear and	and plan development; creates goals and	goals into a coherent action plan or
goals	inclusive action plan or agenda with	utilizes some team input in developing an	agenda, does not solicit team input, does
	designated work tasks and	action plan and assigns tasks.	not set goals, or creates goals that would
	responsibilities, uses mechanisms for		not be accepted by a team.
	participation and input from the team.		

## 11) guide a team towards the achievement of common goals

Facilitating Group	Leads and empowers group members	Is able to lead and empower group	Is not able to lead or empower a group to
Process: Create	towards consensual solutions; addresses	members with support to reach consensual	develop a consensus which results in
empowered	power and its use; influences team	solutions that result in group satisfaction.	member satisfaction; draws on
environment for	behavior by providing a role model on		inappropriate power and tickets, suggests
equal team	critical tasks; facilitates agreed upon		plan of action that involves operating
contribution	responses within a specified time limit.		independently of the group.
Communication/Inter	Describes communication style or	Acknowledges importance of	Fails to acknowledge role of
action Style: Fosters	interaction process and explains why this	communication and provides guidance.	communication or interaction style, does
communication/intera	is appropriate, addresses communication	Lists communication/interaction options	not develop communication or interaction
ction behaviors	needs of the group such as active	and additional communication processes.	options, and provides no guidance on
appropriate to the	listening, supportive feedback, and		communication and interaction within the
situation	assertive communication.		group.
Conflict Resolution:	Accurately analyzes situational sources of	Acknowledges situational sources of	Fails to address issues of conflict, does
Ensures effective	conflict, recommends appropriate	conflicts and recommends responses for	not provide adequate coverage of
resolution of conflict	responses for positive outcomes, describes	conflict resolution, does not address	processes for conflict resolution, and
	and applies collaborative conflict	positive outcomes of conflict.	provides no analysis of sources or
	resolution		beneficial outcomes of conflict.

## 12) Maintain group cohesion, follower satisfaction, and efficient operations

Criteria	Exemplary	Proficient	Unacceptable
Communication/Interaction	Describes communication style or	Acknowledges importance of	Fails to acknowledge role of
Style: Fosters	interaction process and explains why	communication and provides guidance.	communication or interaction style,
communication/interaction	this is appropriate, addresses	Lists communication/interaction	does not develop communication or
behaviors appropriate to the	communication needs of the group	options and additional communication	interaction options, and provides no
situation	such as active listening, supportive	processes.	guidance on communication and
	feedback, and assertive		interaction within the group.
	communication.		
Working with Others	Almost always listens to, shares with,	Usually listens to, shares, with, and	Rarely listens to, shares with, and
	and supports the efforts of others. Tries	supports the efforts of others. Does not	supports the efforts of others. Often is
	to keep people working well together.	cause "waves" in the group.	not a good team player
<u>Attitude</u>	Is never publicly critical of the project	Is rarely publicly critical of the project	Is often publicly critical of the project
	or the work of others. Always has a	or the work of others. Often has a	or the work of other members of the
http://www.challenge.nm.org/	positive attitude about the task(s).	positive attitude about the task(s).	group. Is often negative about the
archive/08-			task(s).
09/kickoff/classes/Teamwork			
Rubric.pdf			

## KSA 13 Display ethical conduct and honor-system behavior (BUSX 460 Employer Survey)

BUSX 460: See page 43 for the instrument

Criteria	Exemplary	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Display ethical conduct and honor system behavior	Rating of 5	Rating of 4	Rating of 1, 2 or 3

## KSA 14: Apply ethics in business decision-making, considering the impact on multiple stakeholders

MNGT 482: See pages 7 - 8 for the instrument.

#### **RUBRIC**

Criteria	Exemplary	Proficient	Unacceptable
Ethical Theories Cited	Two or more ethical theories correctly cited (e.g. utilitarianism, rights, justice),	One ethical theory correctly cited.	Ethical theories incorrectly applied or none offered
Stakeholders identified	Two or more stakeholders identified	Single stakeholder identified	No critical stakeholders identified
Implications discussed	Appropriate implications discussed adequately	Limited implications discussed	Problematic conclusions proposed (e.g. "do nothing" or "lie")

Scoring: Exemplary: Meets exemplary standards on all criteria

Proficient: Proficient or higher on all criteria

Unacceptable: Unacceptable on any criteria

## KSAs 15 – 20: Employer Survey in BUSX 460

- 15) Be attentive, proactive and ready to learn
- 16) Meet commitments and complete tasks according to assigned requirements
- 17) Treat others with respect; show sensitivity to their views, values and customs
- 18) Show evidence of a quality, mentored, reflective professional experience
- 19) Demonstrate effective job search: career portfolio, resume, and interview skills
- 20) Assume responsibility for one's own career management and goal-setting

## **KSA:** Attitude and Practical Excellence

15) Be attentive, proactive and ready to learn

Criteria	Exemplary	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Attendance	Always ready to begin work at the appointed time.	Frequently ready to begin work at the appointed time.	More than a few unexcused absences. Often late.
Materials	Always has the necessary tools, materials, and information necessary to complete task.	Frequently has required materials and information to complete the task at least 80% of the time,	Frequently (80% of the time) does not have the required materials and information necessary to complete task.
Preparation	Always anticipates issues to be discussed and reviews relevant notes and information that will be helpful.	Well prepared, shows careful preparation to discuss most issues that may arise.	Little or no preparation exhibited.
Posture and Attentive Behavior	Usually sits upright, leaning forward, directed toward the speaker, work materials, or activities. Not easily distracted.		
Initiative	Takes initiative by demonstrating leadership qualities at all times.	Takes initiative by demonstrating leadership qualities most of the time.	Seldom takes initiative or show leadership qualities.

## 16) Meet commitments and complete tasks according to assigned requirements

Criteria	Exemplary	Proficient	Marginal
Follow directions: Gains knowledge of multi-step instructions	Always learns and internalizes multi-step assignment instructions, determines stated and implied goals, formulates logical plan to execute assignment, and ask relevant questions on assignment substance.	Considers assignment instructions, draws some inferences from these instructions, formulates plan to execute assignments, and asks relevant questions.	Fails to understand assignment, only considers the most surface issues raised by the assignment.
Quality and Completeness:	Always submits high quality work that answers all questions and issues presented and shows relevant insights.	Submits high quality work that answers all questions and issues presented.	Missed the point of the assignment, fails to meet basic assignment requirements.

## 17) Treat others with respect; show sensitivity to their views, values and customs

Criteria	Exemplary	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Treat All People with Dignity and Respect	Treats everyone with personal dignity and respect, no matter what their role or responsibility. Shows deep cultural awareness and sensitivity and actively reaches out to build productive relationships. Recognizes that colleagues and customers are entitled to work in an environment free of verbal, physical and sexual harassment.	Treats everyone with personal dignity and no matter what their role or responsibility	Does not show basic civility and makes judgments heavily influenced by stereotypes and bias;

#### **KSA: Employability**

18) Show evidence of a quality, mentored, reflective professional experience

Criteria	Exemplary	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Meet the criteria on grading form for the portfolio.	Rating of 5	Rating of 4	Rating of 1, 2 or 3

## 19) Demonstrate effective job search: career portfolio, resume, and interview skills

Criteria	Exemplary	Proficient	Marginal	Unacceptable
	The resume consistently follows	Formatting guidelines for	Formatting is repeatedly	Formatting guidelines for
Resume Format	formatting guidelines for length,	length, layout, spacing, and/or	inconsistent in length, layout,	length, layout, spacing, and/or
and Content	layout, spacing, and	alignment are almost always	spacing, and/or alignment,	alignment are not followed,
	alignment. Format and layout	followed. 1-2 problems in	reducing readability and	making the resume unattractive
	make the resume exceptionally	format and layout, but	attractiveness	or hard to read
	attractive, drawing attention to	readability and attractiveness		
	the content, and enhancing	are not affected.		
D C	readability.	A1		B
Resume Content	The resume includes all	Almost all necessary items are	Several necessary content items	Presentation of content contains
	necessary items (headings) and	included and guidelines are	are missing or there are several	many errors or omissions, e.g. in
	follows guidelines consistently	followed for the most part. 1-2 errors in presentation of the	errors in presentation (e.g.	the use of chronological order, action verbs, objective, dates,
	(e.g. objective, action verbs, dates,, places). Relevant	content (e.g. objective,	objective, dates, places, actions verbs or use of reverse	places
	education and experience	dates/places, action verbs, use of	chronological order).	places
	substantiate position sought and	reverse chronological order).	emonological order).	
	are presented in reverse	reverse emonological order).		
	chronological order			
Resume	The resume uses accurate	There are 1-3 errors in the use	There are 4-5 errors in English	There are more than 5 errors in
Grammar,	English grammar and	of English grammar and	grammar and vocabulary (word	English grammar and
Punctuation,	vocabulary (word forms, word	vocabulary (word forms, word	forms, word choice). Action	vocabulary (word forms, word
Spelling, Resume	choice). Action verbs are	choice). Action verbs are	verbs are often not used in past	choice). Action verbs are
	consistently used in past tense.	almost always used in past	tense	usually not used in past tense.
		tense.		
Interview skills	Detailed knowledge about the	Some knowledge of the position	Knowledgeable about the	You are not knowledgeable
	organization and position being	and organization. Displays	position but not the organization	about the position or
	sought. Show poise and	confidence in answers. Explain	applicant is interviewing with.	organization you are
	confidence. Relates knowledge,	how your knowledge, skills, and	Display adequate confidence in	interviewing with. You are not
	skills and attitudes to job very	attitude, relate to the job.	answers. Explains knowledge	confident in answering
	well with relevant examples and		and skills but does not	questions about yourself. You
	support materials.		adequately relate them to the	do not state the skills you have
			job.	to do this job.

Career Portfolio	Submits, clear, concise and	Submits, clear, concise and	Unclear and/or ineffective	No summary of experience,
	effective summary of	effective summary of	summary of experience,	capabilities, and
	experience, capabilities, and	experience, capabilities, and	capabilities, and	accomplishments; provides poor
	accomplishments; provides	accomplishments; provides	accomplishments; provides	quality or irrelevant work
	quality work samples and	quality work samples and strong	quality work samples and	samples and no reflections
	insightful reflections showing	reflections showing employment	insightful reflections showing	showing employment readiness.
	employment readiness.	readiness.	employment readiness	

## 20) Assume responsibility for one's own career management and goal-setting

Criteria	Exemplary	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Faculty evaluation of the "Reflective Commentaries for KSA sections: Provide explanation of KSA and how it applies to future employers"	Demonstrates a very perceptive understanding of future implications of items.	Demonstrates sufficient understanding of future implications of items.	Demonstrates inconsistent, little or no understanding of future implications of items.

## **MBA Assessment Plan**

Goals & Learning Objectives	Where Measured
Goal 1: Innovative Strategies in a Global Environment	
L.O. 1.1 Graduates will integrate functional concepts and tools to develop strategies that are geared to organizational success in a global environment.	MGMT 700
LO 1.2 Graduates will create and defend effective plans to implement business strategies.	MGMT 660
Goal 2: Analysis and Decision-making	
LO 2.1: Graduates will apply contemporary business concepts and technologies to analyze information and recommend effective solutions to business problems.	INSS 640
Goal 3: Effective Communications	
LO 3.1: Graduates will demonstrate effective communication skills	MGMT 700
Goal 4: Leading and Managing People	
LO 4.1: Graduates will evaluate the characteristics of effective leadership and make recommendations to enhance leadership effectiveness.	MGMT 600
LO 4.2: Graduates will recommend effective approaches for motivating employees and managing relationships in a diverse workforce.	
LO 4.3: Graduates will demonstrate the ability to operate effectively in a team setting.	
Goal 5: Ethical and Value-Based Leadership	
LO 5.1: Graduates will recognize ethical dilemmas and recommend appropriate responses.	ECON 640
LO 5.2: Graduates will recognize the impact of corporate actions on society and make recommendations consistent with socially responsible behavior.	ECON 640
Goal 6: Business Functional Tools and Concepts	
LO 6.1: Graduates will apply major concepts, theories, and functional tools from disciplines in the core	ETS Exam

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## **RUBRICS**

Goal 1: Innovative Strategies in a Global Environment

LO 1.1 Graduates will integrate functional concepts and tools to develop strategies that are geared to organizational success in a global environment. (MGMT 700)

GRADUATE ANALYTICAL & PROBLEM-SOLVING ASSESSMENT RUBRIC (MGMT 700 Case Analysis- 100 points available)

	Exceeds Standards	Meets Standards	Fails to Meet Standards
Identification of Symptoms (10	Identifies symptoms clearly, with no confusion	<u>Identifies majority of symptoms (at least 5).</u> There is	Identifies few, if any
%) ½ page maximum	between symptoms and problems (5 or more). There	little confusion between symptoms and problems.	symptoms (4 or less). There
Symptoms are indicators of	is no confusion between symptoms and problems.		may be confusion between
problems. "Clusters" of symptoms	Symptoms are clustered, with each group of		symptoms, problems and/ or
aid in pointing toward underlying	symptoms pointing toward an underlying problem.		recommendations.
problems.			
	(10)	(8)	(6)
Problem Statements (20%)	2-3 substantial problems faced by the company's	At least 1 of the company's substantial problems is	2 or more of the following
½ page maximum	decision-makers are identified, and stated in terms	identified and stated in terms that are actionable by	errors apply:
Problems should be stated in	that are actionable by the company's leadership.	the company's leadership	
terms that are actionable by the			*Problems stated may refer
decision-maker for the analysis.			to environmental
A d blane d			conditions
A good problem definition keeps			*Symptoms are stated as the
the case analysis tightly structured because everything			problems. *Recommendations are
discussed after this point must be			stated as problems.
related to the problem(s) stated in			* Problems may not be
this section.			stated in single, concise,
tins section.			complete sentences.
Each problem is stated in one			* More than 3 problems
sentence, and is not given in the			stated may be included.
form of a question. There should	(20)	(15)	(12)
be no more than 3 problems.			
Problem Analysis (15%)	Analysis includes all of the following:	Analysis includes 2 of the following:	Analysis includes 1 of the
¾ page maximum	* 2-3 stated problems are analyzed thoughtfully	* 1 problem is analyzed thoughtfully OR 2 or more	items listed in the next
Problems are dissected to analyze	* At least 1 strategic analysis tool applied	problems are covered superficially.	column.
key factors.	* Relevant financial analysis is applied (Financial	* At least 1 strategic analysis tool applied	
	ratios or other financial analysis approach)	* Relevant financial analysis is applied (Financial	
	(15)	ratios or other financial analysis approach) (10)	(5)

Identification of Alternatives (15%) This is for brainstorming.  Evaluation of Alternatives (15%) Arguments are provided for and against each alternative.	Identifies a comprehensive set of thoughtful alternatives, excluding "Do Nothing" alternatives (6 alternatives).  There is a set of alternatives for each problem.  (15)  Pros and cons for alternatives are provided.  Arguments are convincing, supported & comprehensive.  (15)	Identifies majority of alternexcluding "Do Nothing" al May have only 1 set of alternoblem.  (12)  Pros and cons for alternative the arguments are convincing May be missing a few prosection.  (12)	ternatives. ernatives for more than one  ves are provided. Most of ng & supported. and/or cons.	Identifies few, if any alternatives (3 or less alternatives) listed or not all aspects of identified problems are addressed. (10)  Pros & cons for few, if any alts or only 1 alt. for each problem; Missing significant discussion of alternative pros or cons. (10)
Recommended Course of Action (20%) 2 page minimum  Develop the most effective, efficient, and feasible combination of alternatives to solve the problems within boundaries of the firm's objectives. Do NOT recommend doing research, hiring a consultant, or setting up a team or com./task force to study the situation. You are the consultants.	Student demonstrates the ability to articulate and defend his analysis and recommendations. Student provides a comprehensive course of action, with substantiated feasibility that is likely to solve all of the priority problems and lead to above average returns in this industry with intensifying competition. Student demonstrates ability to integrate concepts and functional tools from three or more business disciplines to solve complex business problems.	Student demonstrates the ability to articulate and defend analysis and recommendations.  Student provides a course of action, with substantiated feasibility that is likely to solve at least one of the identified problems and lead to above average returns in this industry.  Student demonstrates ability to integrate concepts and functional tools from at least two business disciplines to solve complex business problem (16)	Partial courses of action; and/or     Actions     recommended do not include specifics to fully address/resolve identified problems  (14)	Actions rely heavily on hiring, or setting up committee(s)/ team(s) and others to decide how best to solve the problems.  OR Brief statements are made about what needs to be done, but few specifics are provided.  OR Feasibility of some actions can be questions  OR Recommendations include actions not evaluated in previous sections.
Implementation Plan (5 %) Who is to do what; timeframe. Individuals/depts. are named.	Timeline and those responsible are identified and detailed. (5)	Timeline is adequate but re identified OR responsibilit timeline is not adequate. (3	ies are identified by the	Timeline with those responsible not provided. (0)

Scoring	Key:
	Exceeds Standards 90 – 100
	Meets Standards 70 – 89
	Fails to Meet Standards ≤69

Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_

## Goal 1: Innovative Strategies in a Global Environment

## LO 1.2 Graduates will create and defend effective plans to implement business strategies. (MGMT 660)

	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Does Not Meet Expectations
Project Plan	Project plan represents a superior quality product, free from errors, and complete. Plan is clearly explained, justified, and supported.	Project plan is complete and of acceptable quality. Plan is defined, justified, accurate and supported.	Project plan includes major errors or is missing critical components or is not clearly presented.

Goal 2: Analysis and Decision-making

LO 2.1: Graduates will apply contemporary business concepts and technologies to analyze information and recommend effective solutions to business problems. (INSS 640)

	3: Good	2: Fair	1: Poor
Business Processes	Sketches and explains all underlying business processes and interdependencies without error.	Provides business process diagram(s) containing fundamental elements/descriptions, with some minor errors and/or missing elements/descriptions.	Provides business process diagram(s) with missing fundamental elements/descriptions and/or major errors.
Information Inputs	Correctly identifies the information inputs and input sources for each business process, without error.	Correctly identifies major information inputs and input sources for key business processes, with some missing inputs/sources and/or minor errors.	Fails to correctly identify major information inputs and input sources for key business processes, and/or misses several other inputs/sources.
Technology Support	Correctly characterizes the role intensity of technology in the facilitation of each business process, and suggests necessary technological changes where applicable.	Correctly characterizes the role intensity of technology in the facilitation of key business processes, with some missing analysis and/or minor errors. Successfully identifies necessary major technological changes where applicable.	Incorrectly or insufficiently characterizes the role intensity of technology in the facilitation of key business processes, or with much analysis missing. Does not successfully identify necessary major technological changes where applicable.
Systemic Support	Thoroughly assesses organizational strengths and weaknesses in use of "complementary assets" to enhance technology support.  Comprehensively analyzes whether more could be done to complement technology support.	Reasonably assesses major organizational strengths and weaknesses in use of "complementary assets" to enhance technology support. Provides some analysis of whether more could be done to complement technology support.	Incorrectly or cursorily assesses organizational strengths and weaknesses in use of "complementary assets" to enhance technology support. Provides limited or no analysis of whether more could be done to complement technology support.

Total	Score:	
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**Scoring Key** 

Exceeds standards: 11-12Meets standards: 7-10Fails to meet standards:  $\leq 6$ 

**Goal 3: Effective Communications** 

LO 3.1: Graduates will demonstrate effective communication skills

Assessed using MKTG reports. Outsourced to the writing center.

#### **Graduate Writing Rubric**

	3: Exceeds Standards	2: Meets Standards	1: Fails to Meet Standards	Score
Logic & Organization	Develops ideas cogently, organizes them logically with paragraphs and connects them with effective transitions.  Clear and specific introduction and conclusion.	Develops unified and coherent ideas within paragraphs with generally adequate transitions; clear overall organization relating most ideas together, good introduction and conclusion.	Does not develop ideas cogently, uneven and ineffective overall organization, unclear introduction or conclusion.	3 2 1
Language	Employs words with fluency, develops concise standard English sentences, balances a variety of sentence structures effectively.	Word forms and sentence structures are adequate to convey basic meaning. Presence of a few errors is not distracting.	Employs words that are unclear, sentence structures inadequate for clarity, errors are seriously distracting.	3 2 1
Spelling & Grammar	The writing is essentially error-free in terms of spelling and grammar.	While there may be minor errors, the writing follows normal conventions of spelling and grammar throughout and has been carefully proofread.	Writing contains numerous errors in spelling and grammar which interfere with comprehension.	3 2 1
Development of Ideas	Explores ideas vigorously, supports points fully using a balance of subjective and objective evidence, reasons effectively making useful distinctions.	Supports most ideas with effective examples, references, and details, makes key distinctions.	Most ideas unsupported or presented weakly. Confusion between personal and external evidence, reasoning unclear or flawed.	3 2 1
Purpose	The writer's decision about focus, organization, style, and content fully elucidate the purpose and keep the purpose at the center of the piece.	The writer has made good decisions about focus, organization, style, and content so as to achieve the purpose of the writing.	The writer's decisions about focus, organization, style, and content sometimes interfere with the purpose of the writing.	3 2 1

Scoring Key:		<b>Total Score:</b>
Exceeds standards	13 - 15	
Meets standards	9 - 12	
Fails to meet standards	\$ ≤ 8	

Goal 4: Leading and Managing People

LO 4.1: Graduates will evaluate the characteristics of effective leadership and make recommendations to enhance leadership effectiveness.

LO 4.2: Graduates will recommend effective approaches for motivating employees and managing relationships in a diverse workforce.

(MGMT 600)

	3: Exceeds Standards	2: Meets Standards	1: Fails to Meet Standards	Score
Evaluate the characteristics of effective leadership needed in this situation and make recommendations to enhance leadership effectiveness.	Addresses power and its use as a critical leadership task. Acknowledges difference power strategies and makes recommendations for effective power responses as a function of the situational demands. Leadership behaviors suggested would influence team behavior by providing a role model on critical tasks. Describes ways to create an empowering environment in which all team members contribute equitably to shared team goals.	Identifies possible power and influence tactics but doesn't differentiate between different approaches to power/empowerment and their appropriateness to the situation. Acknowledges importance of exercising power as a leader, but says little else to explain why or how. Focuses attention on the exercise of personal power and fails to address social power and team goals.	Draws on inappropriate power bases & tactics - for example, suggests using coercive power when expert or reward power would be more appropriate. Suggested plan of action involves operating independently of the group. Fails to address power as critical leadership requirement.	3 2 1
Conflict Resolution	Accurately analyzes situational sources of conflict and advises on appropriate responses for generating positive outcomes from conflict. Describes and applies a collaborative (win/win) conflict resolution process when appropriate, referring to other conflict	Describes a generic approach to conflict resolution (e.g., collaboration) without analyzing situational factors or acknowledging other modes of conflict resolution. Doesn't refer to situational sources of conflict or to the possible benefits of conflict. Discusses conflict in strictly negative terms, preferring to avoid conflict.	Fails to address issues of conflict or makes passing mention of the need for conflict resolution without providing adequate coverage of concepts or processes of conflict resolution. Provides no analysis of sources or beneficial outcomes of conflict.	3 2 1

Recommend effective	Effectively analyzes situational	Acknowledges the need to address	Does not adequately address	
approaches for motivating	demands to recommend	motivation issues. Mentions goal	motivational needs of the team, or	
employees and managing	appropriate response for	setting and/or rewards but lacks	doesn't mention motivation at all.	3 2 1
relationships.	creating a motivating	specificity or complexity in dealing	Fails to mention feedback,	
<u> </u>	environment, incorporating the	with situational demands. Creates	rewards, and/or equity. Does not	

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 Exceeds standards	8 - 9
 Meets standards	5 - 7
 Fails to meet standards	≤ 5

## Goal 4: Leading and Managing People LO 4.3 Graduates will demonstrate the ability to operate effectively in a team setting. (MGMT 600)

#### **Team Member Effectiveness**

Rubr	3: Exceeds Standards	2: Meets Standards	1: Fails to Meet Standards	Score
Preparation Involves the degree to which a learning partner is prepared to help the team's learning process.	Brings in extra material in order to enrich the learning environment and is prepared to help the team's learning process.	Reads material and prepares written answers to questions.	Reads material during exercise or has not read material; is not prepared to help the team's learning process.	3 2 1
Contributes to Discussion Involves the extent and nature of a learning partner's interpersonal involvement during team meetings.	Explains material to others and provides new insights in order to promote interpersonal involvement during team meetings.	Is able to answer other's questions and relates material to own experience during team meetings.	Occasionally makes a comment related to the topic being discussed or does not make any contribution during team meetings.	3 2 1
Attends Class & Team Meetings Involves the physical presence of a learning partner during class and team meetings.	During class and team meetings, is always present or rarely misses, only 1-2 times a semester.	Occasionally misses class and team meetings, only 3-4 times a semester.	Frequently misses class and team meetings, ≥5 times a semester.	3 2 1
Creates a Positive Learning Environment Involves a learning partner's contribution to developing a positive team culture.	Interaction with team members is positive; keeps team sessions light to develop a positive team culture.	Is mostly supportive of other's contributions in an effort to promote a positive team culture. On occasion, may be neutral in affective contribution to the team.	Does not contribute in a positive manner and sometimes, may focus on negative things.	3 2 1
Communicates Effectively Involves how well a learning partner communicates and stays connected with team members.	Comments are almost always positive, easily understood; when giving constructive criticism, feedback is timely, specific, and behaviorally focused.	Is usually an effective communicator; gives feedback that is often helpful.	Comments are sometimes vague and has trouble getting a point across; comments may be negative in tone or sometimes argumentative.	3 2 1

## **Scoring Key:**

 Exceeds standards	13 - 15
 Meets standards	9 - 12
Fails to meet standards	$\leq 8$

## **Goal 5: Ethical and Value-Based Leadership**

LO 5.1: Graduates will recognize ethical dilemmas and recommend appropriate responses.

LO 5.2: Graduates will recognize the impact of corporate actions on society and make recommendations consistent with socially responsible behavior. (ECON 640)

LO 5.1: Graduates will recognize ethical dilemmas and recommend appropriate responses

	3: Exceeds Expectations	2: Meets Expectation	1: Fails to Meet Expectations		Sco	re
Knowledge of Ethical Decision-Making	Identifies and presents in-depth examination of the ethical dilemma(s).	Identifies major aspects of the ethical dilemma(s).	Partially recognizes the ethical dilemma(s).			
				3	2	1
Development via references, examples, etc.	Incorporates an outstanding selection of relevant, specific references to source material. Incorporates meaningful examples to develop their response.	Incorporates a representative sample of relevant, specific references into the essay. Misses some opportunities to use examples to develop their response.	Incorporates few or no relevant examples or specific references to source material. If specific references or examples are used, they are out of context or not explained.	3	2	1
Analysis and Evaluation	Clearly states a central argument(s). Identifies salient ethical values. Analysis is thorough with substantial depth of exposition.	States a central argument(s) but with some lack of precision. Fails to identify some of the salient ethical values. Analysis is thin in some respects leaving gaps in exposition.	Fails to identify or hastily dismisses aspects of a central argument(s). Fails to identify salient ethical values. Lacks coherent explanations. Large gaps in reasoning. Omits basic arguments or overlooks key points. Answers by rephrasing the question. Answers in one or two sentences. No depth of exposition.	3	2	1
Conclusion and Recommended Course of Action	Justifies key conclusions and explains assumptions, theories, and values used. Articulates the principles and values which underlie the analysis and which lend integrity to the recommended course of action.	Draws conclusions but some are not adequately justified. Recommends a course of action without fully articulating the value judgments and principles upon which it is based.	Does not clearly set forth conclusions and a recommended course of action. Or, if a course of action is set forth, it is not justified. Value judgments may conflict and undermine the integrity of the conclusion.	3	2	1

Scoring 1	xey:	
Exc	ceeds standards	11 - 12
Me	ets standards	7 - 10
Fai	ls to meet standards	≤ 7

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	3: Exceeds Expectations	2: Meets Expectation	1: Fails to Meet Expectations	S	cor	e
Knowledge of Corporate Social Responsibility	Formulates socially responsible choices available to decision makers.	Partially constructs socially responsible choices but presents each with a somewhat limited perspective.	Sketches of socially responsible choices are few, incomplete, or not thought out.	3	2	1
Development via references, examples, etc.	Incorporates an outstanding selection of relevant, specific references to source material. Incorporates meaningful examples to develop their response.	Incorporates a representative sample of relevant, specific references in to the essay. Misses some opportunities to use examples to develop the essay.	Incorporates few or no relevant examples or specific references to source material. If specific references or examples are used, they are out of context or not explained.	3	2	1
Analysis and Evaluation	Clearly states a central argument(s). Analysis is thorough with substantial depth of exposition.	States a central argument(s) but with some lack of precision. Analysis is thin in some respects leaving gaps in exposition.	Fails to identify or hastily dismisses aspects of a central argument(s). Large gaps in reasoning. Omits basic arguments or overlooks key points. Answers by rephrasing the question. Answers in one or two sentences. No depth of exposition.	3	2	1
Conclusion and Recommended Course of Action	Justifies key conclusions and explains assumptions, theories, and values used. Articulates the principles and values which underlie the analysis and which lend integrity to the recommended course of action.	Draws conclusions but some are not adequately justified. Recommends a course of action without fully articulating the value judgments and principles upon which it is based.	Does not clearly set forth conclusions and a recommended course of action. Or, if a course of action is set forth, it is not justified. Value judgments may conflict and undermine the integrity of the conclusion.	3	2	1

Scoring Key:	
Exceeds standards	11 - 12
Meets standards	7 - 10
Fails to meet standards	≤ 7

**Goal 6: Business Functional Tools and Concepts** 

LO 6.1: Graduates will apply major concepts, theories, and functional tools from disciplines in the core (MGMT 600)

## The rubric for MKTG 640 is below. ACCT 640 and FIN 640 use exam questions.

MKTG 640 - Strategic Marketing - Harvard Business School Case Analysis Rubric

Rubric for MKTG 640 final individual project Creating a marketing plan based on the final HBS case	3: Exceeds standards	2: Meets standards	1: Fails to meet standards	Score
Executive Summary	In one page, captures the essence of the marketing plan and communicates its foundation and action plan.  The reader will have a complex understanding of all aspects of the plan.	In one page, captures the essence of the marketing plan and communicates its foundation and action plan. The reader will have a basic understanding of all aspects of the plan.	Fails to captures the essence of the marketing plan and communicate its foundation and action plan.  The reader will not understand all aspects of the plan.	3 2 1
1 Situation Analysis	Covers each of the elements of the situation analysis well. The coverage may include enhanced analysis, including conceptual, financial or statistical material.	Covers each of the elements of the situation analysis adequately.	Omits some elements or covers them poorly. May contain factual mistakes or obviously unrealistic assumptions.	3 2 1
1.1 Market Analysis	Market/Customer Analysis provides accurate descriptions of: Market Size, Market Growth, Market Potential and Forecast, Market Segments, and Consumer Behavior. Using the material in the case, the analysis is thorough, uncovers important findings that are not obvious.	Market/Customer Analysis provides accurate descriptions of: Market Size, Market Growth, Market Potential and Forecast, Market Segments, and Consumer Behavior.	Market/Customer Analysis provides descriptions of: Market Size, Market Growth, Market Potential and Forecast, Market Segments, and Consumer Behavior that are incomplete or contain factual errors	3 2 1
1.2 Competitor Analysis	Using material contained in the case, Competitor Analysis provides accurate descriptions of existing competitors, their strategies, and their relative market shares. Exceeding standards may involve deep analysis	Using material contained in the case, Competitor Analysis provides accurate descriptions of existing competitors, their strategies, and their relative market shares. The section may report on competitors that comprise at least	Using material contained in the case, Competitor Analysis fails to provide accurate descriptions of existing competitors, their strategies, and their relative market shares. Problems may include inaccurate or	3 2 1

	or synthesis of the facts to highlight important facts not obvious to the reader.	60% of the industry market share or alternatively, the top five competitors in terms of market share.	incomplete reports.	
1.3 Company Analysis	Company Analysis is the classic SWOT Analysis. Student has identified the key Internal Factors (Strengths and Weaknesses) as well as the External Factors (Opportunities and Threats) clearly.  There should be evidence of further information processing that highlights the relationship among the factors and sets up the next section of the marketing plan.	Company Analysis is the classic SWOT Analysis. Student has identified the key Internal Factors (Strengths and Weaknesses) as well as the External Factors (Opportunities and Threats) clearly.	Company Analysis is the classic SWOT Analysis. Student has identified only some of the key Internal Factors (Strengths and Weaknesses) or External Factors (Opportunities and Threats). There may be omissions or some confusion in the explanation.	3 2 1
2 Objectives	Describing and discussing a complete set of objectives in a rigorous manner.	Describing and discussing as appropriate the following Marketing Objectives. Sales Revenues, Market Share, Profits, Return on Investment, Customer Satisfaction.  Other objectives may include Customer Repeat Purchases, Advertising Day After Recall, Salesperson Quotas, Growth in Distribution Outlets, Sales by Specific Distribution Outlet, or others.	Failing to describe and discuss each of the most important objectives.	3 2 1
3 Marketing Strategies	Complete and thoughtful discussion of marketing strategies that are appropriate to the case organization. The discussion may include potential conflicts and areas for synergy.  Shows appreciation for the interactions among a selection of strategies.	Complete discussion of appropriate marketing strategies.  Examples of marketing strategies include: Entering a new market to increase sales revenues  Introducing a new product to build a market  Introduction of a new promotional campaign to increase brand awareness  Introduce a low price product line to build market share	Discussion of marketing strategies which is incomplete or erroneous. The strategies cited may be faulty or inappropriate.	3 2 1
4 Action Plan	The action plan will be comprehensive and realistic.	Action plans focus on the marketing mix. Thus there should be a discussion	The action plan lacks comprehensive or realistic treatment of the marketing mix.	3 2 1

		of the appropriate choices for: Product, Price. Promotion [Advertising and promotional plans], Public Relations. Distribution. In addition, some consideration should be given to: Sales Force and Marketing Research.	Some recommendations may be recognized as flawed by the average student.	
4.1 Product	Demonstrates clear integration of target market wants and product benefits.	Product benefits and the link with benefits sought by the target market will be clear.	There may be problems or inconsistency in linking the product benefits to the target market.	3 2 1
4.2 Price	Uses the strategic pricing process and justifies the recommended price with facts.	Uses the strategic pricing process approach.	Uses a pricing based on a non-systematic approach.	3 2 1
4.3 Distribution	Justifies clearly the choice of distribution method	Demonstrates knowledge of the link between product, price, market segment wants, and the appropriate distribution method.	Chooses a distribution method that is not consonant with the product, price, target audience or is presented without sufficient justification.	3 2 1
4.4 Promotion	Chooses the appropriate promotion mix given the target audience, and other marketing mix elements.  Identifies synergies or advantages resulting from the choice.	Chooses the appropriate promotion mix given the target audience, and other marketing mix elements.	The promotion mix is incomplete or lacks consistency with the consumer or other marketing mix elements.	3 2 1
5 Contingency Plans	Provides contingency plans weighted by the importance of recognized external factors that might mitigate the success of the plan.  Offers justification for each element of the plan and a clear link to each external factor.	Provides contingency plans based on recognized potential factors like competitive response, government action, global events, changes in consumer wants.	Fails to provide a complete contingency plan.	3 2 1
6 Overall factors	Justifies each decision using facts contained in the HBS case.	When analyzing actual company cases, the student does not use contemporary market research to exploit hindsight.	Bases the market plan on actual company decisions found through external research.	3 2 1

#### **Scoring Key:**

 Exceeds standards	35 - 42	(85-100%)
 Meets standards	29 - 34	(70 -84%)
Fails to meet standards	< 28	(<70%)