

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Class Times & Location

All content for this class will be made available online through the class website on Canvas.

All **tests & exams** will be conducted using Proctor U.

All **office hours** will be held online by appointment using the Conferences tool in Canvas.

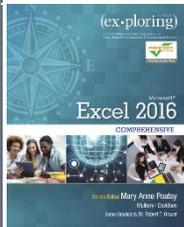
Please schedule the appointment at least one work day in advance.

Class Website: Canvas

- All information and materials pertaining to this course will be made available through the course website on the Canvas Website.
- Please note that this is an eco-friendly class that is nearly paperless. All materials relevant to this class will be made available on the course website.
- It is recommended that all students familiarize themselves on the use of Canvas using all [resources available to students](#).

REQUIRED MATERIALS

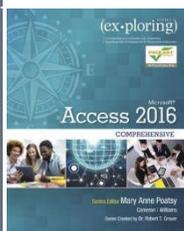
Text Books

**Exploring: Microsoft Excel 2016, Comprehensive with MyITLab Access Code**

Poatsy, Mulbery, Davidson & Grauer

Pearson

ISBN: 9780134513751

**Exploring: Microsoft Access 2016, Comprehensive with MyITLab Access Code**

Poatsy, Mulbery, Davidson & Grauer

2016 Pearson

ISBN: 9780134513744



Optional – Not Required

Using MIS 9th Edition

Kroenke & Boyle

ISBN: 9780134126272

NOTE: Older versions of this textbook may be used at the student's risk.

Certification Vouchers & Practice Exams

A major component of your course grade are the Microsoft Office Specialist Exams for 2016. These exams are administered through the Certiport software and in order to take these exams, you require the Certification vouchers listed below. In addition, it is strongly recommended that you use one of the practice exams listed below.

- *Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) 2016 Vouchers with Retake Option.* Students have to purchase one voucher for Excel and one voucher for Access.
- *Practice Test:* It is strongly recommended that students use GMetrix SMS before they take the actual Certification Exam. Students have to purchase one practice test for Excel and one practice test for Access. This software only works on PCs and will not work with MACs.

Discount codes that can be applied towards the purchase of the MOS 2016 Vouchers will be provided on the course website on Canvas.

Computer and Software

As you will be learning how to use the Excel 2016 and Access 2016 software in the class. It is recommended that you have access to a PC computer or laptop with this Software. Apple computers do not support this software and are not recommended for this course.

COURSE GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Tomorrow's managers and leaders, in any functional area of an organization, must have a reasonable awareness of the trends and use of information technology (IT) and information systems (IS). One does not have to be a technology specialist to have an appreciation for the significant and evolving role of information in today's organizations. The purpose of this introductory course is to instill an understanding of the role of information systems in the business environment at a strategic, operational and personal level. There are two main components of this course: (1) the Information Systems (IS) Concepts module, and (2) the Information Technology (IT) skills module. The specific goals and skills that we expect students to develop by the end of the course are:

IS Concepts

- (1) To understand basic information technology terminology, infrastructure and security issues.
- (2) To understand how information systems can be used for enabling, problem solving, and decision making.
- (3) To understand how information systems can be leveraged for individual, business unit, and organizational goals.

IT Skills

- (1) Problem solving skills using Microsoft Office.
- (2) A certifiable-proficiency in Microsoft Excel 2016 and Microsoft Access 2016.
- (3) Completion of the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) exams for Excel and Access.

The main goal in this class is to facilitate the students' learning the most about Information Systems. That means helping the students reach their full potential for the semester, not only in the course material, but also in mastering the software skills they develop. To accomplish these goals, the students are expected to read assigned material prior to coming to class, complete quizzes and projects on time, and regularly attend and participate in class. If problems develop during the semester, students are encouraged to discuss the issues with the instructor before they become extreme.

TEACHING METHODS

Two credit hours will be spent on each of the components of this course.

IS Concepts

The IS Concepts component of the course will be taught by primarily using class lectures. It is strongly recommended that the students review the textbook chapters specified on the schedule beforehand, as well as the review questions and problems at the end of each chapter. Additional resources are available on the textbook companion website that can aid self-study and the understanding of the material. These include additional slide-decks for each chapters, problems and podcasts by the authors. Students are encouraged to make use of these materials to further their understanding of the subject matter. The material covered in this portion of the class will be assessed with weekly quizzes and three tests, all of which are described in greater detail in the Grade Composition section of this syllabus.

IT Skills

The IT skills will be taught using a combination of pedagogical methods. Video tutorials and detailed notes for all the skills required to get certified will be posted on the class website. Students are expected to review these materials prior to coming to completing the assigned activities. These skills and additional concepts will be reinforced through hands-on projects through the myITLab platform. The students are also strongly encouraged to review all examples covered in class and practice projects in the textbook and additional test-preparation options available to them (including, but not limited to, the GMetrix or Certiprep software). The materials covered in this portion of the class will be assessed by myITLab projects and two Final Projects (or MOS Certification Exams), all of which are described in greater detail in the Grade Composition section of this syllabus.

GRADE COMPOSITION

The grades for this course will be distributed as follows: 50% of the grade will be used to cover the IS concepts and 50% of the grades will cover the project assignments, practice exercises and the Microsoft Certification Exams for Excel and Access. The detailed breakup of the grade composition is described below:

IS Concepts :	50%	IT Skills :	50%
Quizzes:	8%	IT Project:	30%
Test 1:	14%	Final Excel Project OR MOS Exam 77-420 (Excel 2016):	10%
Test 2:	14%	Final Access Project OR MOS Exam 77-424 (Access 2016):	10%
Test 3:	14%		

The class grades will be assigned using the University of Florida's grading scale described in the table below. For more information, please refer to the [University of Florida Grading Policy](#). A user friendly Excel file is available for the purpose of determining course grades during of the semester.

Score	Grade	Score	Grade	Score	Grade	Score	Grade	Score	Grade
[93-100]	A	[85-88]	B+	[74-76]	C+	[64-66]	D+	[0-56]	E
[89-92]	A-	[80-85]	B	[70-73]	C	[60-63]	D		
		[77-79]	B-	[67-69]	C-	[57-59]	D-		

Grading Policy

Quiz and Test grades will be available on the course website in Canvas after the deadlines have passed. Project grades will be uploaded to the Canvas gradebook at the end of the week. Certification grades will be posted immediately to your account on the Certiport website and will be posted to the canvas gradebook once all students have completed the certification exams. If you have any questions regarding your grade, if you notice that you have not been assigned a grade, or if you wish to request a re-grade of any component (quiz, tests or projects), the request has to be made within one week after the grade is posted on the Canvas gradebook (whichever is earlier). It is therefore your responsibility to check the gradebooks frequently and bring any issues regarding your grade to the instructor's notice. Given the size of the class, and the speed with which the course progresses, any request beyond this deadline cannot be considered. Please do not expect a response from the instructor if you have questions regarding grades that were posted more than one week ago.

GRADE COMPOSITION (Continued)

A. IS Quizzes (8%)

Date, Time & Location: Each week, there will be a timed 20 minute online quiz on the course website in Canvas. Quizzes will be released on Mondays at 4pm and are due on Fridays by 8pm. You will be allowed only one attempt for each quiz that has to be completed before the due date. The answers to the quiz will be revealed as a review for the test after the quiz deadline has passed. In addition to the weekly quizzes, you will have one GETTING STARTED QUIZ (worth 3% of your entire course grade) that will be due by the end of the first week of class. No makeup opportunities will be available for this quiz later on in the semester. Instructions regarding the quiz will be made available on the Syllabus page in Canvas.

Materials & Instructions: Each quiz will comprise of questions based on the information provided in the class lecture, the text book chapter and any additional assigned readings. Please review all these materials before beginning the quiz. The quiz must be individual work only and must be done independently. You may use any and all materials available to you for these quizzes.

Quiz Scores will be posted on the gradebook on the course website in Canvas.

Quiz Extensions: Late submissions cannot be accepted under any circumstances graded, and no extensions will be given. Answers and additional quiz questions will be made available for review shortly after the quiz deadline and after the answers are revealed, no further quiz grades can be accepted..

B. Tests (45%)

There will be three tests for this course based only on the IS topics (not Excel and Access), each worth 14% of your grade.

Date, Time & Location: In order to maintain a high standard of academic integrity and assure that the value of your University of Florida degree is not compromised, the tests may be proctored online by ProctorU. You will take your test electronically using the course website, but you will register with ProctorU early in the semester, and then sign up for a time for a certified proctor in a testing facility to observe you on your computer while you take your exam. You need a webcam, speakers, microphone and reliable Internet connection to be able to take your exams. Wireless internet is not recommended. You may also need a mirror or other reflective surface. The tests will typically last 30 minutes, but please allow for an additional 15 minutes for setup and sign-out. It is imperative for all students to arrive promptly at the assigned time.

Materials & Instructions: The tests are not comprehensive and will be comprised of multiple-choice, true/false, and sentence completion questions. Questions on the test will be based on the material covered in the class lectures, the assigned readings and the quiz questions. No written materials or electronic devices will be permitted during the exam. Please make sure that all such materials are stowed away. If you are found accessing any materials other than your Gator1 card, you will be asked to leave the premises and receive no credit for the exam.

Test Scores will be posted on the gradebook in the Canvas after all students complete the test.

Makeup Tests: No makeup tests will be provided for this course, unless it is due to a [University of Florida sanctioned excuse](#). Proper documentation will have to be provided in support, clearly indicating: (a) the name of the student, (b) the reason for absence and (c) the dates of the absence. Please inform the instructor at least one week prior to the scheduled test for a reschedule date. In case of a medical emergency, you please inform the instructor within one week after the test. Requests made after one week of the test date will not be honored.

GRADE COMPOSITION (Continued)

C. IT Projects (30%)

Date, Time & Location: A new IT project will be assigned for every week using the myITLab platform. This IT project must be completed individual and submitted to myITLab website within the given time frame.

Materials: The IT projects will be based on materials and videos that were assigned for the week. The detailed instructions for the projects will be posted on the assignments section on the course website on Canvas. You are encouraged to consult with the instructor or teaching assistants if you have any questions or clarifications.

Project Grades: Projects will be grades will be posted to the myITLab platform shortly after they are submitted, and they will be updated to the Canvas website periodically.

Project Extensions: No extensions will be provided for any of the IT projects this course, unless it is due to a [University of Florida sanctioned excuse](#). Proper documentation will have to be provided in support and the project will have to be graded in person during office hours within one week of the deadline.

D1. Excel/Access Final Project (20%)

For both the Excel and Access portions of the class, students will have to complete a Final Project that is worth 10% of their entire grade.

Date, Time & Location: The Final Projects will be posted under the assignment section of the course website on Canvas. Students will be able to complete it within a 24 hour window to complete the project and will be allowed two hours from the time they start the project to complete it and submit it online using Canvas. In order to maintain a high standard of academic integrity and assure that the value of your University of Florida degree is not compromised, the project must be proctored online by ProctorU. You will complete the project using Excel or Access, but you will register with ProctorU early in the semester, and then sign up for a time for a certified proctor in a testing facility to observe you on your computer while you take your exam. You need a webcam, speakers, microphone and reliable Internet connection to be able to take your exams. Wireless internet is not recommended. You may also need a mirror or other reflective surface. The tests will typically last 30 minutes, but please allow for an additional 15 minutes for setup and sign-out. It is imperative for all students to arrive promptly at the assigned time.

Materials: The IT projects will be based on all the IT skills materials presented in the textbook and the videos. The detailed instructions for the projects will be posted on the assignments section on the course website on Canvas. Students will have to complete this project and

Project Grades: Grades will be posted on the Canvas gradebook within two weeks of the submission of the project.

Project Extensions: No extensions will be provided for any of the IT projects this course, unless it is due to a [University of Florida sanctioned excuse](#). Proper documentation will have to be provided in support and the project will have to be graded in person during office hours within one week of the deadline.

GRADE COMPOSITION (Continued)

D2. Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certification Exams for Excel and Access (20%)

In lieu of the Final Projects, students have the option to submit their scores for the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certification for Excel and Access.

Date, Time & Location: In order to take the Certification Exams, students will have to purchase vouchers for the exams [as described in the Required Materials Section of the syllabus] and they will have to schedule an appointment with an Authorized Testing Center (<http://www.certipoint.com/locator>). The testing center may charge an additional fee for proctoring the Certification Exam. The Certification Exams are typically last 50 minutes, but please allow an additional 15 minutes for registration and sign-in. It is imperative for all students to arrive promptly at the assigned time. Tardy students will not be allowed to take the exam.

Materials: The exams will cover all the skills learned in the class. For a complete list of topics that will be learned in the class, please refer to **EXCEL/ACCESS CERTIFICATION PREP MODULE** on the Canvas website. No written materials or electronic devices will be permitted during the exam.

Scoring: The certification exam is scored out of 1000 points which will count towards 10% of your final grade for this course. The conversion will be done according to the table below.

Certiport	Score	Certiport	Score	Certiport	Score
[950-1000]	10	[750-849]	8	[550-649]	6
[850-949]	9	[650-749]	7	[0-549]	0

The passing score for Excel is 700/1000 points and for Access it is 700/1000 points. If you do not pass on the first attempt, there will be a second attempt (retake) scheduled the following week. There is only one retake offered for each certification exam. The table on the right will be used to convert the 1000 points of the certification exam score to the 10 points for your class grade. There is a two point penalty for not passing the certification test on the first attempt. Student who do not pass the first time and do not attend the retake will receive the score

Examples:

First Attempt Score	750	400	400	650
Second Attempt Score		750	650	Did Not Attend
Grade for ISM3013	8	6	5	7

Makeup Exams: No makeup tests will be provided for this course, unless it is due to a [University of Florida sanctioned excuse](#). Proper documentation will have to be provided in support, clearly indicating: (a) the name of the student, (b) the reason for absence and (c) the dates of the absence. *Please note, the second attempt or certification retake exam is meant only for those students who failed to pass on their first attempt.*

CLASS POLICIES

A. Honors Policy

You are expected to follow the University of Florida's Academic Honesty and Conduct Codes when working on assessments, quizzes, assignments, projects, tests, and exams. One point worth emphasizing: plagiarism in any form is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. We will be following the ISOM Department policy regarding cheating: "For any academic class activity, students must follow the University of Florida Student Honor Code. Any violation of the honor code will automatically result in a grade of E (Fail) for this course and further sanctions that may include a suspension or expulsion from the University through the Dean of Students Office. All incidents will be reported to Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution at the University of Florida." You are expected to read and be aware of the contents of the [University's honor code](#).

B. Teaching Policies

This course will follow all [teaching policies outlined by the University of Florida](#). Please review this website for an updated list of UF teaching policies regarding academic honesty, student illness, religious holidays, accommodating students with disabilities and others are available at this website.

C. Students with Disabilities

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation. The instructor needs to be informed of any accommodation requirements at the beginning of the semester in order to make the suitable accommodations.

Accommodations for the Certification Exams must be requested by the end of the second week of class (September 5th). Getting these requests processed involves parties external to the university and the timing is very critical. Any requests made after this deadline may not be accommodated.

D. Communication

The best way to get in touch with the instructor is through the Inbox tool in the class website on Canvas. Please allow one work day for a response. Most of my communication that is meant for the entire class will be through the Announcements tool in the class website on Canvas.

E. Course Experience

Should you have issues with your experience in this course that cannot be resolved with the instructor, department, or program, please visit <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaints> to submit a complaint.

CLASS SCHEDULE

The following is a tentative schedule. For the complete and updates schedule including quiz and project deadlines, please review the course website on Canvas.

Week	IS-Topic	IT-Topic
1	Syllabus	
2	Part 1 1.1 The Importance of MIS (Ch 1)	Ch 0. Office 2016 Common Features Ch 1. Introduction to Excel
3	No New IS and Excel Topics	
4	1.2 Strategy and Information Systems (Ch 3)	Ch 2. Formulas and Functions
5	Part 2 2.1 Hardware, Software & Mobile Systems (Ch 4) 2.2 The Cloud (Ch 6) 2.3 Collaboration Information Systems (Ch 2)	Ch 3. Charts Ch 4. Data Sets and Tables
6	Test 1: Part 1 & Part 2 [See Dates & Time on Canvas]	Ch 5. Pivot Tables and Pivot Charts
7	No New IS Topics - Only Excel Certification	Excel Certification [See Dates & Time on Canvas]
8	Part 3 3.1 Processes, Organizations, & IS (Ch 7)	
9	3.2 Social Media Information Systems (Ch 8)	Ch 0. Essential Skills for Microsoft Office & Access Ch 1. Getting Started with Access 2010 Ch 2. Working with Tables
10	3.3 Databases and Business Intelligence (Ch 4 & 9)	Ch 4. Using Queries and Organizing Information
11	Test 2: Part 3 [See Dates & Time on Canvas]	No New Access Topics
12	Part 4 4.1 Information Systems Development & Management (Chapter 11 & 12)	Ch 3. Working with Forms and Reports Ch 5. Exploring Advanced Tables and Forms Ch 6. Exploring Advanced Reports
13	4.2 Information Systems Security (Chapter 10)	Access Reviews
14	eCommerce	No New Access Topics
15	eCom No New IS Topics	Access Certification [See Dates & Time on Canvas]
16	Test 3: Part 4 & eCommerce [See Dates & Time on Canvas]	