# Virginia Western Community College MTH 132 Business Mathematics 

## Prerequisites

Competency in Math Essentials MTE 1-3 as demonstrated through the placement and diagnostic tests, or by satisfactorily completing the required MTE units or equivalent.

## Course Description

Provides instruction, review, and drill in percentage, cash and trade discounts, mark-up, payroll, sales, property and other taxes, simple and compound interest, bank discounts, loans, investments, and annuities.

## Semester Credits: Lecture Hours: 3 Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0

## Required Materials

## Textbook:

Business Math. Cleaves, Hobbs, and Noble. 11th Edition. Pearson. ISBN: 9780134496434

## Other Required Materials:

Microsoft Excel

## Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

| Goal 1: Communication and basic skills | - Solve application problems by interpreting the materials presented, including determining the nature and extent of the information needed, and present the answer in standard English. <br> - Estimate and consider answers to mathematical problems in order to determine reasonableness. <br> - Correctly calculate sums, differences, products and quotients of whole numbers, fractions and mixed numbers, and decimal numbers without the use of a calculator. <br> - Perform basic calculator operations <br> - Solve a formula for any specified variable. <br> - Convert decimal numbers and fractions to and from percents. |
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| Goal 2: Banking applications | - Solve word problems using the basic percentage formula. <br> - Identify the component parts of a check, check stub and deposit slip. <br> - Perform simple banking transactions, rectify bank statements. <br> - Calculate simple interest, compound interest and simple discount. <br> - Use the formulas for maturity value and present value for simple interest loans. <br> - Use tables to calculate present value and future value. <br> - Find the monthly mortgage payment, interest and PITI and prepare a partial amortization schedule. <br> - Calculate sales, property , loans with closed-end credit and open-end credit |
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| Goal 3: Taxes | - Calculate Payroll, income taxes. <br> - Calculate gross earnings based on salaries, commissions and wages. <br> - Calculate overtime earnings for wages, salaries, and commissions. <br> - Calculate State withholding taxes. <br> - Calculate FICA and Medicare taxes for employees and selfemployed individuals. <br> - Calculate Federal withholding taxes using the wage bracket and percentage methods. <br> - Calculate an employer's Federal Tax Liability. |
| Goal 4: Business applications | - Complete an invoice. <br> - Calculate the selling price for an item using markup and markdown. <br> - Use the basic percentage formula to calculate trade, chain, quantity and cash discounts, and net cost. <br> - Use complements to calculate net cost. <br> - Calculate the equivalent single discount for a series discount. <br> - Determine the last date of a discount period. <br> - Calculate the selling price for an item using markup and markdown. <br> - Determine the break-even point and the amount of a profit/loss. |

## Topical Description

Chapter 1: Review of Whole Number and Integers
1.1 Place Value and Our Number System
1.2 Operations with Whole Numbers and Integers

## Chapter 2: Review of Fractions

### 2.1 Fractions

2.2 Adding and Subtracting Fractions
2.3 Multiplying and Dividing Fractions

## Chapter 3: Decimals

3.1 Decimals and the Place-Value System
3.2 Operations with Decimals
3.3 Decimal and Fraction Conversions

## Chapter 4: Banking

4.1 Checking Account Transactions

### 4.2 Bank Statements

## Chapter 5: Equations

5.1 Equations
5.2 Using Equations to Solve Problems
5.3 Formulas

## Chapter 6: Percents

6.1 Percent Equivalents
6.2 Solving Percentage Problems
6.3 Increases and Decreases

## Chapter 8: Trade and Cash Discounts

8.1 Single Trade Discounts
8.2 Trade Discount Series
8.3 Cash Discounts and Sales Terms

## Chapter 9: Markup and Markdown

9.1 Markup based on Cost
9.2 Markup Based on Selling Price and Markup Comparisons
9.3 Markdown, Series of Markdowns, and Perishables

Chapter 10: Payroll
10.1 Gross Pay
10.2 Payroll Deductions
10.3 The Employer's Payroll Taxes
Chapter 11: Simple Interest and Simple Discount
11.1 The Simple Interest Formula
11.2 Ordinary and Exact Interest
11.3 Promissory Notes
Chapter 12: Consumer Credit
12.1 Installment Loans and Closed-End Credit
12.2 Paying a Loan Before It Is Due: The Rule of 78
12.3 Open End Credit
Chapter 13: Compound Interest, Future Value, and Present Value
13.1 Compound Interest and Future Value
13.2 Present Value
Chapter 14: Annuities and Sinking Funds
14.1 Future Value of an Annuity
14.2 Sinking Funds and the Present Value of an Annuity
Chapter 16: Mortgages
16.1 Mortgage Payments
16.2 Amortization Schedules and Qualifying Ratios
Chapter 20: Taxes
20.1 Sales Tax and Excise Tax
20.2 Property Tax
20.3 Income Taxes
Chapter 21: Financial Statements
21.1: The Balance Sheet
21.2: Income Statements
21.3 Financial Statement Ratios

## Notes to Instructors

- Microsoft Excel should be used when appropriate. MS Excel templates are available as an instructor resource to this text.

