**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL**

**FACULTY OF COMMERCE**

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

**COURSEOUTLINE FOR BACHELOR OF COMMERCE**

**SEMESTER: TWO, ACADEMIC YEAR: 2024/25**

**COURSE NAME: PERSONAL FINANCE**

**YEAR OF STUDY: TWO COURSE CODE: FIN 2217**

**MEETING TIMES: Group A: Thursday & Friday - 08.00 AM-10:00AM**

**Group B: Thursday & Friday - 01:00 PM-03:00 PM**

**Group C: Thursday & Friday – 05:30 PM – 7:30PM**

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**Course Description**

This course will inform students on how individual choices directly influence occupational goals and future earnings potential. The learners will design personal and household budgets utilizing checking and saving accounts, gain knowledge in finance, debt and credit management, and evaluate and understand insurance and taxes. Further the course will provide a foundational understanding for making informed personal financial decisions leading to financial independence.

**Course Objectives**

1. Design and understand how to use a personal budget regularly
2. Emphasize the importance of good decisions when it comes to making financial decisions related to credit and banking.
3. Promote student interest in keeping themselves financially healthy, to include effective budget management.
4. Introduce the student to the basics of financial planning and help them with their personal career strategies

**Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this course, you should be expected to be able to:

1. Regularly track your living expenses and make a budget
2. Purchase investment property with greater confidence and then identify and implement strategies to quickly pay off your home loan
3. Use insurance correctly to protect yourself against significant risks
4. Increase your after-tax net income using some basic tax-effective strategies;
5. Select appropriate investment products within the cash, fixed interest, investment property and shares sectors; and
6. Be able to advise individuals on personal finance management

**Teaching mode**

1. Online lectures
2. Class discussions guided by the straight lectures
3. Group discussions and presentations
4. Quizzes
5. Share experiences
6. Institutional consultation visits
7. Brain storming sessions

**Assessment Mode**

The assessment will be as follows;

Two Coursework Tests 30%

Final Exam 70%

**TOTAL 100%**

**Class Attendance: At least 75% of full semester time**

**DETAILED OUTLINE**

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| **NO.WEEKS** | **Units** | **Hrs** | **Teaching Method** | **Facilitator** |
| **1** | **A) OVERVIEW OF PERSONAL FINANCE**   * What is Personal Finance * Why is personal finance important * The Five pillars of personal finance * The Six Principles of personal finance   **B) Personal Finance Planning & Process**    **End of Unit Activity:** Personal Finance/Literacy Self-Assessment | **3** | Class discussions and lecturers  Zoom classes  Class Activities | Dr. Mindra  Ms. Nabuule |
| **1.5** | **Financial Decision making**   * The Art of Financial Decision making * Opportunity Cost * Making Choices and Identifying Costs * Assets Vs Liabilities | 4 | Class discussions and lecturers  Zoom classes | Ms. Balunywa |
| **1.5** | **Earning Income**   * Income sources * What Are Taxes For * Understanding Taxes * Individual Income Tax: The Basics | **4** | Class discussions and lecturers  Zoom classes | Ms. Balunywa |
| **COURSEWORK ONE** | | | | |
| **2** | **Managing Expenses**   * Understanding the Budget concept * Making a Budget * The Budget Tree & Roadmap   **End of Unit Activity:** Developing a personal & Household Budget | **6** | Class discussions and lecturers  Zoom classes | Ms. Nabuule  Ms. Nabuule |
| **2** | **Saving**   * Time Preference * Why It Is Hard to Save * Why It Is Great to Save - Simple and Compound Interest * Time Value of Money * Growing Money (Video & discussion) * The 20-30 Rule | **6** | Class discussions and lecturers  Video  Zoom classes | Ms. Nabuule |
| **1** | **Managing Checking and Savings Accounts**   * Overview of Banking/Banks * Types ofChecking Accounts and Savings Accounts * Electronic Money Management   **End of Unit Activity: Open a Savings Account** | **3** | Class discussions and lecturers  Zoom classes | Ms. Balunywa |
| **1.5** | **Building and Maintaining Good Credit**   * The Cs of Credit * Evaluating the Benefits and Costs of Credit * Credit Reference Bureaus: The Record Keepers * Bankruptcy: When All Else Fails | **4** | Class discussions and lecturers  Zoom classes Quizzes | Ms. Nabuule  Ms. Nabuule |
| **COURSEWORK TWO** | | | | |
| **2** | **Investment**  **Overview of Investment: The Basics**  **Types of Investment to consider**   * Life insurance * Investing equities/ stocks * Investing in bonds & Treasury bills * Investing mutual funds/ unit trusts * Investing in real assets   **End of Unit Activity:** Open an SCD account and try buying stocks/bonds/treasury bills | **6** | Class discussions and lecturers  Zoom classes | Dr. Mindra  Dr. Mindra |
| **1.5** | **Income & Asset Protection - Insurance**   * Types of Risks * Risk Management * Understanding How Insurance Works * Is Insurance Worth Buying?   (Class Discussion/Debate) | **5** | Class discussions and lecturers  Zoom classes | Ms. Balunywa |
| **1** | **Other considerations about Personal Finance** | **5** | Class discussions and lecturers  Zoom classes | Dr. Mindra |

**REFERENCE TEXTS**

1. Kobliner, B. (2009). *Get a Financial Life: Personal Finance in Your Twenties and Thirties*. New York
2. Kapoor, J., Dlabay, L., & Hughes, R. (2008). Focus on Personal Finance. Boston, MA: McGraw-Hill
3. Personal Finance, 10th Edition, by E. Thomas Gorman and Raymond E. Forgue, publisher: Southwest-Western Cengage Learning.
4. Personal Finance Articles/ Journals/ News Paper extracts will be shared

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