

Syllabus

IFS 104-81 Problem-Solving Using Spreadsheets Winter 2007 term

Our class meets Mon, Wed and Fri mornings from 10:40 am to 11:50 am at 210 Carnegie. Our first class meeting is Mon Feb 5th, 2007.

Description

The primary goal of IFS 104 is learn problem-solving techniques using spreadsheets. We'll be using the Microsoft spreadsheet product, Excel, as a means to accomplish this goal.

Here's the "official" North Central take:

An introduction to the design, implementation, and use of spreadsheets. Emphasizes problem solving and hands-on computer experience using spreadsheet software. Prerequisite: High school algebra.

I will emphasize their emphasis... this will be a very "hands-on computer experience."

Textbook

The textbook for IFS 104 is:

- *“Excel 2003: Complete Concepts and Techniques”* by Shelly, Cashman, & Quasney

The publisher web site is www.scsite.com

Instructor

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Grades

Your final grade will be comprised of:

- Homework/Lab/Quiz – 20%
- Project – 10%
- Midterm exam – 30%
- Final exam – 40%

Late work will generally not be accepted without prior approval.

The college rules on academic integrity will be strictly enforced... **plagiarism is a severe offense and will not be tolerated.** It is considered plagiarism if any part of the work you submit has been written by another person. More questions? The North Central College's policy regarding plagiarism is here:

<http://www.noctrl.edu/x8303.xml>

The standard North Central grading scale is:

A 93-100%	B+ 87-89%	C+ 77-79%	D 60-69%
A- 90-92%	B 83-86%	C 73-76%	F 0-59%
	B- 80-82%	C- 70-72%	

The Plan

This is tentative. We are a 5-week "turbo" class. I think that we can cover most of the material in our textbook... we'll see:

Week	
1	Chapter 1,2
2	Chapter 3
3	Midterm Exam, Chapter 4
4	Chapter 5
5	Special topics, Project due