

COURSE OUTLINE

FNPL-202

Risk Management and Insurance

3 Semester Hours

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

An introduction to the field of insurance. The student will examine the various types of risks and the approaches taken by insurance firms. The course provides an analysis of life, health, property and liability insurance, fire insurance, homeowners and personal auto policies, as well as employee benefit plans and determination of insurance needs. (3 hours weekly)

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe the meaning of insurance, policy forms, declarations and coverage extensions.
2. Identify risk and the aspects of loss exposure.
3. Explain the business and economic cycle of the insurance industry.
4. Differentiate between agents, brokers, stock, mutual and reciprocal insurance companies.
5. Explain the consumer oriented regulatory environment pertaining to the insurance industry.
6. Analyze his/her personal insurance needs and assess how to best protect oneself with cost effective techniques.
7. Compare alternative risk management techniques through the use of case studies.
8. Evaluate a person's insurance profile (including FDIC insurance, health insurance, disability insurance, pension plans, social security and investment annuities) using appropriate computer software.

Major Topics

- I. Insurance and the Management of Risk
 - a. Fundamentals and Terminology
 - b. Insurable Loss Exposures
 - c. Risk Management

- II. Providing Insurance to Consumers
 - a. Private Insurance Companies
 - b. Insurance Occupations
 - c. The Insurance Market: The Economic Problem

- III. Branches of the Private Insurance System
 - a. Fire Insurance
 - b. Marine, Automobile, and Aircraft Property Insurance
 - c. Liability Insurance
 - d. Special Liability Insurance
 - e. Bonding, Crime Insurance, and Reinsurance

- IV. Property and Liability Insurance Contracts
 - a. Insurance Contracts
 - b. Basic Property and Liability Insurance Contracts
 - c. Homeowners Insurance
 - d. The Personal Auto Policy

- V. Life Insurance Policies
 - a. Annuities
 - b. Personal Financial Planning
 - c. Standard Life Insurance Contract Provisions and Options
 - d. Simplifies Life Insurance Mathematics
 - e. Health Insurance

- VI. The Government and Insurance
 - a. Employee Benefits
 - b. Social Security
 - c. Unemployment and Workers' Compensation Insurance
 - d. Insurance Regulation

Course Requirements

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following: two examinations, a comprehensive final and a research project requiring appropriate software.

Writing: Specific writing assignments will be determined by the individual faculty member. Essay questions on exams as well as the above mentioned research project will require students to demonstrate a minimum standard of proficiency.

Other Course Information

This course is a core course for an Associate Degree in Financial Planning.

This course is a core course for an Advanced Certificate of Proficiency for Business Management-Financial Planning.

This course is a business elective.