

**MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
COURSE OUTLINE**

*Faculty are required to have the outline submitted to the Academic Affairs Office. The course outline is the form used for approval of new courses by the Collegewide Curriculum Committee.*

**DEPT.** CSBM **COURSE NO.** 1224

**NUMBER OF CREDITS:** 1

**COURSE TITLE** SOFTWARE UPGRADE FOR SMALL BUSINESS

**CATALOG DESCRIPTION** This course covers the process required to evaluate software upgrades. The student will develop a software efficiency model and will evaluate that model against vendor documentation to decide on the proposed upgrade.

**AUDIENCE** Business Owners, Employees, Entrepreneurs

**FUFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREAS(S)** (Leave blank if not applicable)

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**PREREQUISITES OR NECESSARY ENTRY SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE:** Student is a business owner, employee or entrepreneur or by special permission of the instructor.

**LENGTH OF COURSE:** 16 WEEKS

**THIS COURSE IS USUALLY OFFERED:**

Every other year ☐ Fall ☒ Spring ☒ Summer ☒ Undetermined ☐

Four goals are emphasized in course at Minnesota West Community & Technical College:

- 1) **ACADEMIC CONTENT:** Read manual.
- 2) **THINKING SKILLS:** Identify users needs.
- 3) **COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS:** Request system documentation.
- 4) **HUMAN DIVERSITY:**

**TOPICS TO BE COVERED:** The main focus of this course is for the student to learn how to evaluate and select appropriate software and software upgrades for their business.

**LIST OF EXPECTED COURSE OUTCOMES:**

Identify student needs.

Develop a deficiency checklist

Review trad sources.

Request system documentation.  
Analyze system changes.  
Identify new hardware requirement.  
Identify new operations system.  
Evaluate conversion procedures.  
Develop archive procedures.  
Implement decision process.

LEARNING/TEACHING TECHNIQUES used in the course are:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaborative learning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Presentation   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interactive Lectures |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Creative Projects      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Coaching  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Films/Videos/Slides  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demonstrations         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below)          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lab                    |  |

ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THIS CLASS INCLUDE:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reading            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tests      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Projects    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oral Presentations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Worksheets | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaborative Projects |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Textbook Problems  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Papers     | <input type="checkbox"/> Portfolio                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Problems     | <input type="checkbox"/> Term Paper            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                         |  |  |

EXPECTED STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

See expected course outcomes.

**The information in this course outline is subject to revision**

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