A. **TITLE:** Small Business Management

B. **COURSE NUMBER:** BSAD 215

C. **CREDIT HOURS:** 3 credit hours

D. **WRITING INTENSIVE COURSE (OPTIONAL):** Yes

E. **WEEKS PER SEMESTER:** 15

F. **SEMESTER(S) OFFERED:** Spring, Fall

G. **HOURS OF LECTURE, LABORATORY, RECITATION, TUTORIAL, ACTIVITY:**
   3 hours per week

H. **CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION:** This course will examine the nature of small business and the people who are successful in starting them. Topics will include the requirements and steps of conducting a comprehensive pre-business feasibility study, the type of decisions faced by managers of small firms, and the application of business disciplines to these situations. The student will be required to formulate their own business plan.

I. **PRE-REQUISITES/CO-COURSES:** ENGL 101 Expository Writing, or ENGL 102 Oral & Written Expression, or permission of the instructor

J. **OBJECTIVES:** Upon the completion of this course, students will be able to:

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<th>Course Objective</th>
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<td>a. Define the general area of small business in our society</td>
<td>2. Crit. Thinking</td>
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<td>c. Learn the advantages and disadvantages of entering this field</td>
<td>2. Crit. Thinking, 3. Prof. Competence</td>
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<td>d. Review the types of small business they can enter</td>
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<td>f. Evaluate themselves and their potential for this type of future</td>
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<td>e. Identify the pre-operation decisions that must be made and assess their</td>
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K. TEXTS:


L. REFERENCES:


M. EQUIPMENT: Video, Overhead Projector, Computer

N. GRADING METHOD (P/F, A-F, etc.): A-F

O. EVALUATION CRITERIA/METHODS: Written examinations, Papers, Class Participation
I. The Challenge of Small Business
   a. Definition
   b. Role
   c. Future
   d. Advantages
   e. Disadvantages
   f. Performance

II. Types of Small Business
   a. Retail
   b. Wholesale
   c. Service
   d. Manufacturing

III. Launching a Small Business, You’re Decision
   a. Personal Appraisal
   b. What it takes for success
   c. Why go into business
   d. Why you should not
   e. Buy an established business
   f. Start a new venture

IV. Putting the Business Plan to Work
   a. Market Research
   b. Assessing the Market
   c. Site location
   d. Financing Possibilities
   e. Insurance Necessary
   f. Staffing and Training Requirements
   g. Personnel Relations
   h. Financial Record Keeping