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Business Intelligence
INFO 655-02 (Monday 6:00-8:30 p.m.)
Spring 2009

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Course Description

The purpose of this course is to introduce you to Business Intelligence. Business Intelligence refers to the use of the computers to analyze complex information about an organization and its competitors for use in business planning and decision making. The objective is to create more timely and higher quality input to the decision process.

Business intelligence is one of the current “hot topics”. It is an area which is growing despite the economic downturn in technology as companies realize that they must improve their understanding of their capabilities and those of the competition if the quality of their decisions is to be competitive.

The field of Business Intelligence (BI) is evolving from its origins as a support tool for executives to a shared commodity by managers, analysts, and top executives at almost all medium and large companies. Business Intelligence integrates previously independent tools and technologies into a systematic, unified software suite for the most accurate and timely information.

This course takes a managerial approach to Business Intelligence, and therefore emphasizes the BI applications and implementations. This exposure allows students to truly understand how Business Intelligence works so they can adopt it in their future managerial roles.

Extensive, vivid examples from large corporations, small businesses, and government and not-for-profit agencies from all over the world make difficult concepts more accessible and relevant. International examples of global competition, partnerships, and trade are also provided throughout. These real-world case studies show students the capabilities of BI, its cost and justification, and the innovative ways real corporations are using BI in their operations.

Primary Course Objectives

- By the end of the course, you should be able to describe the concepts of business intelligence (BI) and be able to explain their components, such as operational data stores, data warehouses, data marts, and data access tools.
- You should understand that databases do not operate as separate islands of information, but rather need to be coordinated into a cohesive enterprise system plan that supports the operational, tactical, and strategic needs of the organization. Be familiar with the wide range of business processes that must be effectively managed for success.

- You should understand the issues that affect the success and failure of BI. You also need to understand the many issues that complicate data warehouse construction and maintenance. For example, how to manage metadata so business analysts can use the stored data more effectively is an issue. By the end of the course, you should be able to explain different types of problems and issues that need to be addressed on data warehouse and BI projects
- You should be aware of the variety of software tools available for each part of the data warehousing/BI process. When addressing the business intelligence needs within an organization, you need to understand that a data warehouse must be flexible enough to accommodate people with diverse decision-making needs, whose abilities may range from novice to power user.
- You should be aware of the emerging trends in the data warehousing/BI industry. These trends may include topics like customer relationship management, business performance management, and real-time/tactical decision making.

Texts and Course Materials

Required Texts:

- Turban, et. al.
 - Business Intelligence, A Managerial Approach
 - ISBN-10: 013234761X
 - ISBN-13:9780132347617
- The Teradata Student Network (www.TeradataStudentNetwork.com) is a free resource sponsored by Teradata and vendor partners, such as MicroStrategy. The site includes articles, webinars, software, and even Teradata certification. The site also includes a list of related sites that are worth exploring.
 - Any material with a prefix of TUN can be downloaded from this website for free.
 - Use password: SmartDecisions
- Harvard Material can be found at:

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Additional Resources

There are many resources that can help you in your data warehousing and business intelligence education. Resources that I highly recommend:

- The Data Warehousing Institute (www.dw-institute.com) sponsors regional training courses and quarterly conferences that are outstanding. They also sponsor *The Business Intelligence Journal*, which publishes *very* strong articles.
- DM Review (www.DMReview.com) is the leading practitioner publication for this space. I highly recommend that you register for DM Review if you are interested in data warehousing and BI.

Supplemental Readings:

Book(s):

- Ayres, Ian.
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Grading

33% Participation and Contribution to Class Learning
33% Individual Paper
33% Group Presentation

Grading Scale

Overall Avg.	Letter Grade
94-100	A
90-93	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
60-69	D
59 & below	F

In-class Participation

Your participation in the classroom should demonstrate a strong knowledge of the assigned readings and activities. The instructors will evaluate your ability to synthesize, apply, and extend readings and professional experiences during class discussions and activities. Please focus on *quality, not quantity* of participation.

Some of the instructor expectations include:

- You are prepared for every class by reading all of the assigned material. You can demonstrate this preparation by referring to reading details in your in-class comments.
- You are prepared for class by thinking about discussion questions prior to class. You can demonstrate this preparation by providing thoughtful answers to the questions during class discussion.
- You will talk each class, regardless of the number of the students in the classroom.
- You will demonstrate the ability to extend and apply class materials by sharing work experiences and outside readings that are applicable and add value.
- Absolutely no computer usage during lectures, article discussion or case discussions. No exceptions!

Course Structure

Many classes will begin with a lecture to level set the week's material. This will help ensure that we will all be using the same nomenclature for the week's discussion.

The lecture will be followed with select article presentations/discussions. Students will be selected at random to lead article and note discussions. The article discussions will be followed by a case from either Harvard or TUN.

The professor realizes that with the busy schedules that most students have, getting together outside of normal class hours is often difficult. As such, once the article and case discussion have been completed, groups will be placed into breakout sessions to work on their group projects. This time is allotted for working on projects and should not be construed as class being let out early. The professor will be available during this period to offer guidance and answer any group questions. During this time, the professor will also be available to help with students individual research papers.

Case Presentations

Students must thoroughly analyze each case and article prior to class in order to ensure a rich and fruitful discussion. To that end, each student is to prepare a typed, detailed case analysis which should include a cover page with your full name, course number, and email address. This document is to be done for the cases only, not the articles. The document should be no longer than 2 pages. These will be collected at the end of class. This case analysis should contain, at a minimum, the "right questions" to be addressed which is described in HBS Note: 9-584-097 "An Introduction to Cases." In addition, please see the section titled "How to Prepare A Case" on page 2 of HBS Note: 9-376-241 "Learning with the Case Method." This note provides additional information that your cases analysis should contain. An overall theme that you will find helpful is the section titled "How You Can Get The Most Out Of The Case Process" on page 4 of HBS Note: 9-376-241 "Learning with the Case Method."

The case write-up will constitute 50% of your weekly grade. The other 50% will come from your weekly participation in the case discussions. Students must participate in the weekly case discussion in order to receive credit for that portion of their grade. The write-up's will only be returned if there is a problem with them. Each student may re-work their write-up for full credit. So as not to embarrass anyone, student's will be notified if there is a problem with their write-up via email only.

One should realize that in order to properly prepare a case analysis, one should obtain industry and company data from sources outside the case.

Teams will be asked to volunteer to lead each case discussion. The discussion should include a case overview. Each of the issues in the evaluation form should be discussed.

Study groups are strongly recommended.

Individual Paper:

You will be expected to write a quality research paper as a major part of your grade in this class. This is an information systems paper specifically addressing the area of Business Intelligence. Several students have gone on to actually publish the papers that they wrote for this class. To

ensure that you do not wait until the last minute, the paper abstract is due at the class meeting for week 7. The abstract must be well thought out and demonstrate a contribution to the literature.

You must be able to answer the following questions with your abstract: 1) what am I saying that is both new and different and, 2) what is my contribution to the literature. The only way to answer these questions is by doing a VERY thorough literature search for your particular topic.

It is suggested that you obtain articles from several issues of the journal Information Systems Management. These articles will prove to be an invaluable help in structuring your research paper. Please use the APA style for referencing your sources.

The instructor is more than willing to spend time helping the students develop their abstracts. Please note that you should use no fewer than 15 - 20 references. The paper must be turned in as a hard copy. **Your email address must be on the cover page of the paper.**

Each student will provide a 5 minute verbal presentation of their individual research paper during the class scheduled for final exams.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism will cause the grade on any written assignment to be zero (0). Generally speaking, plagiarism should be considered the copying of more than three words in succession from the material being used, without placing the words in quotation marks. Since the written projects in this course are designed to focus on summarizing and discussing other peoples' materials, the assignments should include very few exact quotes.

Group Presentation

In this assignment you are being asked to work in teams of 4 or 5 to assess an important emerging trend in the area of data warehousing and business intelligence. Your assessment will result in a 30 minute presentation with 5 minutes for Q&A. Please bring a hard copy of your presentation materials for review the instructor.

There is considerable flexibility in what can be done, and creativity is encouraged. You are welcome to give software demonstrations, compare products in the market, present a case study, give an update on current practices, etc. When creating your presentation, please focus on communicating **depth** within your topic, not breadth.

The presentations are graded based on the group's demonstrated depth of knowledge on the topic and the ability to communicate useful, relevant information about the topic to their peers. In other words, the group needs to add value to their peers so that their peers can leave and apply their new topic understanding. Why should an IT manager care about your topic? And, how should the IT manager change people, processes, and technologies to best leverage the topic within his or her organization?

Your presentation should cover at least the following.

Topic Understanding. Your analysis should begin by defining your topic and presenting your topic within the warehousing and BI industry. In general, what exactly should your peers understand about this topic to manage it effectively?

Business value. Assess the potential business value of your topic for organizations involved in warehousing and BI. In general, what should your peers consider when putting together a business case for this topic?

Software demo or case studies. Place your topic within a context by presenting either 1) a software tool that represents the space under examination or 2) a case study of a company that is currently exploring and managing your topic. In general, how can you best communicate to your peers exactly what this topic is in a tangible way?

Looking ahead. What next? Given your research and analysis of your topic, where do we go from here? In general, how can your peers best prepare to manage your topic in the future?

Note: Make sure that as you cover these four basic areas, your presentation is communicated as a consistent and coherent overall story.

Teams and topics: Each team will be assigned a different topic. By week 6, your team must email your 3 possible topics to: frolick@xavier.edu

Topics will be assigned based on the order your requests were received, so please submit your choices as soon as possible. Please e- mail your topic requests in rank order of preference.

Possible Topics: (These are just ideas. Please feel free to be creative here)

- Implications of legislation on warehousing and business intelligence practices
 - Sarbanes-Oxley, HIPAA, Patriot Act, etc.
- Managing unstructured data
 - Unstructured data warehouses per Bill Inmon; text mining; knowledge management in BI
- Active data warehousing
 - Closed- loop processes, active warehousing techniques
- Integration platforms or warehouse appliances
 - EII, virtual warehousing, appliances like Netezza
- Microsoft or SAP as viable enterprise analytical solutions
- The importance of data visualization
- Using warehousing/BI to measure business performance
 - BPM, BAM

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend every class. We will cover a lot of material each class and missing class will put you at a significant disadvantage for both learning and performance in the course. If you will be unable to attend a class, please let me know *in advance* by sending an e-mail 24 hours in advance. Recognize that it is your responsibility to get class notes and any assignments from a classmate.

Tentative Course Schedule

Week	Topic	Cases / Reading
1 01/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Overview 	
2 01/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Importance of the Case Method 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HBS Note: 9-451-005: Because Wisdom Can't Be Told • HBS Note: 9-576-031: Introduction to the Case Method • HBS Note: 9-584-097: Introduction to Cases • HBS Note: 9-589-080: Learning with Cases • HBS Note: 9-376-240: Use of Cases in Management Education • HBS Note: 9-376-241: Learning by the Case Method
Business Intelligence		
3 02/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Business Intelligence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turban – Chapter 1 • TUN Article : Career Considerations in the Field of Business Intelligence • TUN Article : Understanding BI Users' Value Proposition • HBS Case: 9-604-080: Business Intelligence Software at SYSCO • Research Paper Q&A
4 02/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Speaker – Business Intelligence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Jenkins – 5/3
5 02/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Intelligence (Cont.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TUN Article : The Shift to On-Demand Business Intelligence • TUN Article : Four Strategies to Broaden BI Adoption • TUN Article : The Current State of Business Intelligence • TUN Case: Continental Airlines Flies High with Real-Time Business Intelligence
Data Warehousing		
6 02/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Speaker – Data Warehousing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lou Blanco – P&G
7 03/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Warehousing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turban – Chapter 2 • TUN Article: Key Factors in Selecting a Data Warehouse Architecture • TUN Article: Best Practices in Building a Data Warehouse Quickly • TUN Case: Data Warehouse Governance at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina
Business Analytics		
8 03/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Speaker – Business Analytics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Coplen – Kroger • Tony Mazza – Kroger
9 03/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Analytics • Data Visualization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turban – Chapter 3 • HBR Article R0601H: Competing on Analytics • TUN Webinar: Predictive Analytics: Best Practices in Extending the Value of Your DW

10 03/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Lab 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams to meet to scope out their research projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation scope • Group member roles and responsibilities • Presentation timeline • Group deliverables
Data Mining		
11 04/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Speaker – Data Mining 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Ohata – KPMG
12 04/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Mining 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turban – Chapter 4 • Harvard Management Update Article: U9910D: Data Mining: What General Managers Need to Know • HBR Article R0305H: Diamonds in the Data Mine • TUN Case: Data Warehousing Supports Corporate Strategy at First American Corporation
Business Performance Management		
13 04/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Performance Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Performance Management – Oracle Keynote Address • HBR Article R0507Q: The Balanced Scorecard: Measures That Drive Performance. • TUN Case: Real-Time Dashboards at Western Digital • Hyperion Demo • Individual papers due
Research Presentations		
14 04/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Project Presentations 	

Final Exam – 05/04 :

Each student will provide a 5 minute verbal presentation of their individual research paper during the class scheduled for final exams.

Case Preparation Evaluation		Name :						
Case:								
Case Write-Up Evaluation – 50%	Evaluation							
	Very Effective.....				Very Ineffective			
• Who is the protagonist?	<input type="checkbox"/>							
• What are their objectives (implicit / explicit)	<input type="checkbox"/>							
• What decisions (implicit / explicit) must I take?	<input type="checkbox"/>							
• What problems, opportunities and risks do I, as the protagonist face?	<input type="checkbox"/>							
• What evidence do I have to help make the decision? Is the evidence reliable and unbiased? Can I prove it?	<input type="checkbox"/>							
• What alternative courses of action are available?	<input type="checkbox"/>							
• What criteria should I use to judge the alternatives?	<input type="checkbox"/>							
• What action should I take?	<input type="checkbox"/>							
• What outside industry and company data did I utilize?	<input type="checkbox"/>							
• What did I learn from this case?	<input type="checkbox"/>							
• How does it relate to past cases and my own 'live' experiences?	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Case Participation Evaluation – 50%	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Overall Assessment:	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	F
Comments:								