

FINANCE 150 - Personal Finance
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Windward Community College Mission Statement:

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Alternate Contact Information:

If you are unable to contact the instructor, have questions that your instructor cannot answer, or for any other issues, please contact the Academic Affairs Office:

- Location: Alaka'i 121
- Phone: (808) 235-7422

Catalog Description:

A goal-oriented approach to personal finance management covering budgeting, use of financial institutions, income tax effects and strategies, credit risk management, investment analysis, risks, alternatives, financial products and markets, retirement planning and estate planning. Students will be introduced to various financial planning software programs.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Discuss the financial institutions role in individual personal finance.
2. Critique the different types of insurance and their effectiveness in controlling and managing risks.
3. Discuss the investment process.
4. Utilize software and other financial planning tools.

Required Activities:

1. Attendance is mandatory for this course.
2. Class participation.
3. Homework and Weekly Reaction Papers.
4. Course Project.

Homework and Weekly Reaction Papers:

Each week following the course calendar a weekly reaction paper is due defining and discussing two (2) concepts covered in class. The papers should include thoughtful discussion of the concepts and

how they relate to you.

Weekly Assignments:

Each week following the course calendar a weekly assignment will be given.

Text PDF

Personal Finance

Grading:

- 10 Reaction Papers 25 pts each - 250 pts (25%)
- 10 Assignments 25 pts each - 250 pts (25%)
- Attendance and Participation - 250 pts (25%)
- Course Project - 250 pts (25%)

Total 1000 points

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| 1000 points - 900 points | A |
| 899 points - 800 points | B |
| 799 points - 600 points | C |
| 599 points - 500 points | D |
| 499 and below | F |

Academic Integrity

Work submitted by a student must be the student's own work. The work of others should be explicitly marked, such as through the use of quotes or summarizing with reference to the original author.

In this class, students who commit academic dishonesty, cheating, or plagiarism will have the following consequence(s):

Students will receive a failing grade for plagiarized assignments.

All cases of academic dishonesty are referred to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

[Windward CC Student Conduct Information](#)

[UH System Student Conduct Policy EO 7.208](#)

Include an AI Statement (is it ok in your class? if so, when/how?) Here are some [UH AI Recommendations](#) and [AI Icons & Sample Statements](#). Instructors should refrain from sharing or inputting student work into online AI tools, including AI detection tools, without obtaining student consent. Uploading student work has potential FERPA implications as well as potential copyright concerns. Additionally, the uploaded content could be used as data for AI training without the student's consent.

Student Responsibilities

- Expectations
- Additional policies (e.g., cell phones in the classroom, late work, attendance, missed work, extra credit, participation, netiquette)
- Any information you feel the student needs to know
- Students may check the [Student Notifications](#) page on the website for canceled classes

How to Seek Academic or Technical Support

Academic Support

- [Windward Community College Library](#)
- [Library eResources](#)
- [Ka Piko Writing Lab](#)
- [Ka Piko Speech Lab](#)
- [Ka Piko Math Lab](#)
- [Evening and Online Learning at Windward Community College](#)
- [STAR Balance](#)

Technical Support

- [UH ITS Help Desk](#) – email help@hawaii.edu or call 956-8883 (or 1-800-558-2669) for Lamakū and most technology support. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays.
- Student Tech Support - email winhelp@hawaii.edu, call 808-235-7437, or stop by in person at Hale La‘akea 228. Available Monday–Friday from 8:00 am–4:00 pm.
- Lamakū – Click on the [Lamakū Help](#) link in the menu bar at the top of the Lamakū homepage to fill out and submit a question and get your answer via email.
- [Information Security for Students](#)

College Policies & Support Services

Disabilities Accommodations Statement

The Windward Community College’s Disability Student Services Office (WCC-DSSO) is committed to providing equal access to qualified students with disabilities.

If you have a physical, sensory, health, cognitive, or mental health disability that could limit your ability to participate fully in this class, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Specialist

Counselor, Roy Inouye, to discuss reasonable accommodations that will help you succeed in this class. The Disabilities Counselor can be reached at 808-235-7448, wccdsso@hawaii.edu, or stop by the office (Hale Kako'o 106) for more information.