



# Business Technology Management Administration (BTMA) 444

## Business Intelligence and Analytics (Revision 1)

<b>Delivery mode:</b>	<a href="#">Individualized study online</a>  with <a href="#">eText</a> 
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<b>Credits:</b>	3
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<b>Area of study:</b>	Applied Studies (Business and Administrative Studies)
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<b>Prerequisites:</b>	<a href="#">BTMA 320</a> and <a href="#">CMIS 351</a> .
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<b>Precluded:</b>	None
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<b>Challenge:</b>	BTMA 444 has a challenge for credit option.
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<b>Faculty:</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Business</a> 
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<b>Status:</b>	Replaced with new revision, see the <a href="#">course listing</a>  for the current revision 
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# Overview

Contemporary businesses operate in an increasingly data-driven world. Successful businesses around the world are investing heavily in technologies and systems to become more informed about the key elements that affect their business operations, support and serve their customers, and sustain their competitive positioning with their markets. Decision makers often need to make use of first-hand, in-depth, and contextual capacity to collect business data from highly distributed systems around the globe; to employ analytics techniques to discover business relationships; to communicate and collaborate effortlessly with clients, partners, and analysts; and to evolve a highly successful business practice. Business intelligence, analytics, and data science are overlapping fields that encompass the technologies, systems, architectures, and tools that support managerial decision making in this data-driven climate.

*BTMA 444* approaches business intelligence and analytics from a managerial viewpoint. Students are expected to orient their study toward making strategic business decisions using analytics data derived from business tools. The assignments are designed to offer students choice and flexibility to explore their interests within the field of analytics and to demonstrate their ability to apply course concepts to real-world contexts.

## Outline

- Lesson 1: Data-Driven Decision Making
- Lesson 2: Data Processing, Modeling, Reporting, and Visualization
- Lesson 3: Data Warehousing and Performance Management
- Lesson 4: Data Mining
- Lesson 5: Text, Web, and Social Media Analytics
- Lesson 6: Optimization and Simulation

- Lesson 7: Big Data Concepts and Tools
- Lesson 8: Future Trends, Ethics, and Managerial Considerations in Analytics

## Evaluation


To **receive credit** [↗](#) for BTMA 444, you must submit four written assignments, receive at least 50 percent on the Final Examination, and achieve an overall course grade of at least **D (50 percent)** [📄](#).

Activity	Weight	Complete by
Assignment 1: Final Project Proposal	5%	as soon as possible
Assignment 2	15%	after Lesson 4
Assignment 3	15%	after Lesson 8
Assignment 4: Final Project	30%	after receiving approval for Assignment 1
Forum Participation	5%	ongoing
Final Examination	30%	after Lesson 8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	



The **final examination** for this course must be taken online with an AU-approved exam invigilator at an approved invigilation centre. It is your responsibility to ensure your chosen invigilation centre can accommodate online exams. For a list of invigilators who can accommodate online exams, visit the [Exam Invigilation Network](#) [↗](#).

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#) .

## Materials

Sharda, R., Delen, D., & Turban., E. (2018). *Business intelligence, analytics, and data science: A managerial perspective* (4<sup>th</sup> ed.). Boston: Pearson Education  (eText)

### eText

Registration in this course includes an electronic textbook. For more information on [electronic textbooks](#) , please refer to our [eText Initiative site](#) .

### Other Resources

All other learning resources will be available online.



## Challenge for credit

### Overview

The Challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about [Challenge for credit](#)  can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

### Evaluation

To [receive credit](#)  for the BTMA 444 challenge registration, you must complete one written assignment, write a challenge examination, and achieve a composite course grade of at least **D (50 percent)** .

Activity	Weight
Written Assignment	60%
Online Exam (3 hours)	40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>



**Challenge for credit course registration form**

## Important links

- › [Academic advising](#)
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