Course Description: In this course, we will be exploring personal finance through literature. Throughout the semester, we will be discussing personal finance and thinking about decisions that can greatly impact one’s financial health. Students will have the opportunity to learn and express their thoughts via in-class discussions, in-class writing assignments, and expository papers. Money can be a taboo subject but, in this class, we will openly discuss the implications and ramifications of personal financial decisions.

Core Student Learning Outcomes:
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to
• develop, interpret, and express ideas through effective written communication;
• locate campus resources to solve problems/answer questions;
• gather, analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information relevant to personal finance.

Course Objectives:
• 8. Developing skill in expressing oneself orally and in writing.
• 9. Learning how to find and use resources for answering questions or solving problems.
• 11. Learning to analyze and critically evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view.

Method of Assessing Learning Outcomes:
Core student learning outcomes will be assessed through course assignments.

Course Requirements:
Each student will be required to complete all of the following:
• Two article summaries related to the seven laws of money.
• Participation in a university- or college-wide event (sporting event, lecture, etc).
• Several sessions with the ASU Writing Center.
• Information Literacy course in Blackboard.
• A final paper reflecting on your experience in our class.

Grading: Your grade in this class will determined based on the following grading rubric.

Participation: 25%

Article Summaries: 30%
Your final letter grade in this class will be determined based on a ten-point grading scale.

**Attendance:** Attendance will be taken regularly, and each student’s absences will be reported with their final grade at the end of the semester.

**Technology:** Unless you have special accommodations documented with the Student Life office, **no cell phones, tablets, laptops, MP3 players, games, or other electronic devices may be used in the classroom at any time.**

**Academic honesty:** Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code, which is available on the web at [http://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/honorcode5.pdf](http://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/honorcode5.pdf).

**Study Aids:**
- The ASU Writing Center offers free writing help and tutoring to all students at every skill level. The writing center is located in Porter Henderson Library room C305. Their hours are
  - Monday: 10:00am - 5:00pm
  - Tuesday: 10:00am - 5:00pm
  - Wednesday: 10:00am - 5:00pm and 6:00pm - 8:00pm
  - Thursday 10:00am - 5:00pm
  - Friday: 10:00am - 12:00pm
  - Saturday: Closed
  - Sunday: 1:00pm - 4:00pm
- Feel free to come by my office for help. I will definitely be near my office during my office hours (or there will be a note telling you when I will be back). If my office hours are not convenient for you, meet with me or email me to arrange for another time that is more convenient.

**Notes:**
- In the event that the university is closed for a scheduled class time, whatever was scheduled for that day and/or whatever was due that day will be scheduled and/or due on the next scheduled class time.
- All electronic correspondence will be sent to your ASU e-mail account unless other arrangements are made.

% Final paper: 25%
Documentations: 10%
Campus-wide activity: 5%
Information Literacy in BB: 5%
• If you do not receive a graded homework assignment or an exam on the day they are returned, please come by my office to pick them up.

• Good luck. I want you to succeed in this course. If at any point during the semester you feel as if you do not understand the material, please come talk with me as soon as possible. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

All items and dates in this syllabus are subject to change as the semester progresses. Students will be notified in class of any changes, and the changes will not be updated within this syllabus.

Below is an approximate guide to what we will cover on each day of the semester. These topics are subject to change.

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**Student Disability Services**

ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA), and subsequent legislation.

The Office of Student Affairs is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability, and it is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting:

Dallas Swafford  
Director of Student Disability Services  
Office of Student Affairs  
325-942-2047  
dallas.swafford@angelo.edu

**Title IX**

Angelo State University is committed to the safety and security of all students. If you or someone you know experience sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, stalking, or discrimination, you may contact ASU’s Title IX Coordinator:

Michelle Boone  
Director of Title IX Compliance  
325-486-6357  
michelle.boone@angelo.edu

**Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Days:** A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. ([http://www.angelo.edu/opmanual/](http://www.angelo.edu/opmanual/) -- OP 10.19)

**Incomplete Grade Policy:** It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 Grading Procedures for more information.

**Student Conduct Policies**

**Academic Integrity**

Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

The College of Science and Engineering adheres to the Statement of Academic Integrity
Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU’s [Academic Integrity policy](#) in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else’s work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one’s own. Plagiarism is literary theft.

In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word-for-word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list.

Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality via Turnitin. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the [ASU Writing Center](#).

Copyright Policy

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**General Policies Related to this Course:** All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:

- Angelo State University Student Handbook
- Angelo State University Catalog