

Frequently Asked Questions About taking the *Canadian Securities Course (CSC)* through ABIZ 3560 at the University of Manitoba

Q: Is the Canadian Securities Course (CSC) the same taking it through Uof M?

A: Yes, the CSC designation and certificate is the same. At UofM, CSC counts for about 80 percent of ABIZ 3560 grade, along with participation and a portfolio management project that make up 20 percent of the grade.

Q: Where can I get a [course outline](#) and more information about registering for ABIZ 3560 with CSC through UofM?

A: www.umanitoba.ca/afs/agric_economics/course, then go to outlines notes assignments, ABIZ 3560. The course is offered Tuesday Evening 6-9pm fall semester. More information on the CSC can be found at www.csi.ca

Q: What is the cost of taking CSC through UofM?

A: Cost is UofM tuition around \$450 plus discounted CSC fee of about \$960 that includes CSC texts, exam fee, and materials (costs subject to change). Students pay the CSC portion the first evening of class by credit card or cheque, and fill out a CSC registration form.

Q: What about textbooks?

A: Textbooks are provided by CSC, available both online and hard copy. After the student registers for the CSC the first night of class, the student can read the texts on line. Also, the text hard copies should arrive in the mail in about 7-10 days. Students can preview the textbooks, as they are on reserve in the Agriculture Library, 2nd floor Agriculture Building.

Q: Why take CSC through UofM?

A: (1) Taking CSC before graduation may provide an advantage for job interviews and employment, as many financial firms require the CSC. (2) The CSC through Uof M is at an accelerated speed over one semester rather than dragging it out 1,2, or 3 years. (2) Completing CSC at UofM before graduation avoids taking it later if busy with a career, family, etc. (3) There are 3 credits for ABIZ 3560 at UofM with the CSC. (4) Studying for CSC at UofM creates discipline and forces students to study, keep up, and take both CSC exams during the semester while the material is fresh. (5) At UofM there are others in the class to study with for the CSC, and helpful library reserve materials. (6) The past pass rate for taking CSC through UofM has been considerably higher than the national pass rate, though no guarantees are implied for future success or individuals cases.

Q: How much work is it taking the CSC through UofM?

A: Taking CSC through UofM generally often takes at least 12-15 hours per week of studying during the semester. Also, about a week of studying is needed before the mid-term exam (late October) and before for the final exam. Therefore, students with a heavy course load, outside activities, or GPA below about 2.8-3.0, may find that the ABIZ 3560 course does not meet their needs.

Q: When will I receive my course grade?

A: Students may finish the course in December similar to other courses, with grades posted in time for students who are graduating in February. However, some students in the past with heavier course loads have chosen to delay the second CSC exam to mid January instead of December, and so grades in these cases will be posted later.

Q: Who can take ABIZ 3560?

A: The course is open to Accounting and Finance Majors, and Agribusiness Majors. Prerequisite courses economics ECON 1200 and accounting ACC 1100, and 60 credits. Need GPA of 2.8 or higher. Students not meeting these requirements may enroll only if they receive the Instructor's permission. Call 474-6031 or boyd@ms.umanitoba.ca if questions.

Q: I am not a UofM student, can I still take the course?

A: Students who have not previously enrolled at the University would have to get the instructor's permission to take the course. Then see Ms. Judy Powell 474 9259 for registration details, e.g. should apply for U of M Admission by July 1, then registration begins approximately August 15.

Q: What is the exam format?

A: Two exams. Mid-term exam 100 questions, 2 hours, covers text volume 1. Final exam, 100 questions, 2 hours, covers text volume 2.

Q: Are there any other applied courses related to financial markets in the Agribusiness Department?

A: 1) Yes, ABIZ 3120 "Futures and Options Markets" offered Fall, Monday Evenings, 6-9pm.

(Note: The above information may be subject to change).