

# Personal Budget Assignment

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### ACCT 210

Cash Inflows and Outflows	February 1st-14th	February 15th-30th	March	April	May	June	July
Beginning Balance	1,000.00	127.70	896.49	1,089.50	570.02	860.55	1,291.07
Net Salary	1,736.46	1,736.46	3,472.92	3,472.92	3,472.92	3,472.92	3,472.92
Less Saving (10% Net Income)	173.65	173.65	347.29	347.29	347.29	347.29	347.29
<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>2,562.81</b>	<b>1,690.52</b>	<b>4,022.11</b>	<b>4,215.13</b>	<b>3,695.65</b>	<b>3,986.18</b>	<b>4,416.69</b>
<b>ESSENTIAL EXPENSES</b>							
Apartment Rent	989.00		989.00	989.00	989.00	989.00	989.00
TV and TV Stand/Wall Mount				599.99			
Dishes, Cutlery, Pots and Pans		35.04	152.50				
Cleaning Supplies and Vacuum		99.00			149.99		
Health Insurance	335.00		335.00	335.00	335.00	335.00	335.00
Public Transportation	45.00		45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00
Retirement Contributions	416.67		416.67	416.67	416.67	416.67	416.67
Student Loan Payment	300.00		300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,085.67</b>	<b>134.04</b>	<b>2,238.17</b>	<b>2,685.66</b>	<b>2,235.66</b>	<b>2,085.67</b>	<b>2,085.67</b>
<b>DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES</b>							
Cell Phone	30.00		30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Netflix	15.49		15.49	15.49	15.49	15.49	15.49
Food	200.00	200.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Entertainment		30.00	60.00	20.00	40.00	30.00	70.00
Renter's Insurance	13.95		13.95	13.95	13.95	13.95	13.95
Other Transportation	40.00	40.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Medical Expenses		20.00		30.00		20.00	
Charitable Contributions		20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Best Friend's Birthday Gift		50.00					
Dad's Birthday Gift			75.00				
Haircut	50.00			50.00			50.00
Mirror		299.99					
Painting				300.00			
<b>Total</b>	<b>349.44</b>	<b>659.99</b>	<b>694.44</b>	<b>959.44</b>	<b>599.44</b>	<b>609.44</b>	<b>679.44</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>127.70</b>	<b>896.49</b>	<b>1,089.50</b>	<b>570.02</b>	<b>860.55</b>	<b>1,291.07</b>	<b>1,651.58</b>
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>	<b>173.65</b>	<b>347.29</b>	<b>694.58</b>	<b>1,041.88</b>	<b>1,389.17</b>	<b>1,736.46</b>	<b>2,083.75</b>

# BUDGET PLAN

After graduating from Texas A&M University in 2026, I plan to stay in College Station for an additional year to complete my MS in Business. Seeing as these 6 months take place in the spring, it makes sense that I'll have a job approaching the end of my Master's Program. I've gotten really close with my roommates so I plan to live with them for the next few years. This plan works out well seeing as my roommates are also a year younger than me. This ties in with my purchases as I have already purchased some of the basics that are necessary for a new apartment. Additionally, Aspire provides furniture in their rental package, namely, a sofa, lounge chair, coffee table, end table, and barstools. As for the bedroom, it comes with a full-sized memory foam mattress with a bedframe, dresser drawers, a desk, and a desk chair. This included furniture explains why I do not spend much money on apartment necessities. Since I will be graduated, it is likely that my parents will no longer financially support me. Therefore, I will be utilizing the public transportation here in Bryan-College Station as well as Ubers and Lyft, if necessary.

## RATIONALE

During the spring preceding the end of my Master's Program, I will have fixed essential expenses such as apartment rent, health insurance, and student loans. On the other hand, I will have discretionary expenses that can be adjusted if need be such as my Netflix subscription, entertainment, and other transportation expenses. I organized the expenses as detailed in the assignment instructions, prioritizing the essential expenses.

## REVENUES

- My **Net Monthly Wage** will comprise of monthly wage withholding the Effective Federal Income Tax rate of 9% and Social Security + Medicare 7.65% as detailed in the assignment.
  - Net Monthly Wage =  $50,000/12 * 0.8335$ 
    - I divided my salary by 12 to get the monthly amount.
    - I multiplied the monthly amount by 0.8335 to account for taxes withheld
      - $(1-(0.09+0.0765)) = 0.8335$
    - I divided the month of February by 2 to account for before the first pay as mentioned in the instructions.
- My **Savings** (Less Saving) will take away 10% of my net monthly wage to cover any surprise bills and unexpected expenses.
  - Less Saving = Net Salary \* 0.1
- My **Available Balance** will be calculated with the beginning balance of each month, derived from the ending balance from the previous month (besides the initial month of February which has a beginning balance of \$1,000), my monthly salary, and the savings taken out.
  - Available Balance = Beginning Balance + Net Salary - Less Saving

## EXPENSES

My expenses for the 6-month period will be categorized as either essential or discretionary.

### 1. Fixed Expenses

- Apartment Rent

- As previously mentioned, since I will be completing my Master's at Texas A&M, I plan to make full use of all of the resources provided, therefore living as close to campus makes the most sense for me. Since I am so close to campus, this also means I will save more money on transportation. I plan to live at Aspire College Station, in the 1,606 sq. ft. Penthouse Suite with 4 roommates for \$989/month. There is no application fee and I will not have a car so no need for the \$100 parking fee. The rental agreement includes utilities, a gym, internet connection, and many other recreational amenities.



- TV and Wall Mount

- Bought from Best Buy for \$599.99



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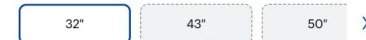
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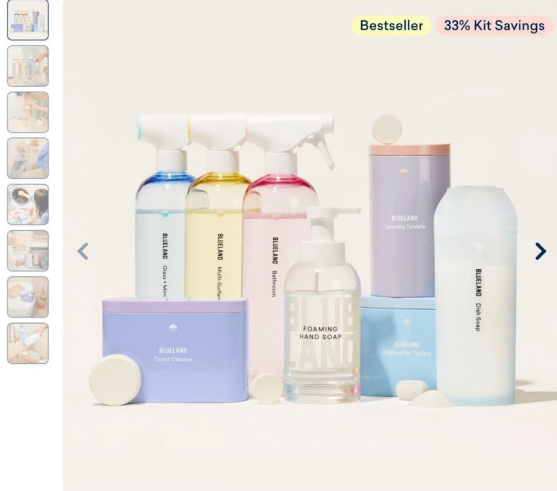
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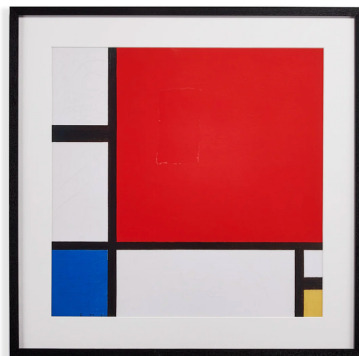
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- Health Insurance
  - As a 21-year-old, I'll be required to pay \$335/month for Obamacare.
- Public Transportation
  - Although I am quite close to campus, I will still need another form of transportation to get to places that are not within walking distance. The Brazos Transit District offers a monthly pass which provides unlimited trips for 31 consecutive days for \$45/month.
- Retirement Contributions
  - It is highly encouraged to save at least 10% of gross monthly income, therefore I will be following this recommendation and setting aside \$416.67 per month.
- Student Loan Payment
  - Monthly student loan payments will be paid as mentioned in the instructions.

## 2. Adjustable Expenses

- Cell Phone
  - I am currently with Verizon, therefore my plan costs \$30.00/month.
- Netflix
  - A standard Netflix subscription without ads costs \$15.49.

- Food
  - The money I set aside for food will be for either groceries or dining out, I currently receive \$100/week for food purposes and this works pretty well. Therefore, I will set aside \$400 per month for any and all food purchases.
- Entertainment
  - Since I primarily watch movies on my streaming services, I will not need much for entertainment like going to the movies. However, every now and again I do like to go out with friends, so this money will cover those expenses.
- Renter's Insurance
  - As detailed by Aspire, their Renter's Insurance program costs \$13.95 a month.
- Other Modes of Transportation
  - In instances where public transportation may not be an option, I will utilize private means of transportation such as Uber, Lyft, etc. This should cost around \$80 per month.
- Medical Expenses
  - I get sick every few months, so in the case that I do get sick, depending on the severity of the illness, I should pay between a \$20 and \$30 copay every other month.
- Charitable Contributions
  - I plan to donate around \$20 per month to my local church.
- Best Friend's Birthday Gift
  - My closest friend's birthday is at the end of February so I plan to spend about \$50 on her gift.
- Dad's Birthday Gift
  - My father's birthday is at the end of March and I plan to spend about \$75 on his gift.
- Haircut
  - I get a new haircut every 2 to 3 months, each haircut costs about \$50.

### **ASSETS ACQUIRED**

1. TV and Wall Mount, \$599.99
2. Mirror, \$299.99
3. Painting, \$300.00

### **UNEXPECTED EXPENSE**

- As mentioned in the instructions, within the budget we should be able to plan for a surprise bill of \$2,500. Seeing as in the sixth month I have \$2,083.75 in my savings account, plus \$1,651.58 as my final ending balance, I will be able to recover from this surprise bill with a surplus of \$1,235.33, which will be enough to cover my rent, savings, and any planned expenses for August.