# A Hypothetical Illustration for BUS-121, Financial Planning and Money Management

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Regular investing does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. Investors should carefully consider investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in the fund prospectuses, summary prospectuses, CollegeAmerica Program Description and ABLEAmerica Program Description, which should be obtained from a financial professional and should be read carefully before investing. Market indexes are unmanaged and, therefore, have no expenses. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. Results for the Lipper indexes do not reflect sales charges. There have been periods when the fund has lagged the index.

This illustration must be preceded or accompanied by the fund's current summary prospectus or prospectus, which details charges, expenses, investment objectives and operating policies. American Funds Distributors, Inc., member FINRA.

Investment results assume all distributions are reinvested and reflect applicable fees and expenses. Expense ratios are as of each fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. For the funds and/or share classes listed below, the investment adviser is currently reimbursing a portion of the funds' fees or expenses, without which the results would have been lower and net expense ratios higher.

- American Funds Corporate Bond Fund: all share classes (through at least 8/1/20)
- American Funds Tax-Exempt Fund of New York: all share classes (through at least 10/1/20)
- American Funds Mortgage Fund: Class R-2E and R-5E shares (through at least 11/1/20)
- Short-Term Bond Fund of America: Class F-3 shares (through at least 11/1/20)
- American Funds Retirement Income Portfolio Conservative: Class R-2E and R-5 shares (through at least 1/1/21)
- American Funds Retirement Income Portfolio Moderate: Class R-5E, R-5 and R-6 (through at least 1/1/21)
- American Funds Retirement Income Portfolio Enhanced: Class R-5 and R-6 shares (through at least 1/1/21)
- American Funds Preservation Portfolio: Class R-2E shares (through at least 1/1/21)
- American Funds Tax-Exempt Preservation Portfolio: all share classes (through at least 1/1/21)

The investment adviser may elect at its discretion to extend, modify or terminate the reimbursements at that time. Please see each fund's most recent prospectus for details.

For the funds listed below, the fund's transfer agent is currently waiving a portion of the funds' other expenses, without which the results would have been lower and net expense ratios higher.

 American Funds Developing World Growth and Income Fund and American Funds Inflation Linked Bond Fund: Class F-3 shares (through at least 2/1/21)

The transfer agent may elect at its discretion to extend, modify or terminate the waiver at that time. Please see each fund's most recent prospectus for details.

Virginia529<sup>sM</sup>, as program administrator of ABLEAmerica, is currently waiving the fee owed to it as compensation for its oversight and administration of ABLEAmerica. This waiver will be in effect for Class ABLE-A shares through at least December 1, 2019 for American Funds U.S. Government Money Market Fund and January 1, 2020 for the Portfolio Fund Series. Subject to the terms of its contractual arrangement with the investment adviser, Virginia529<sup>sM</sup> may elect to extend, modify or terminate the waiver at that time.

#### Standardized Average Annual Total Returns for Quarter Ended 9/30/2020

Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized

Inception Max. Initial Sales						
	Inception	Max. Initial Sales				Since
Security Name	Date	Charge/CDSC	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Inception
The Bond Fund of America A (ABNDX)	5/28/1974	3.75% Front	5.38%	3.61%	3.31%	7.38%

## **Gross Charges and Expenses**

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				<b>Total Gross Operating</b>	
Fund Name	Sales Charge	Max CDSC	Max Redem Fee	Expense	
The Bond Fund of America A (ABNDX)	3.75%	1.00%	0.00%	0.61%	

The fund does not assess redemption fees. However, shareholders redeeming shares may be subject to the fund's Purchase Blocking Policy as described in the prospectus.

The illustration included herein does not reflect the effects of taxes in some or all of the investments.

- Cumulative Volume Discount Reflected Where Applicable in This Illustration.
- NOTE: Systematic Accumulation Plans cannot assure a profit or protect against loss in declining markets.

Class A shares are subject to an up-front maximum sales charge of 5.75% for equity, Target Date, Retirement Income and most Portfolio Series funds, 3.75% for most fixed income funds and American Funds Tax-Aware Conservative Growth and Income Portfolio, and 2.50% for Intermediate Bond Fund of America, Short-Term Bond Fund of America, American Funds Short-Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund, Limited Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund of America, American Funds Preservation Portfolio and American Funds Tax-Exempt Preservation Portfolio. Data prior to 6/30/2020, returns reflect deduction of the maximum sales charge: 5.75% for equity funds and most Portfolio Series funds and 3.75% for most fixed income funds maximum sales charges. The sales charge declines for accounts and aggregated investments (\$25,000 for equity and target date funds, \$100,000 for most bond funds, \$500,000 for Intermediate Bond Fund of America, Short Term Bond Fund of America, Ameridan Funds Short-Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund, and Limited Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund of America). There is no initial sales charge on purchases of \$1 million or more. A 1% contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) may be assessed if a redemption occurs within 18 months of purchase. Results on the following pages reflect deduction of the CDSC if the investment is \$1 million or more and a withdrawal is selected within 18 months of purchase. Certain withdrawals before age 59 1/2 may be subject to income tax and, if applicable, to a 10% federal penalty.

- The A/529-A share 1, 5, and 10-year return for each fund is based on the MOP value.
- The "Average annual return on the investment" is based on the initial investment and the breakpoint chosen.

If the results shown on the following pages do not reflect deduction of an initial sales charge (i.e. they are at net asset value), please note that they would have been lower if the sales charge had been deducted.

Investing outside the United States involves additional risks, such as currency fluctuations, periods of illiquidity and price volatility, as more fully described in the prospectus. These risks may be heightened in connection with investments in developing countries.

The return of principal for bond funds and for funds with significant underlying bond holdings is not guaranteed. Fund shares are subject to the same interest rate, inflation and credit risks associated with the underlying bond holdings.

Higher yielding, higher risk bonds can fluctuate in price more than investment-grade bonds, so investors should maintain a long-term perspective.

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## The Bond Fund of America A (ABNDX)

	Net	Initial		
Shares	Amount	Sales	Initial	
Purchased	Invested	Charge	Investment	Date
4.658	\$58	3.75%	\$60.00	10/01/1990

\$60 initial investment on 10/01/1990. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Subsequent investments of \$60.00 from 11/01/1990 to 09/30/2020 every month, on the first day of the month. The initial investment is subject to a 3.75% sales charge. Subsequent investments are subject to a sales charge of up to 3.75%. The effects of income and capital gains taxes are not demonstrated.

Data	Investment/s)	Dividend	Total Dividend	Capital	Shares	Total
Date 12/31/1990	Investment(s)	Income 3	Income 3	<b>Gains</b>	Held 14	<b>Value</b> 178
12/31/1991	720	53	56	0	72	987
12/31/1991	720	118	174	5	131	1,834
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12/31/1993		175	349	73	195	2,825
12/31/1994	720	241	590	0	265	3,364
12/31/1995	720	317	907	0	341	4,733
12/31/1996	720	388	1,295	0	420	5,779
12/31/1997	720	452	1,747	0	503	7,042
12/31/1998	720	521	2,267	78	596	8,116
12/31/1999	720	599	2,866	0	694	9,006
12/31/2000	720	716	3,582	0	804	10,286
12/31/2001	720	769	4,351	0	917	11,729
12/31/2002	720	811	5,163	0	1,037	13,173
12/31/2003	720	769	5,932	0	1,149	15,517
12/31/2004	720	769	6,701	0	1,257	17,159
12/31/2005	720	891	7,592	0	1,375	18,180
12/31/2006	720	942	8,534	0	1,499	19,968
12/31/2007	720	1,099	9,633	0	1,634	21,345
12/31/2008	720	1,281	10,914	0	1,800	19,363
12/31/2009	720	977	11,891	0	1,949	22,996
12/31/2010	720	932	12,823	0	2,082	25,382
12/31/2011	720	903	13,726	0	2,211	27,750
12/31/2012	720	754	14,480	0	2,324	30,096
12/31/2013	720	700	15,180	0	2,434	30,183
12/31/2014	720	675	15,855	0	2,542	32,560
12/31/2015	720	653	16,508	0	2,647	33,325
12/31/2016	720	586	17,094	0	2,746	34,928
12/31/2017	720	664	17,758	0	2,851	36,752
12/31/2018	720	873	18,631	0	2,976	37,408
12/31/2019	720	915	19,545	548	3,141	41,118
09/30/2020	540	652	20,197	0	3,226	45,394
Total	21,600	20,197	20,197	704	3,226	45,394

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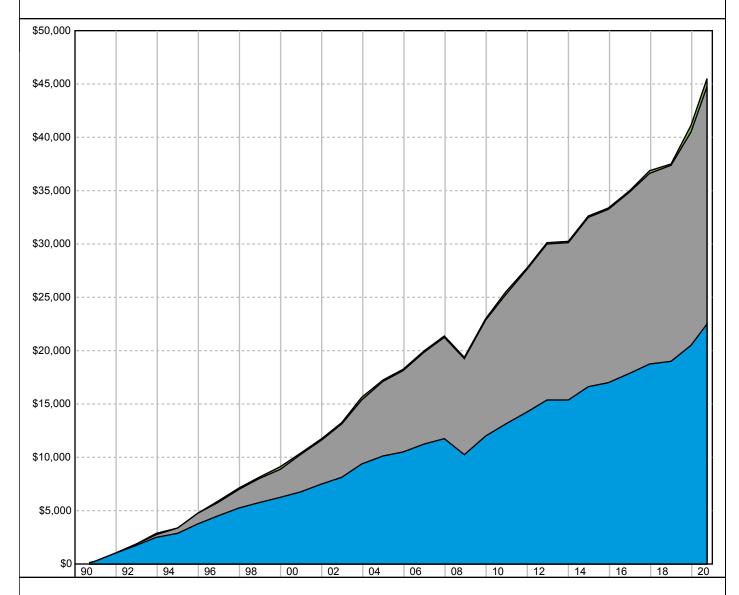
Average annual return on the investment for the period 10/01/1990 - 09/30/2020 : 4.55%

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#### 10/1/1990 - 9/30/2020

**Total Ending Amount: \$45,394** 

The Bond Fund of America A (ABNDX): \$60 initial investment on 10/01/1990. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Subsequent investments of \$60.00 from 11/01/1990 to 09/30/2020 every month, on the first day of the month. The initial investment is subject to a 3.75% sales charge. Subsequent investments are subject to a sales charge of up to 3.75%. The effects of income and capital gains taxes are not demonstrated.



From Capital Gains (Ending value: \$745)
From Income (Ending value: \$22,153)
From Principal (Ending value: \$22,497)

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