

MOS 3370a Management Accounting: Cost Course Outline: Sections 001-007 Fall 2016

1. Course Information:

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Class Section	Days	Start Time	End Time	Bldg and Room	Instructor
001	Wednesday	6:30 pm	9:30 pm	UCC 66	Strickland
002	Tuesday	6:30 pm	9:30 pm	UCC 66	Strickland
003	Wednesday	6:30 pm	9:30 pm	SSC 3006	Timusk
004	Monday Wednesday	1:30 pm 1:30 pm	2:30 pm 3:30 pm	SSC 2036 SSC 2036	Dawson
005	Thursday	11:30 pm	2:30 pm	SSC 2036	Strickland
006	Monday	8:30 am	11:30 pm	SSC 3026	Morrison
007	Monday	12:30 pm	3:30 pm	SSC 3018	Maco

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2. Calendar Description

2.1 Course Description:

What does it cost? This question is asked in every organization. The determination of cost is a key accounting process that supports decision making. This course will cover management accounting techniques related to cost: behaviour, allocation, determination, and strategic cost management.

Antirequisite(s): Business Administration 3307K, 4407Q/R/S/T, the former MOS 3372.

Prerequisite(s): Business Administration 2257 and enrolment in third or fourth year of BMOS, Honors Specialization in Urban Development or Music Administrative Studies (MAS).

Extra Information: 3 lecture hours, 0.5 course.

2.2 Senate Regulations

Senate Regulations state, "unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites."

3. Textbook: Garrison/ Chesley/Carrol/Webb, Managerial Accounting, 10th Canadian edition, McGraw Hill Ryerson, 2015 ISBN-13:978-125902490-0

Additional course materials will be posted on OWL.

4. Course Objectives and Format

4.1 Course objectives

The course objective is to teach students to become competent users of accounting data and to fully integrate their understanding of basic transactions, profits, cost behavior, relevant costs and control systems into their analysis of business problems. Regardless of career objectives, all students will have to deal with some form of accounting information in their day-to-day activities. The task of this course is to ensure a thorough understanding of the nature and behavior of costs so that this type of information can be positively incorporated into the decision making framework

Course Learning Outcomes

- Classify costs as fixed, variable or mixed and prepare a Statement of Cost of Goods Manufactured. Determine break-even levels given the cost structure and calculate operating profit at various levels.
- Predict the cost for manufacturing overhead using a scatter graph, hi-lo method and regression analysis and predict total cost at various levels.
- Distinguish between various Costing Systems – Job Order Costing, Process Costing, Activity Based Costing and Absorption/Variable Costing. Determine cost of goods sold, ending inventory under each method. Prepare, compare and reconcile financial statements prepared under Absorption versus Variable Costing.
- Analyze manufacturing (cost) variances and marketing variances to explain differences between Budget and Actual results.

4.2 Course format

Weekly classes will include lectures, group discussions and discussing assigned problems and cases. Participation is required. Solutions will be posted on OWL.

5. Evaluation

	Date	Percentage of Course Grade
1	Midterm 1 - Friday, October 14 - 4:00-6:00 PM	20%
2	Midterm 2 - Friday, November 11 - 4:00-6:30 PM	30%
3	Final Exam TBA	40%
4	Participation	10%

Exams are mixed in format and may include multiple choice, calculations, and written responses. Exams are closed book. No notes of any kind are permitted during the exams. Dictionaries are NOT allowed for examinations.

Only non-programmable calculators will be allowed into the exams. If you are unsure, please ask your professor to check your calculator.

Students are responsible for material covered in the lectures as well as the assigned chapters/sections in the text. Mid-term exam is scheduled outside of class time. The final exam will be scheduled during the exam period. Exams will not be returned to students but may be reviewed in the instructor's office.

Students are **REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ALL COMPONENTS** of this course. There are no exceptions to this. Extra assignments to improve grades **will NOT** be allowed.

Exams will be scored using the program Scan Exam which examines the answer sheets for unusual coincidences in the pattern of answers given which may be indicative and used as supporting evidence of cheating.

Grades will **not** be adjusted on the basis of need. It is important to monitor your performance in the course. Remember: *You* are responsible for your grades in this course.

PARTICIPATION

10% of your course grade will be based on your weekly contributions to class discussions. It is expected that students will attend all classes and will arrive on time and ready to work. Much of our class time will be conversational. I will direct conversations about new material, the problems we are covering, and review of previously presented material. Participation will be evaluated weekly for both quantity and quality. Quality is more important than quantity. Participation marks are not "easy" marks. They are awarded for making class better by contributing to discussions.

The following scale is used to grade participation. Please note: attendance does not equal participation.

- 0 - (0%) - did not attend, and it is not an excused absence.
- 0 - (0%) - attended, but spent the class period working on other things. Did not participate in class activities.
- 1 - (25%) - attended, participated in class activities, but did not ask or answer any questions.
- 2 - (50%) - attended, participated in class activities, answered questions being discussed.
- 3 - (75%) - attended, participated in all class activities, answered questions throughout the class session. Preparation for class is apparent.
- 4 - (100%) - attended, participated in all class activities, answered questions that required interpretation or evaluation of accounting concepts. Preparation for class is apparent. Went beyond just answering homework questions. Explained difficult concepts. Added considerable value.

6. University Policy Regarding Illness

6.1 Illness

The University recognizes that a student's ability to meet his/her academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. Illness may be acute (short term), or it may be chronic (long term), or chronic with acute episodes. The University further recognizes that medical situations are deeply personal and respects the need for privacy and confidentiality in these matters. However, in order to ensure fairness and consistency for all students, academic accommodation for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course shall be granted only in those cases where there is documentation supplied (see below for process) indicating that the student was seriously affected by illness and could not reasonably be expected to meet his/her academic responsibilities.

Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the appropriate Dean's office (the Office of the Dean of the student's Faculty of registration/home Faculty) together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested. These documents will be retained in the student's file, and will be held in confidence in accordance with the University's Official Student Record Information Privacy Policy

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/general/privacy.pdf

Once the petition and supporting documents have been received and assessed, appropriate academic accommodation shall be determined by the Dean's Office in consultation with the student's instructor(s). Academic accommodation may include extension of deadlines, waiver of attendance requirements for classes/labs/tutorials, arranging Special Exams or Incompletes, re-weighting course requirements, or granting late withdrawals without academic penalty.

Academic accommodation shall be granted only where the documentation indicates that the onset, duration and severity of the illness are such that the student could not reasonably be expected to complete his/her academic responsibilities. (Note: it will not be sufficient to provide documentation indicating simply that the student was seen for a medical reason or was ill.)

A form to be completed by off-campus physicians is available at:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf

Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, examinations, etc. Students must follow up with their professors and their Academic Counselling office in a timely manner.

In the case of a final examination in the course, the student must arrange for a

Special Examination or Incomplete through their Dean's office, for which you will be required to provide acceptable documentation.

If you feel that you have a medical or personal problem that is interfering with your work, you should contact your instructor and the Faculty Academic Counselling Office as soon as possible. Problems may then be documented and possible arrangements to assist you can be discussed at the time of occurrence rather than on a retroactive basis. In general, retroactive requests for grade revisions on medical or compassionate grounds will not be considered.

6.2 Make Up Examinations

The student must write a make-up exam if the regularly scheduled exam is missed for reasons for which adequate documentation is received by the instructor (this documentation must be supplied by the Academic Counseling office).

6.3 Attendance

It is expected that students will attend all classes. The professor does not provide access to lecture notes. Students are encouraged to obtain missed lecture notes from a fellow student.

7. **University Policy on Cheating and Academic Misconduct**

Cheating on exams will not be tolerated; students are referred to the university policy on scholastic offenses (see section 9.0 below). Looking at the test of another student, allowing another student to view your exam, or obtaining information about a test in advance are all examples of cheating. Students found cheating will receive a zero (0%) on that exam. A number of safeguards will be employed to discourage cheating. For example, examination supervisors (proctors) of the tests may ask students to move to another seat during the exam, cover their paper, avert their eyes from other students' papers, remove baseball caps, etc. This is not meant as a personal affront nor as an accusation of cheating, rather as vigilant attempts at proctoring. A copy of guidelines about how to avoid cheating can be obtained from the office of the Ombudsperson, Room 3135 WSS, (519) 661-3573.

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offenses. Students are urged to read the section on Scholastic Offenses in the Academic Calendar. Note that such offenses include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or elsewhere. If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate, consult your instructor. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" will not be accepted as an excuse.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offense include refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

8. Procedures For Appealing Academic Evaluations

In the first instance, all appeals of a grade must be made to the course instructor (informal consultation). If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal must be sent to the Assistant Program Director or Designate of the BMOS program. If the response of the Assistant Director is considered unsatisfactory to the student, he/she may then appeal to the Dean of the Faculty in which the course of program was taken. Only after receiving a final decision from the Dean, may a student appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic. A Guide to Appeals is available from the Ombudsperson's Office.

9. Student Responsibilities

Material covered in lectures will not always be the same as material covered in the textbook. These two sources should be viewed as complimentary and not redundant. As such, students who want to do well in this course are **strongly encouraged** to attend lectures on a regular basis. Please note that the instructor will not be providing copies of lectures notes or overheads. Therefore, if you miss a lecture, you should try to obtain this material from another student.

In this class, some students may be unaware that their private discussions are distracting to other people. If you feel that students are distracting your attention from the material, then you should ask them to be quiet. If you feel uncomfortable doing this (or the problem persists), then please see the instructor. In addition, please avoid engaging in private discussions with other students during the lectures.

To avoid unnecessary distractions, please arrive to each class on time.

10. Support Services

10.1 Support Services

The Registrar's office can be accessed for Student Support Services at <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>

Student Support Services (***including the services provided by the USC listed here***) can be reached at: <http://westernusc.ca/services/>

Student Development Services can be reached at: <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental_health/ for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

11. Other Issues

11.1 Grade Policy

The DAN Program has a grade policy which states that for courses in the 3000-4000 range, the class average must fall between 70% and 77% for all sections of a course taught by the same instructor. In very exceptional circumstances only, class averages outside this range may be approved by the Undergraduate Chair or Chair. Class averages are not grounds for appeal.

11.2 Short Absences.

If you miss a class due to minor illness or other problems, check your course outlines for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or exam. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow the missed lectures notes from a classmate.

11.3 Extended Absences.

If you are absent more than approximately two weeks or if you get too far behind to catch up, you should consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses. The Academic Counsellors can help you to consider the alternatives. At your request, they can also keep your instructors informed about your difficulties.

11.4 Academic Concerns.

If you are in academic difficulty, it is strongly recommended that you see your academic counsellor.

11.5 Important Dates:

September 16: Last day to add a full course or first term half course on campus and Distance Studies.

October 10: Thanksgiving Holiday. All offices closed.

October 27 – 28: Fall Study Break

November 5: Last day to drop a first term half course without penalty.

December 7: Classes end

December 8 – 9: Study Days

December 10 -21: Examination Period

December 22: First term ends

Other Information

- Bring student identification to exams.
- Nothing is to be on/at one's desk during an exam except a pencil, an eraser, and the individual's student card
- Do not wear baseball caps to exams
- Do not bring music players, cell phones, beepers, or other electronic devices to exams

For The University of Western Ontario Senate Regulations, please see the Handbook of Academic and Scholarship Policy at:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/academic_policies/index.html

12. E-mail Policies The following policies apply to all emails between students and the Professor. Please respect the fact that the Professor receives hundreds of emails from students and must deal with those emails in a fair and organized manner. Non-acceptable emails will receive a reply saying only “Please see Email Policies on the course outline”.

12.1 UWO.CA Email Addresses Only

For privacy reasons, students must use their Western email accounts to contact the Professor. The Professor will not respond to emails from non-uwo.ca addresses (e.g. hotmail.com, gmail.com, etc.).

12.2 Subject Line Must Include Course and Section Number

The subject line of emails must contain the name or number of the course, and the section number in which the student is enrolled. The Professor teaches different courses and sections and cannot properly respond to questions if he does not know which course or section you are enrolled in.

12.3 Acceptable Emails

- questions about the course content or materials
- asking to set up an appointment to ask questions or review an exam
- notification of illness or other special circumstances
- providing constructive comments or feedback about the course

12.4 Non-Acceptable Emails

- questions that may be answered on OWL or on this course outline
- asking when grades will be posted
- asking what grade a student received
- asking where or when an exam is scheduled or the material covered on an exam
- requests for grade increases, extra assignments, or reweighting of course components

13. Lecture and Examination Schedule

A WEEKLY SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED ON THE OWL SITE FOR EACH SECTION.