

# Management and Organizational Studies 3330A 550 Operations Management

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**Office Hours:** By appointment (Zoom)

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Operations is the term that refers to the process by which an organization converts inputs (e.g. labor, material, knowledge, equipment) into outputs (goods and/or services) for both internal and external markets. In this course, we will study how to manage this process. MOS 3330 is an introductory course providing an overview of the operations management concept used as a framework for analyzing operations management situations and as a basis for general management situations. We will study strategic issues related to how firms determine the way in which they will compete as well as tactical and operational decision making. Topics include: scheduling, forecasting and planning, inventory policy, queueing theory, and aggregate planning.

#### **COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

As a result of this course, you will be able to:

- to develop your decision-making skills by applying operations management concepts to business situations.
- to expose you to the main concepts of operations management in manufacturing, service, and other organizations that model the expectations of future employers.
- to provide you with useful tools for problem solving in business and government environments.
- to provide you with opportunities to hone and demonstrate effective written & oral communication skills, and strengthen team work abilities.

#### **COURSE PREREQUISITES**

1) Successful completion of Business 2257 and 2) enrolment in the four-year BMOS program.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF CLASS METHODS**

Each week, a PowerPoint presentation will be delivered to students (via Zoom) covering the material required and testable on the mid-term and final exams. Zoom links and presentations will be uploaded to OWL prior to class, excluding any solutions to exercise/problems/case analyses.

These solutions will be updated following class and the final presentation (for study purposes) will be uploaded to OWL. Following the presentation, class will discuss their pre-prepared solutions to a variety of operations management problems/exercises and business cases to be assigned weekly. Cases from Ivey will also be utilized to facilitate enhanced class participation. Operations management models will be discussed as part of these materials. Learning points will be summarized weekly, as key "take-aways" from the class discussion. Other materials the instructor wishes to hand-out will be distributed on an as-needed basis. Class attendance is essential.

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#### TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER REQUIRED RESOURCES

Required textbook and materials:	1. Heizer, J., Render, B., Munson, C. & Griffin, P. (2020), Operations Management: Sustainability and Supply Chain Management (3rd Cdn. Ed.), Pearson: Toronto, ON
	2. IVEY CASE PACKAGE, available for download (see Appendix A)
Course materials	To be found on the course website at https://owl.uwo.ca.
Course Software & Computers	Note that MS Office 365, which includes <b>Microsoft Excel</b> is available for free. If you are interested in installing it on your personal computer, visit: https://wts.uwo.ca/sitelicense/microsoft/homeuse.html

# METHOD OF EVALUATION/ASSESSMENT

Grades are a measure of the performance of a student in individual courses. Each student shall be judged on the basis of how well he or she has command of the course materials. Please submit all work in both .pdf and .docx format.

Midterm Exam	25%
Class Participation	20%
Group Assignment	35%
Take-home Assignment	20%

NOTE: The content and/or evaluation scheme in this course is subject to change.

#### SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES (OTHER THAN PROJECT DEADLINES)

September 11, 2020 First Day of Classes for MOS 3330A

November 6, 2020 Fall Reading Week- No Class

December 4, 2020 Last Day of Classes for MOS 3330A

December 17, 2020 Take-Home Assessment Due

For more information, please visit https://huronatwestern.ca/important-dates-and-deadlines

# PARTICIPATION (20%)

Preparation for class case discussion, as demonstrated by:

- Willingness to lead and actively participate class discussions in a professional manner
- providing valuable insights and analysis
- Using PowerPoint / Excel spreadsheets to present analyses and findings

To maximize your participation grades – and overall learning – students should attend all classes to maximize opportunities to speak to their colleagues and concentrate on providing class comments which:

- Move the analysis along and/or take it to a "higher" level
- Provide insight that others may not have seen
- Are relevant to the class discussion
- Leverage prior learnings and other references, of your choice, in the context of the case discussion
- Add clarity to course PowerPoint slides (required reading) in the context of the case
- Challenge colleagues in a professional and logical manner

# MIDTERM EXAM (25%)

This closed-book online exam will be 2-hours in length and may include multiple-choice, true and false, short-answer, essay or computational questions and may include material from the assigned readings, lectures (PowerPoint presentations), exercises/problems, case studies, videos, small group-work. The students will receive the exam instructions a few days before the exam.

# GROUP ASSIGNMENT : PROPOSAL, REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS (35%)

A complete firm operations management analysis will be undertaken by groups of three-five (3-5) students from the same section. The group proposals should be submitted by October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. Groups will select an industry to study and described the use of various operations management approaches, tools & techniques for competitive advantage. Groups will work together on their own time and should allocate the work effort evenly to each of the team members. This project must be completed by December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. All the presentations will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 via Zoom application.

Due to COVID-19, the students are not expected to meet in person to complete their projects. We strongly suggest that the students use virtual platforms for group collaboration

#### FINAL TAKE-HOME ASSESSMENT (20%)

The end-of-term take-home case assessment is designed to test your knowledge of the material that is discussed in class sessions and found in the PowerPoints, readings, and case learnings. It will be an assessment you can complete within 4 hours, but you can take more time should you wish. Students will be given access to the Take-Home Case Assessment on the final day of class, December 4th, 2020. There is no final exam in this class. You will be expected to deliver the complete case analysis and accompanying questions by **December 17th, 2020 at 9:00 pm**.

# **GRADE REVIEW**

The instructor does not discuss grades without a substantive reason. Substantive reasons include errors made during grading. If you would like me to re-evaluate your grade in any component of the course, you should follow this procedure:

- a) Write a memo explaining why you need me to re-evaluate your grade. The memo should contain substantive arguments only, and not humanitarian (e.g., "I really need an A," "I worked so hard"), or social justice (e.g. "he got an A for saying the same thing") appeals. If you do feel that a social justice appeal is justified, you should get the cooperation of the person who you are comparing with, and have them also submit their paper. You may submit this memo to the commerce office.
- b) You will normally get a response from me within a week.
- c) The entire exam or paper will be re-evaluated, and you should be aware that any grade changes are possible (i.e. decrease, increase or none). The only exception to the "entire paper gets re-evaluated" policy is a case where there is a mathematical error in determining a grade.

The instructor is responsible for your grade in MOS 3330A but not responsible for any administrative decisions that may make use of your grade in MOS 3330A. If you believe that your grade requires review, please follow the procedure above.

#### REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA

Performance in the course will be evaluated using a variety of methods that support the objectives identified above. A combination of exams, individual participation, group presentation, and case summary assignments will be used to evaluate participants on a number of different levels.

The criteria for success, in no particular order, are:

- Comprehension of the material
- Demonstration of an ability to think cross-functionally
- A willingness to participate for the benefit of oneself and fellow participants
- Strong work ethic to "pull your weight" in group assignments

# **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES**

- This is a brief summary of the current plan for session-by-session topics and readings.
- This schedule may change updates are posted on OWL.

Session	Date	Topic	Chapter(s) &
			Exercise/Problems/Case

1	Sept 11	Course Overview & Introduction  Introduction to Operations Management Supply Chain Management (SCM) Changing SCM landscapes	Text: Ch. 1-2 • Questions/Problems will be discussed • Case: SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT AT WAL-MART (Ivey casepack)
2	Sept 18	Inventory Management	Text: Ch. 12     Questions/Problems will be discussed     Case: QUANTICO COMPUTERWARE
3	Sept 25	Forecasting     Capacity and Constraint Management	<ul> <li>Text: Ch. 4 &amp; Supplement 7</li> <li>Questions/Problems will be discussed</li> <li>Case: GREAVES BREWERY: BOTTLE REPLENISHMENT (Ivey casepack)</li> </ul>
4	Oct 2	Aggregate Planning, Sales and Operations planning	Text: Ch. 13     Questions/Problems will be discussed     Case: AGGREGATE PLANNING AT GREENMILLS (Ivey casepack)
5	Oct 9	Resource Planning (Material Requirements Planning (MRP) & Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP))	Text: Ch. 14     Questions/Problems will be discussed
6	Oct 16	Midterm Exam (2 hours) during class time	All course textbook, PowerPoint, exercise/problem/case material covered to date will be testable on the mid-term exam
7	Oct 23	Group Proposal Discussion     Scheduling & Sequencing	<ul> <li>Group Proposals</li> <li>Text: Ch. 15</li> <li>Questions/Problems will be discussed</li> </ul>
8	Oct 30	<ul> <li>Product Design &amp; Process Strategy</li> <li>Just-in-Time (JIT) and Lean Operations</li> </ul>	Text: Ch. 5, 7, 11 & 16     Questions/Problems will be discussed     Case: BELLE INC. (Ivey casepack)
	No	ovember 2, 2020 to November 8, 2020 - Fall	Reading Week
9	Nov 13	Total Quality Management (TQM)     Statistical Quality Control (SPC)	Text: Ch. 3, 6, & 6 Supplement • Questions/Problems will be discussed • Case: LONGXI MACHINERY WORKS - QUALITY

			IMPROVEMENT (A) (Ivey casepack)
10	Nov 20	<ul><li> Project Management</li><li> Six Sigma</li></ul>	Text: Ch. 3 & 6 • Questions/Problems will be discussed • Review text and/or case
11	Nov 27	Human Resources, Job Design, and Work Measurement	Text : Ch. 10
12	Dec 4	<ul> <li>Group Presentations via Zoom</li> <li>Take-Home Assessment Released (Due: Dec. 17th, 2020)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Take-Home Assessment</li> <li>Released (Due: Dec. 17th, 2020)</li> <li>Project Management</li> <li>Six Sigma</li> <li>Group Presentations, Q&amp;A</li> </ul>

MOS 3330A Tentative Course Schedule (Note: Additional required and/or supplementary readings may be assigned weekly on OWL to be prepared before class for in-class discussion)

#### NB:

- All questions are found in the text at the back of each chapter and all cases are to be downloaded from the Ivey website; both are to be prepared in advance.
- Text chapters refer to the chapter ordering presented in the Western University customized version of the Heizer et al. textbook used in this course. Figure and question/answer references in the customized textbook reflect numbering in original non-customized version.
- Text contains solutions to many odd-numbered problems which will be utilized for selfstudy, therefore each week students should complete all even-numbered problems, in advance of class, which will be discussed in class (please note that for later chapters, certain even numbered questions will require you to complete the odd-numbered problem in order to proceed)

#### **APPENDIX A:**

#### **E-Textbook Ordering Instructions:**

To register for **Operations Management**, **3Ce**:

- 1. Go to https://www.pearson.com/mylab.
- 2. Under Register, select Student.
- 3. Confirm you have the information needed, then select OK! Register now.
- 4. Enter your instructor's course ID: teimourzadeh25071, and Continue.

5. Enter your existing Pearson account username and password to Sign In. You have an account if you have ever used a MyLab or Mastering product. »If you don't have an account, select Create and complete the required fields.

- 6. Select an access option.
- » Enter the access code that came with your textbook or that you purchased separately from the bookstore.
- » If available for your course,
- Buy access using a credit card or PayPal.
- Get temporary access.

#### Ivey Casepack Ordering Instructions:

Dear Student,

You have registered for:

Course: Operations Management

This message explains how to purchase the course materials needed for your class which are available on Ivey Publishing's website. You will need to log in or create an account. Once you have done so, you can choose to purchase a print or digital copy of the course pack. Course packs are PDF documents that can be opened using Adobe Reader.

Digital coursepacks may be opened and printed for a period of 30 days from the time you complete your purchase; once downloaded to your computer, you will have digital access until the course end date. If you want to keep these materials beyond this time frame, you will need to print the coursepack. This coursepack is for your personal use only and is not to be shared or distributed in any form.

For technical assistance, please contact Ivey Publishing during business hours.

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#### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday to Thursday: 8:00am-4:30pm (EST)

Friday: 8:00am-4:00pm (EST)

#### Scholastic Offences, Plagiarism and Collusion

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a scholastic offence, at the following website:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic\_discipline\_undergrad.pdf.

Plagiarism is the submission of work that is in whole or in part someone else's work (including, but not limited to, text, calculations and exhibits), which you claim as your own.

Students must write their assignments, essays, reports, exams, etc. in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by using proper references such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

All required case exams and reports may be subject to submission for similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under licence to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement currently in effect between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (www.turnitin.com).

#### **UNIVERSITY RESOURCES**

The website for the Office of the Registrar is <a href="http://www.registrar.uwo.ca">http://www.registrar.uwo.ca</a>. Students may also wish to contact Student Development Services at <a href="http://www.sdc.uwo.ca">http://www.sdc.uwo.ca</a>.



# Appendix to Course Outlines: Academic Policies & Regulations 2020 - 2021

# **Prerequisite and Antirequisite Information**

Students are responsible for ensuring that they have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that they have not completed any course antirequisites. Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enrol in it without them, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. If you enrol in this course despite having already taken an antirequisite you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. Removals for these reasons 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 or for having already taken the antirequisites.

# **Conduct of Students in Classes, Lectures, and Seminars**

Membership in the community of Huron University College and Western University implies acceptance by every student of the principle of respect for the rights, responsibilities, dignity and well-being of others and a readiness to support an environment conducive to the intellectual and personal growth of all who study, work and live within it. Upon registration, students assume the responsibilities that such registration entails. The academic and social privileges granted to each student are conditional upon the fulfillment of these responsibilities.

While in the physical classroom or online classroom, students are expected to behave in a manner that supports the learning environment of others. Students can avoid any unnecessary disruption of the class by arriving in sufficient time and ready for the start of the class, by remaining silent while the professor is speaking or another student has the floor, and by taking care of personal needs prior to the start of class. If a student is late, or knows that he/she will have to leave class early, be courteous: enter and leave quietly. Please see the Code of Student Conduct at:

www.huronuc.on.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/Code%20of%20Student%20Conduct.pdf.

#### **Technology**

It is not appropriate to use technology (such as, but not limited to, laptops, cell phones) in the classroom for non-classroom activities. Such activity is disruptive and distracting to other students and to the instructor, and can inhibit learning. Students are expected to respect the classroom environment and to refrain from inappropriate use of technology and other electronic devices in class.

#### **Adding / Dropping Courses**

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your workload is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor. If you are considering reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines. Please refer to the Huron website,

https://huronatwestern.ca/academic-advising or review the list of official Sessional Dates on the Academic Calendar, available here: http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm.

You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP and/or Scholarship/Bursary eligibility.

#### **Class Cancellations**

In the event of a cancellation of class, every effort will be made to post all relevant information on the OWL class site and on the Huron website at, <a href="https://huronatwestern.ca/about/accessibility">https://huronatwestern.ca/about/accessibility</a>.

# **Attendance Regulations for Examinations**

A student is entitled to be examined in courses in which registration is maintained, subject to the following limitations:

- 1) A student may be debarred from writing the final examination for failure to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year.
- 2) Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course. The Dean of the Faculty offering the course will communicate that decision to the Dean of the Faculty of registration.

Please see the policy on Attendance Regulations for Examinations here: <a href="https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\_policies/exam/attendance.pdf">https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\_policies/exam/attendance.pdf</a>.

#### **Academic Student Support Services**

For advice on course selections, degree requirements, and for assistance with requests for medical accommodation, students should email an Academic Advisor in Huron's Student Support Services at <a href="https://huronatwestern.ca/academic-advising">https://huronatwestern.ca/academic-advising</a>.

Department Chairs, Program Directors and Coordinators are also able to answer questions about individual programs. Contact information can be found on the Huron website at: <a href="https://huronatwestern.ca/contact/contact-directory">https://huronatwestern.ca/contact/contact-directory</a>.

#### **Copyright Regarding Course Material**

Lectures and course materials, including PowerPoint presentations, tests, outlines, and similar materials are protected by copyright. Faculty members are the exclusive owner of copyright in those materials they create. Students may take notes and make copies for their own use. Students may not allow others to reproduce or distribute lecture notes and course materials publicly (whether or not a fee is charged)

without the express written consent of a faculty member. Similarly, students own copyright in their own original papers and exam essays. If a faculty member is interested in posting a student's answers or papers on the course website he/she should ask for the student's written permission.

# **Statement on Academic Integrity**

The International Centre for Academic Integrity defines academic integrity as "a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to five fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. From these values flow principles of behaviour that enable academic communities to translate ideals to action." (CAI Fundamental Values Project, 1999).

A lack of academic integrity is indicated by such behaviours as the following:

- Cheating on tests;
- Fraudulent submissions online;
- Plagiarism in papers submitted (including failure to cite and piecing together unattributed sources);
- Unauthorized resubmission of course work to a different course;
- Helping someone else cheat;
- Unauthorized collaboration:
- Fabrication of results or sources;
- Purchasing work and representing it as one's own.

# **Academic Integrity: Importance and Impact**

Being at university means engaging with a variety of communities in the pursuit and sharing of knowledge and understanding in ways that are clear, respectful, efficient, and productive. University communities have established norms of academic integrity to ensure responsible, honest, and ethical behavior in the academic work of the university, which is best done when sources of ideas are properly and fully acknowledged and when responsibility for ideas is fully and accurately represented.

In the academic sphere, unacknowledged use of another's work or ideas is not only an offence against the community of scholars, it is also an obstacle to academic productivity. It may also be understood as fraud and may constitute an infringement of legal copyright.

A university is a place for fulfilling one's potential and challenging oneself, and this means rising to challenges rather than finding ways around them. The achievements in an individual's university studies can only be fairly evaluated quantitatively through true and honest representation of the actual learning done by the student. Equity in assessment for all students is ensured through fair representation of the efforts by each.

Acting with integrity at university constitutes a good set of practices for maintaining integrity in later life. Offences against academic integrity are therefore taken very seriously as part of the university's work in preparing students to serve, lead, and innovate in the world at large.

A university degree is a significant investment of an individual's, and the public's, time, energies, and resources in the future, and habits of academic integrity protect that investment by preserving the university's reputation and ensuring public confidence in higher education.

Students found guilty of plagiarism will suffer consequences ranging from a grade reduction, to failure in the course, to expulsion from the university. In addition, a formal letter documenting the offence will be filed in the Dean's Office, and this record of the offence will be retained in the Dean's Office for the duration of the student's academic career at Huron University College.

#### **Statement on Academic Offences**

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, as per the Academic Calendar: <a href="http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading\_189">http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading\_189</a>.

#### **Turnitin.com**

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (https://www.turnitin.com/).

#### Computer-Marked Tests/exams

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

#### **Clickers**

Personal Response Systems ("clickers") may be used in some classes. If clickers are to be used in a class, it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the device is activated and functional. Students must see their instructor if they have any concerns about whether the clicker is malfunctioning. Students must use only their own clicker. If clicker records are used to compute a portion of the course grade:

- the use of somebody else's clicker in class constitutes a scholastic offence
- the possession of a clicker belonging to another student will be interpreted as an attempt to commit a scholastic offence.

#### **Academic Accommodation for Students With Disabilities**

Students who require **special** accommodation for tests and/or other course components must make the appropriate arrangements with the Student Development Centre (SDC). Further details concerning policies and procedures may be found at: <a href="http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/">http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/</a>.

Please review the full policy at,

 $\underline{https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\_policies/appeals/Academic\%20Accommodation\_disabilities.pdf.}$ 

# Academic Consideration for Missed Work

Students who are seeking academic consideration for missed work during the semester may submit a self-reported absence form online provided that the absence is 48 hours or less and the other conditions

specified in the Senate policy at

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\_policies/appeals/Academic\_Consideration\_for\_absences.pdf are met.

Students whose absences are expected to last longer than 48 hours, or where the other conditions detailed in the policy are not met (e.g., work is worth more than 30% of the final grade, the student has already used 2 self-reported absences, the absence is during the final exam period), may receive academic consideration by submitting a Student Medical Certificate (for illness) or other appropriate documentation (for compassionate grounds). The Student Medical Certificate is available online at <a href="https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf">https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf</a>.

All students pursuing academic consideration, regardless of type, must contact their instructors no less than 24 hours following the end of the period of absence to clarify how they will be expected to fulfill the academic responsibilities missed during their absence. Students are reminded that they should consider carefully the implications of postponing tests or midterm exams or delaying submission of work, and are encouraged to make appropriate decisions based on their specific circumstances.

Students who have conditions for which academic accommodation is appropriate, such as disabilities or ongoing or chronic health conditions, should work with Accessible Education Services to determine appropriate forms of accommodation.

# Requests for Academic Consideration Using the Self-Reported Absence Form

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance (48 hours or less) that is sufficiently severe to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements (e.g., attending lectures or labs, writing tests or midterm exams, completing and submitting assignments, participating in presentations) should self-declare using the online Self-Reported Absence portal. This option should be used in situations where the student expects to resume academic responsibilities within 48 hours or less.

Please note the following conditions that are in place for self-reporting of medical or extenuating circumstances:

- Students will be allowed **a maximum of two self-reported absences** between September and April and one self-reported absence between May and August;
- Any absences in excess of the number designated in clause a above, regardless of duration, will
  require students to present a <u>Student Medical Certificate (SMC)</u>, signed by a licensed medical or
  mental health practitioner, detailing the duration and severity of illness, or appropriate
  documentation supporting extenuating circumstances to the Academic Counselling unit in their
  Faculty of registration no later than two business days after the date specified for resuming
  responsibilities.
- Self-reported absences will not be allowed for scheduled final examinations; for midterm examinations scheduled during the December examination period; or for final lab examinations scheduled during the final week of term.
- Self-reporting may not be used for assessments (e.g. midterm exams, tests, reports, presentations, or essays) worth more than 30% of any given course.
- Students must be in touch with their instructors no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by the Self-Reported Absence form, to clarify how they will be expected to fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence.

Please review the full policy at,

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic policies/appeals/accommodation illness.pdf.

# Policy on "Academic" Accommodation - Medical / Non-Medical Grounds

# (a) Medical Grounds for assignments worth 10% or more of final grade: Go directly to Huron Support Services/ Academic Advising, or email huronsss@uwo.ca.

University Senate policy, which can be found at,

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\_policies/appeals/accommodation\_medical.pdf
, requires that all student requests for accommodation on medical grounds for assignments worth 10% or more of the final grade be made directly to the academic advising office of the home faculty (for Huron students, the "home faculty" is Huron), with supporting documentation in the form (minimally) of the Senate-approved Student Medical Certificate found at:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf.

The documentation is submitted in confidence and will not be shown to instructors. The advisors will contact the instructor when the medical documentation is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the medical challenge as expressed on the Student Medical Certificate and in any other supporting documentation. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified of the presence of medical documentation, and will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation.

The instructor will not normally deny accommodation where appropriate medical documentation is in place and where the duration it describes aligns with the due date(s) of assignment(s). Before denying a request for accommodation on medical grounds, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor's decision is appealable to the Dean.

# (b) Accommodation on <u>Medical Grounds</u> for assignments worth *less than 10%* of final grade: Consult Instructor Directly

When seeking accommodation on medical grounds for assignments worth less than 10% of the final course grade, the student should contact the instructor directly. The student need only share broad outlines of the medical situation. The instructor **may** require the student to submit documentation to the academic advisors, in which case she or he will advise the student and inform the academic advisors to expect documentation. The instructor may <u>not</u> collect medical documentation. The advisors will contact the instructor when the medical documentation is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the medical challenge as expressed on the Student Medical Certificate and in any other supporting documentation. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified of the presence of medical documentation, and will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation.

The instructor will not normally deny accommodation where appropriate medical documentation is in place and where the duration it describes aligns with the due date(s) of assignment(s). Before denying a request for accommodation on medical grounds, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor's decision is appealable to the Dean.

#### (c) Non-Medical Grounds: Consult Huron Support Services/ Academic Advising

Where the grounds for seeking accommodation are not medical (e.g. varsity sports, religious, compassionate, bereavement) the student should contact an academic advisor directly. All accommodation requests must include a completed <u>Accommodation Request Form</u>. Late penalties may apply at the discretion of the instructor.

Where a student seeks accommodation on non-medical grounds where confidentiality is a concern, the student should approach an academic advisor with any documentation available. The advisors will contact the instructor after the student's request is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the challenge without breaching confidence. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified that significant circumstances are affecting or have affected the student's ability to complete work, and the student will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation. Before denying a request for accommodation where documentation has been submitted to an academic advisor, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor's decision is appealable to the Dean.

#### Mental Health & Wellness Support at Huron and Western

University students may encounter setbacks from time to time that can impact academic performance. Huron offers a variety of services that are here to support your success and wellbeing. Please visit <a href="https://huronatwestern.ca/student-life-campus/student-services/wellness-safety">https://huronatwestern.ca/student-life-campus/student-services/wellness-safety</a> for more information or contact staff directly:

Wellness Services: <a href="mailto:huron.uwo.ca">huron.uwo.ca</a> Community Safety Office: <a href="mailto:safety@huron.uwo.ca">safety@huron.uwo.ca</a>

Chaplaincy: gthorne@huron.uwo.ca

Additional supports for Health and Wellness may be found and accessed at Western through, www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/.

#### **Important Dates & Directory**

For a current and up-to-date list of important dates and campus directories, please visit:

- **Huron Important Dates:** <a href="https://huronuc.ca/important-dates-and-deadlines">https://huronuc.ca/important-dates-and-deadlines</a>
- Academic Calendar & Sessional Dates: http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm
- Huron Directory Faculty, Staff and Administration: https://huronuc.ca/index.php/contact/contact-directory
- Western Directory Faculty, Staff and Administration: <a href="https://www.uwo.ca/directory.html">https://www.uwo.ca/directory.html</a>