

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Introduction to Strategic Management

Course Number and Section

MOS

4410A 550

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Course Description:

This course examines how organizations succeed in reaching their goals through design and implementation of novel approaches and techniques that generate competitive advantage. Success in the marketplace is achieved by a balancing of formal processes and spontaneous creativity of the people that make up the organization, which manifest in the form of true innovation. This course will practice traditional strategic analysis together with taking on the role of “futurist” in analyzing each case organization industry – where it’s going, where it will end up, and what can be done to be on the top of each wave of innovation. Looking at strategy development and execution from a multi-dimensional perspective, this course will address the analyses and resulting decisions undertaken to capitalize on opportunities. The source of these opportunities will be revealed to be an optimization of firm people, processes, technologies, governance, and partnerships, operating with common objectives to lead in a competitive landscape today and tomorrow.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

Learn about competitiveness of firms and markets

Gain knowledge of how to conduct an internal and external analysis of an organization

Understand the format, use and application of important strategic management models and frameworks

Appreciate the complexity of innovation and long-term planning for industry actors within ever- changing contexts

Comprehend the differences in developing and applying strategy at different levels within the firm and across different geographies

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Case Package (Ivey Publishing):

<https://www.iveypublishing.ca/s/ivey-coursepack/>

See back of full outline for casepack link.

Strategic Analysis and Action (10th Edition) Mary M. Crossan et al, Pearson Education Canada, 2016, ISBN: 9780136473152
Western Bookstore Link: https://bookstore.uwo.ca/textbook-search?campus=HC&term=W2026A&courses%5B0%5D=550_HC/MOS4410A (Cost = \$72)
Versions of the textbook back to the 7th edition are suitable if students wish to procure used texts for cost-saving purposes.

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Case Assignments (Traditional)	Anytime up to end of term (x1)	15
Country Assessment	10/23/2026	15
Participation	Every class	20
Group Competitive Strategy	12/04/2026	15
Take-home Assessment	Final Exam Period	20
In-Class AI Mini-Case Analysis (2)	Twice in term TBD	15

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In-course Costs \$072.00

For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook’s publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].

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