

## Brief Course Outline

**Course Title:** **Business 1220E: Introduction to Business**

**Course Number and Section:**

BUSINESS

1220E 555

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### Course Description:

This introductory survey course assumes no prior knowledge of business. Business 1220E requires no prerequisites. Although not a requirement for Ivey's HBA Business Program, Business 1220E offers an excellent overview of the Ivey case teaching method. This course is also serves as an introduction to the primary functional areas of study within the broader study of management and organizational studies.

### Learning Outcomes:

1. Identify business administration fundamentals: Finance, Marketing, Operations, Organizational Behaviour, and General Management.
2. Demonstrate skills for effective problem-solving. To do this, students will learn basic analytical tools (e.g., projections, break-evens, cost/benefit analysis, etc.) and then be required to apply these tools to problems, using case methodology.
3. Apply decision-making with imperfect information under time constraints.
4. Utilize effective communication skills, both oral and written.
5. Project financial statements.
6. Assess the risk of a business venture.
7. Recommend a marketing, operations, and organizational behaviour strategy
8. Collaborate effectively in a team environment

### Textbooks and Course Materials:

Course Pack: Making Business Decisions: Text and Cases, 2024-2025, Bloomfield, Miller, Haywood-Farmer, Pearce. Huron University Edition PART I and II – Please note our casebook is different than the one used at Western and there are TWO casebooks. Part I for the first semester and Part II for the second semester.

The casebook must be purchased through The Book Store at Western once it is published in early September. IMPORTANT NOTE: previous years cannot be used as a substitute for the current edition. Students are required to own the newest edition to receive the course credit

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### Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Finance Take-Home Report	Due: October 27, 11:55pm	20%
Marketing Group Presentation	In Class: December 2-4	15%
Operations Exam	February 1, 1:00pm - 5:00pm	15%
Organizational Behaviour Group Report	Due March 6, 11:55pm	10%
General Management Exam	Final Examination Period, TBD	30%
Class Contribution	Ongoing	10%
Research Participation	Completed by April 4, 2025	*

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