

BUSI 4008 – Section R
Advanced Management Accounting and Control
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Modality: There are no formal classes, as this course is delivered 100% asynchronously
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Course Calendar Description

Builds on concepts covered in management and cost accounting courses. Integrates relevant issues from other functional areas: strategic uses of cost management, budgeting, and performance evaluation systems in managerial planning and control.

Course Description

This course focuses on managerial planning and control systems using the case method. It extends the concepts covered in the intermediate management accounting course and also integrates relevant contextual issues from other functional areas of organizations. The design of budgeting, cost management, performance measurement, performance evaluation, and reward systems, as well as, governance and ethical issues, are examined. Emphasis is placed on the need for different control techniques and systems in different types of organizations and for balanced integrated systems, comprising both financial and nonfinancial controls and measures.

Learning Objectives

1. Understand advanced management control concepts, techniques, and practices applicable to private, non-profit, and public organizations.
2. Identify management control problems related to cost management, budgeting, performance measurement, performance evaluation, and reward systems, as well as, governance and ethics, in private, non-profit, and public organizations.
3. Identify and apply appropriate management control techniques to remedy management control problems in private, non-profit, and public organizations.

4. Analyze and evaluate an organization's management control systems and practices, considering relevant organizational and environmental factors.
5. Based on analyses conducted, recommend appropriate managerial actions and improvements to management control systems.
6. Write well researched and justified professional reports.
7. Present the results and arguments in an effective manner and defend recommended courses of actions.
8. To evaluate the use of management control concepts in modern and/or non-traditional settings.

Course Prerequisites: BUSI 3008 with a grade of C- or higher.

Textbook and CuLearn

The textbook for this course is "**Management Control Systems: Performance Measurement, Evaluation and Incentives**," 4th Ed., by Kenneth A. Merchant and Wim A. Van der Stede, Prentice-Hall, 2018. An e-text version of the textbook is available if you prefer this to a print version. Additional required readings may be posted on cuLearn.

Since this is an online course, the weekly use of cuLearn is a must. All course material and resources (excluding the textbook), communication, assignment submission and collaboration will be done through cuLearn. It is important that you log on to cuLearn right away and start to be comfortable with using it.

For help and support, go to <http://carleton.ca/culearn/students>. Any unresolved questions can be directed to Computing and Communication Services (CCS) by phone at 613-520-3700 or via email at ccs_service_desk@carleton.ca.

Instructional Method and Evaluation

This course encompasses assigned readings, case analyses, group work/project, and a final exam. Students are expected to read all of the assigned chapter(s) and to participate **equally** in the group work.

The primary role of the instructor in this course is to **facilitate** student learning by helping students understand and apply key concepts. It should be emphasized that diligent **independent preparation** of cases and **active participation** in the group case analysis are crucial to the development of effective problem-solving skills in this field and to perform well in the course.

Grading Scheme (details and due dates of each element will be provided on cuLearn):

Weekly assignments	20%
Group Term Project	40%
Final Exam	40%

Weekly Assignments (20%)

There are weekly, individual assignments that involve the following two requirements:

- 1) A summary (in your own words) of the chapters that are covered each week as we progress through the course. You should be reading each chapter, watching the videos, reading the power points and then making your own notes from these resources on the chapters that are covered each week. Copying and pasting material from the textbook or lecture slides is not acceptable.
- 2) An outline of your case analysis. You need to be reading the required weekly case and preparing a draft outline of a case analysis. The objective is not for you to do a full analysis of the case, but rather a point form outline of how you would approach the case. Individuals should attempt all cases each week (these are not marked) in preparation for the final exam which is an individual case.

Group Term Project (40%)

Groups will select a company that they are affiliated with or use publicly available information to analyze a **management accounting and control** problem that relates directly to the course material (or a modern take on it). The purpose of this project is for you to use what you have learnt this semester and integrate it into real world scenarios.

There are two requirements to this project. The first requirement (worth 25% of the total mark) is your written case analysis prepared in a professional report format following the approach outlined and posted on cuLearn. The second requirement (worth 15% of the total mark) is a video presentation by the group, summarizing the key aspects of your analysis and recommendations.

Each group member must (1) sign a declaration of academic integrity and (2) complete and hand in a confidential peer evaluation (form available on cuLearn) for each member of his/her group, covering all group work. Unless specifically otherwise documented, the assumption is that each student has contributed equally to all group work in this course. In cases of significantly different evaluations for a group member, the professor may contact the group members for additional information or request a meeting with all group members in order to ensure a fair allocation of group marks.

Final Examination (40%)

The final exam will include a comprehensive case, requiring a significant degree of application and integration of the material covered in the entire course. The final examination will be held during the regular examination period. The duration of the exam will be 3 hours. The final examination will cover the whole course. You need to obtain a minimum grade of 45% on the final exam to pass this course.

*Students who are unable to write a final examination because of a serious illness/emergency or other circumstances beyond their control may apply for accommodation. Normally, the accommodation for a missed final examination will be granting the student the opportunity to write a deferred examination. Upon presentation of appropriate documentation and application through the registrars office. See the University's policy here:

<https://calendar.carleton.ca/undergrad/regulations/academicregulationsoftheuniversity/examinations/#deferred-term-work>

Late Submissions

To ensure fairness for all students, penalties will be applied to late submissions. Failure to submit an assignment on time will result in an initial penalty of ten (10) percentage points, followed by an additional ten (10) percentage points per day thereafter. For example, an assignment that would normally merit a grade of 80% would receive a grade of 70% if submitted after the deadline on the due date, 60% if submitted the following day, and so on. Requests for extension will be considered in cases of illness, family emergency, or other exceptional circumstances.

Preparation and Participation:

All course material and resources (excluding the textbook), communication, assignment submission and collaboration will be done through cuLearn. It is important that you log on to cuLearn right away and start to be comfortable with using it.

COURSE SCHEDULE (subject to change as necessary)

The table below lists the subject areas which we will cover during the term.

Week	Chapter Readings and Case Assignments
1 11 Jan	Chapters 1 – Management and Control Chapter 2 – Results Controls Overview of How to Approach the Analysis of a Business Case Case – Leo Four Plex (p. 22)
2 18 Jan	Chapter 3 – Action, Personnel and Cultural Controls Chapter 4 – Control System Tightness Case – PCL – A Breakdown in the Enforcement of Management Control (p. 168)
3 25 Jan	Chapter 5 – Control System Costs Case – Fit Food, Inc. (p. 206)
4 1 Feb	Chapter 6 – Designing and Evaluating Management Control Systems Case – Family Care Specialists Medical Group, Inc. (p. 252)
5 8 Feb	Chapter 7 – Financial Responsibility Centres Chapter 8 – Planning and Budgeting Case – No Case assignment this week – Start on Group Case Assignment
Reading Week (15 – 19 February)	
6 22 Feb	Chapter 9 – Incentive Systems Case – Raven Capital LLC (p. 384)
7 1 Mar	Chapter 10 – Financial Performance Measures and Their Effects Case – King Engineering Group, Inc. (p. 433)
8 8 Mar	Chapter 11 – Remedies to the Myopia Problem Chapter 12 – Using Financial Results Controls in the Presence of Uncontrollable Factors Case – Hoffman Discount Drugs, Inc. (p. 534)
9 15 Mar	Chapter 13 – Corporate Governance and Boards of Directors Chapter 14 Controllers and Auditors Case – Entropic Communications, Inc. (p. 610)
10 22 Mar	Chapter 15 – Management Control Related Ethical Issues Case – Ethics at Cisco (p. 708)
11	Chapter 16 – Management Control in Not-for-Profit Organizations

29 Mar	Case – SCI Ontario: Achieving, Measuring and Communicating Strategic Success (p. 735)
12 8 Apr	Finalize Group Case Assignment.
Final Exam Period	

Tips for Success –

- 1) Get started on this course right away!
- 2) Schedule your time so you don't fall behind.
- 3) Use all the resources, especially your textbook!
- 4) Work through all the cases and actively participate with your group.
- 5) Actively participate in cuLearn through discussions boards as required.
- 6) Recognize right away when you are struggling with the material and contact me for help – don't wait!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Course Sharing Websites

Materials created for this course (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the author(s). They are intended for personal use and may not be reproduced or redistributed without prior written consent of the author(s).

Required calculator in BUSI course examinations

If you are purchasing a calculator, we recommend any one of the following options: Texas Instruments BA II Plus (including Pro Model), Hewlett Packard HP 12C (including Platinum model), Staples Financial Calculator, Sharp EL-738C & Hewlett Packard HP 10bII

Group work

The Sprott School of Business encourages group assignments in the school for several reasons. They provide you with opportunities to develop and enhance interpersonal, communication, leadership, follower-ship and other group skills. Group assignments are also good for learning integrative skills for putting together a complex task. Your professor may assign one or more group tasks/assignments/projects in this course. Before embarking on a specific problem as a group, it is your responsibility to ensure that the problem is meant to be a group assignment and not an individual one.

In accordance with the Carleton University Undergraduate Calendar (p 34), the letter grades assigned in this course will have the following percentage equivalents:

A+ = 90-100	B+ = 77-79	C+ = 67-69	D+ = 57-59
A = 85-89	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	D = 53-56
A - = 80-84	B - = 70-72	C - = 60-62	D - = 50-52
F = Below 50			

Grades entered by Registrar:

WDN = Withdrawn from the course

DEF = Deferred

Academic Regulations

University rules regarding registration, withdrawal, appealing marks, and most anything else you might need to know can be found on the university's website, here:

<http://calendar.carleton.ca/undergrad/regulations/academicregulationsoftheuniversity/>

Requests for Academic Accommodation

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request, the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy obligation

Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist.

For more details, visit the Equity Services website: carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf

Religious obligation

Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist.

For more details, visit the Equity Services website: carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you have a documented disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation or contact your PMC coordinator to send your instructor your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term. You must also contact the PMC no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your instructor as soon as possible to ensure accommodation arrangements are made.

carleton.ca/pmc

Survivors of Sexual Violence

As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and its survivors are

supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit: carleton.ca/sexual-violence-support

Accommodation for Student Activities

Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. <https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf>

For more information on academic accommodation, please contact the departmental administrator or visit: students.carleton.ca/course-outline

Academic Integrity

Violations of academic integrity are a serious academic offence. Violations of academic integrity – presenting another's ideas, arguments, words or images as your own, using unauthorized material, misrepresentation, fabricating or misrepresenting research data, unauthorized co-operation or collaboration or completing work for another student – weaken the quality of the degree and will not be tolerated. Penalties may include; a grade of Failure on the submitted work and/or course; academic probation; a refusal of permission to continue or to register in a specific degree program; suspension from full-time studies; suspension from all studies at Carleton; expulsion from Carleton, amongst others. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with and follow the Carleton University Student Academic Integrity Policy which is available, along with resources for compliance at: <https://carleton.ca/registrar/academic-integrity/>.

Sprott Student Services

The Sprott student services office, located in 710 Dunton Tower, offers academic advising, study skills advising, and overall academic success support. If you are having a difficult time with this course or others, or just need some guidance on how to successfully complete your Sprott degree, please drop in* any weekday between 8:30am and 4:30pm. Our advisors are happy to discuss grades, course selection, tutoring, concentrations, and will ensure that you get connected with the resources you need to succeed!

<http://sprott.carleton.ca/students/undergraduate/learning-support/>

** Note that the office is physically closed. However, e-drop in is available between 8:30-4:30 until social distancing requirements are updated by the Province.*

Centre for Student Academic Support

The Centre for Student Academic Support (CSAS) is a centralized collection of learning support services designed to help students achieve their goals and improve their learning both inside and outside the classroom. CSAS offers academic assistance with course content, academic writing and skills development. Visit CSAS on the 4th floor of MacOdrum Library or online at: carleton.ca/csas.

Important Information:

- Students must always retain a hard copy of all work that is submitted.
 - All final grades are subject to the Dean's approval.
 - For us to respond to your emails, we need to see your full name, CU ID, and the email must be written from your valid CARLETON address. Therefore, in order to respond to your inquiries, please send all email from your Carleton CMail account. If you do not have or have yet to activate this account, you may wish to do so by visiting <https://carleton.ca/its/get-started/new-students-2/>
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