



BUSI 4709 B: Strategic Management for International Business

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CB 3101

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Pre-requisites: Fourth-year standing in B.Com (International Business Concentration) or BIB and successful completion of all 2000 and 3000 level courses in the major requirement. **The School of Business enforces all pre-requisites**

Course Objectives:

In an international business context, managers need to make critical decisions that transcend functional areas. As a capstone course, Strategic Management for International Business brings together ideas and skills learned in functional areas (e.g. Management, Marketing, Finance, Accounting) into a coherent whole. Even though you may be concentrating in a functional area of business, you are likely to move into positions with increasing management responsibility as your career progresses. This integration will underscore how the functional elements of a business are interrelated and equally important.

Strategic Management for International Business is concerned with the challenges of developing and implementing strategies in global industries. This course provides students with the conceptual tools necessary to work effectively in today's global environment by developing strategic perspectives that links the environment, the state of the global industry and the capabilities and position of the firm. Specifically, this course addresses the following key strategic choices and challenges facing global organizations: Where to compete; which products to offer around the globe; where to locate the various activities of the firm; how to position and leverage competitive advantage; how to implement a global strategy.

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Identify interdependencies of business functions when analyzing business situations and providing recommendations;
- Identify the importance of each business function to firm performance and explain possible causes of firm performance;

- Apply conceptual frameworks to evaluate and analyze practical business problems;
- Articulate strategic perspectives that links the environment, the state of the global industry and the capabilities and position of the firm;
- Evaluate a company's business plan and question its underlying assumptions;
- Identify and implement appropriate responses to business situations;
- Discuss decision making processes and their influence on strategic decision making and firm performance;
- Work and contribute to an interdependent, collaborative, and professional team environment.

Required material:

Business simulation

Marketplace Business Simulation, International Corporate Management with Real-time Economic Conditions simulation (<http://www.marketplace-simulation.com/>). Sign up steps will be explained in class.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The business simulation is a requirement of the class and must be purchased by every student. Unfortunately, it is not possible to share or borrow a license. The simulation costs US\$98. If you are unable or unwilling to purchase the simulation license you may opt to take the course *BUSI 4609 – Strategic Management* instead. You must make this decision prior to the formation of teams. Please discuss your decision with the instructor and an undergraduate advisor.

Required readings are available through an electronic course reserve. Due to copyright regulations I am unable to provide readings through WebCT.

Course Design:

As a capstone course, the main goal of this class is to help students integrate functional disciplines, with an emphasis on the international business environment. The key assumption driving the design of this course is that managers need not only be able to think in an integrated manner but make decisions that reflect this thinking. To this end, we will focus on three levels of integration:

- Theoretical integration: students must understand the interdependencies of business functions to make decisions. Theoretical integration will be the focus of readings, lectures and class discussions.
- Applied integration: students must understand the importance of each function to firm performance and trace many possible causes of firm performance. Applied integration will be the focus of cases, class discussions and class-exercises.
- Practical integration: students must draw on the above two skills to implement responses to business situations. Students need to acknowledge the multiple approaches that managers may use to identify and resolve strategic issues, including the sources of biases in this process. Students must be aware that the process of strategic decision making influences business decisions and performance. Practical integration will be achieved through the management of a simulated organization.

Instructional Philosophy

- *International business is an art, not a science.* There are few certainties when dealing with companies or employees in an international context. Rulebooks are of little help. Instead, we must understand the cultural, political, and economic context in which a particular event occurs and respond accordingly. The challenge for managers is that, while there may be few “right” answers, managers must still act. They must still make decisions. This is the real management challenge.
- *With this course, we are creating a learning community.* None of us—including the instructor—knows as much as we should about managing in a competitive international environment. To be successful we must be open to new ideas, experiences, and points of view. We must help each other learn. We will also make mistakes and, hopefully, learn from these mistakes. This will require a supportive class environment characterized by mutual respect, inquisitiveness, and hard work.
- *We must all take personal responsibility for learning.* This course is all about learning. It is not designed to be easy or hard, confusing or obvious, serious or intimidating. Instead, it aims to be interesting, relevant, and challenging, and to make you think and learn skills that you can use in the future. You play a major role in the success of this effort.
- *We learn best when we come to class fully prepared to participate.* This includes having read all reading assignments prior to class. It also includes participating in class discussions.
- *This course is governed by a spirit of inquiry and debate.* Political correctness is politically incorrect in this class, and has no place in a genuine learning environment. Diverse opinions, disagreements, and debates can enhance our perspectives and facilitate learning. Critical analysis and constructive criticism of issues is prerequisite to both learning and action. As such, it is important not to take comments personally and to keep an open mind at all times.
- *We will maintain high performance standards.* All of us must pursue high performance standards and goals that challenge us to maximize our learning.
- *We will endeavor to have some fun.* Learning is as much an emotional experience as an intellectual one. We tend to learn best when we are happy, sad, angry, or otherwise emotionally involved. Please get involved.

Instructional Strategy

- *Non-linear learning strategy.* This course does not flow sequentially from one point to another. Instead, it involves the identification and interplay of a complex set of interrelated factors and sometimes subtle processes that only come together over time and with much work. To maximize learning, we must be tolerant of ambiguity and look for relationships, not answers.
- *Lectures and discussions.* Most classes will include a short lecture and discussion to stress important theoretical concepts concerning the topic under study. It is assumed that you have read the assigned material prior to class and are ready to discuss them.
- *Marketplace Simulation.* This course will employ the *Marketplace* simulation as a learning environment. The exercise is a transformational experience. You will learn what it’s like to compete in the fast-paced, competitive market where customers are demanding and the competition is working hard to take away your business. In the simulation, you start up and run your own company, struggling with business fundamentals and the interplay between marketing, human resources, operations, finance, and accounting. You are given control of a

simulated business and must manage its operations through several decision cycles. Repeatedly, you must analyze the situation, plan a business strategy to improve it and then execute that strategy out into the future. You face great uncertainty from the outside environment and from your own decisions. Incrementally, you learn to skillfully adjust your strategy as you discover the nature of your real-life decisions, including the available options, linkages to other parts of the business, conflicts, tradeoffs and potential outcomes. To add to the challenge, you are confronted to an international market in constant flux. Market potential will rise and fall on local and worldwide economic and political conditions and your venture will be challenged by fluctuating exchange rates and tariffs between regions. Your participation in the simulation and reports on your performance will account for a major part of your grade.

Decisions are typically due on Monday at 1:00 am to allow students time to review their performance and make decisions prior to class and to executive briefings.

- *Executive Briefings:* Executive briefings are structured regular meetings between teams and the instructor or teaching assistant. These meetings offer students the opportunity to receive personalized coaching in running their simulated companies and applying theoretical material. Team members should come prepared to present their analyses of the market, the decisions they have made, and their justifications for those decisions. The coach will not provide solutions to the team but rather raise questions and issues that have not been addressed. There will be one meeting lasting 25 minutes per simulation quarter. Meetings will be led by the President, a written agenda must be provided containing the topics to be addressed and the person responsible for it. 5 minutes for questions and answers at the end are recommended. Each and every student must be prepared to defend the analysis and logic behind the team's decisions and plans. Performance in the executive briefings will be reflected in individual contribution points. Executive briefings typically will take place in the second half of class. Occasionally, in order to provide you with adequate guidance and adjust to the academic calendar, executive briefings may happen outside of class time. Meeting times will be scheduled at the beginning of the semester.

Course Requirements and Grading

- *Individual contribution.* Every executive must demonstrate mastery of the information and decisions within his/her areas of responsibility plus integrate their responsibilities with the rest of the organization so as to maximize the total performance of the firm. Individual contribution will be assessed based on executive briefings performance and peer evaluations.
- *Content-based quizzes.* Three quizzes will focus on determining how much students know and understand about the subject. In order to prepare to the quizzes, students should read the assigned text before coming to class, and take complementary notes during class. Powerpoint slides will be posted on WebCT.
- *Marketplace simulation performance.* The simulation performance will be assessed based on the Cumulative Balanced Scorecard. The Cumulative Balanced Scorecard is a good indicator of the multidimensional quality of the team as it includes all functional areas, plus short-term and long-term customer and stockholder considerations. At the end of the exercise, teams will be ranked in the order of cumulative performance. The performance of any one team and all teams together depends upon the nature of competition between them.
- *Business plan.* The business plan requires students to think critically and develop an integrative view of the firm. Students are asked to think through and organize a comprehensive strategic plan that incorporates high-level strategic thinking plus tactical and financial details. The

business plan will be presented to and evaluated by other students during the venture capital fair. Detailed guidelines are posted on WebCT.

- *Venture Capitalist Investment:* During the venture capital fair students will have the opportunity to put themselves in the shoes of venture capitalists and evaluate other (non-competing) companies. Playing the role of a venture capitalist provides the opportunity to apply integrated knowledge and hone analytical skills. It is also a powerful way to realize how outsiders perceive and understand a company's plan. This exercise also helps firms seeking investment to strengthen their strategy as they receive feedback and are questioned by their peers. Students will be asked to provide a written evaluation of two firms and final investment decision. Details are posted on WebCT.
- *Report to the board.* The report to the board provides closure to the simulated exercise. In this report students are asked to discuss their original plan, performance since plan was presented, assessment of future potential, and lessons learned. The report to the board will be presented in class. Please see detailed guidelines on WebCT.
- *Letter to successor.* This assignment is aimed at facilitating practical and theoretical integration. Students are required to write a memo to their successor outlining the company's current situation from the perspective of their functional area and discussing their major learning during the course of the simulated two years of operation. Details are posted on WebCT.
- *Individual Wealth.* Individual students will be evaluated based on the return on investments both in their own as well as in other companies. Detailed guidelines will be provided in class.

Summary of Course Requirements and Grading

Assignment	Points
Quizzes (3x5)	15
Venture Capitalist Investment	8
Individual Wealth	5
Individual contribution	10
Letter to successor	12
Marketplace simulation performance	10
Report to the board presentation	10
Business plan and presentation	30
Total	100

Working in Teams

The Marketplace simulation is a major effort that can only be accomplished in a team. Successfully working in teams is thus a major requirement of this course and a significant part of your grade. The following mechanisms are intended to make your team experience more beneficial.

Team size and selection

Students will be in teams of 3-5 people. Students must submit a job application to apply for one of the executive positions in the new firm. You will present yourself to the class and highlight why you are a good candidate for the position you would like to fill. The positions available are:

- VP Marketing
- VP Sales Management
- VP Human Resources Management
- VP Marketing Research
- VP Manufacturing, and
- VP Finance and Accounting.

A student may take more than one role. One of our goals is to develop management skills of all students. For this reason everyone will also take on the responsibility of managing the team and serve for a period of time as the president of the company. The president's job is to manage the schedules and meetings, oversee the assignment of tasks, monitor overall performance (balanced scorecard) and help the team in every way possible to achieve a strong business performance.

The teams will be formed via a sports-type draft. One group will be selected at random to serve as the first president. On the day of team selection, the presidents will step into the hallway and review the resumes of the first group of students. Each president will pick the first team member from this group. The order of picking will be random.

The presidents will return to the class and notify the person who is now on his/her team. The two will then review the resumes of the second group together. The presidents will step into the hall and pick the second person to be added to the team. The order of picking will be random.

This procedure will continue until everyone has been picked and the teams formed.

Peer Evaluations

Three peer evaluations are to be completed throughout the semester for each person on the team. A peer evaluation is to be turned in at the end of the 4th quarter of play, after completion of the Business Plan and after the second year in business. Significant deviation in performance above or below the norm will be used to adjust individual student grades for the activity being evaluated. That is, your grade on the Business Plan, Report to the Board and Simulation performance could be adjusted up or down depending upon the feedback the instructor receives from the rest of the team for each assignment.

You Can Be Fired!!!

It is permissible to fire a team member who is not making a substantive contribution to the success of the team. Missed meetings, poor preparation, failure to complete assignments, etc. are all indicative of underperformance. Before a person can be fired, the team must give the student an opportunity to correct his or her deficiencies.

In terms of protocol, the team must provide the student with a written statement of the problems associated with his or her work. A peer evaluation may be used in conjunction with this statement.

When an individual receives a poor performance report, the student must respond in writing as to how he or she will correct the problems cited. If the problems continue, the team may fire the

underperforming team member with a letter of dismissal. A copy of all correspondence must be submitted to the instructor for approval.

A person who is fired will be assigned to compete in another simulation where the student is responsible for all the firm's activities, including weekly decisions and executive briefings and the preparation of a Business Plan and Report to the Board. This new simulation will begin in Quarter 1 and continue through the quarter 8.

Being fired will also limit the student's maximum potential. 5 points will be deducted from the student's final point score for all completed assignments. Thus, if the student earned a final score of 40 out of 50 points, then the adjusted final score would be 35 points. The final grade would be based upon the adjusted final score.

The same conditions will be applied if a person quits a team.

Even if the team is willing to keep an underperforming member, the chair of the board may issue a dismissal warning and request the dismissal of underperforming members.

Odds and Ends

Questions to the Business Coach

The help files in the software contain all of the directions you will need to participate in the strategic business simulation. Nonetheless, there is a tendency for students to ask the Business coach for help rather than look in the help files. With the number of students currently playing the game, it can become a very large burden. For this reason, the instructor/coach will charge \$10,000 to answer any question already addressed in software.

Workload

The lecture part of the course requires a normal workload for any reading and lecture course. Once the simulation begins, the work will vary according to the activities within the exercise. During the first quarter of play, the work is fairly light. However, it will increase each week up through the presentation of the Business Plan. Students report spending 3 to 4 hours per week during quarters three and four and 8 to 10 hours per week during the preparation of the Business Plan. The majority of students reports spending 2 to 3 hours per week in later quarters due to familiarity with the software, game procedures, and market. Struggling teams report spending up to 10 hours per week in the simulation.

Time Management

Time management will be vital to your success in this class. There is more work than any one person can do. Also, it is not wise for everyone to participate in all aspects of the business. Too much time would be wasted. Therefore, it is necessary to divide up the work. There are suggestions on how to divide up the responsibility in the help files within the software. Feel free to depart from these guidelines if individual preferences, experiences, or workloads would allow a more equitable allocation of tasks. Also, do not hesitate to reallocate responsibility if conflicts arise or the workload is unevenly distributed.

The president should preside over each executive meeting, making sure that the discussion does not wander from the business at hand. Each team meeting should begin with an agenda and a timetable. Meetings should not last more than two hours. Long drawn out meetings are not productive and raise

frustration levels about not getting things done. The meeting should conclude with a set of action items for each executive. The outcome of these actions should be reviewed at the start of the next meeting.

To facilitate executive meetings, each team member should prepare his/her work in advance. The executive should know the ins and outs, problems, and tradeoffs of his/her area of responsibility. When the executive committee meets as a whole, each executive should have a plan of action to recommend to the team. The executive should be prepared to thoroughly discuss the options open to the company and be flexible on the final decision of the executive team.

Missed classes, assignments and quizzes

Students unable to write the quizzes, participate in the VC fair, or complete assignments on time because of illness or other circumstances beyond their control must contact the instructor in writing to request a deadline extension or accommodation. Extension may be granted when supported by a medical certificate and or appropriate document/s to support the reason for the deferral. **Extended deadlines or accommodations are not granted for students who have made travel arrangements that conflict with class schedule.**

This course depends heavily on teamwork. As described above, teams are assigned in the first day of class via a sports-type draft. The class will be randomly divided in five groups. One group of students will be randomly selected to be presidents and review job applications of the first group of students. Each president will pick the first member of their group based on the available job applications. This process will be repeated until everyone is hired. Students unable to attend the team formation class because of illness or other circumstances beyond their control must contact the instructor in writing to request an accommodation. Accommodation may be granted when supported by a medical certificate and or appropriate document/s to support the reason for absence. **Accommodations are not granted for students who have made travel arrangements that conflict with class schedule.** Absent students may request a colleague to speak on their behalf during class. **Job applications of absent students, when available, will be presented to hiring teams but their placement is not guaranteed.** Students unable to join a team by the time Quarter 1 decisions are due will not be allowed to remain in the course.

Tentative course schedule

Date	Time	Topic	Readings/Agenda	Due
Jan 09 th	11:35 – 13:00	Introduction to the course	1. Mankins, 2004. Stop wasting valuable time, HBR 2. Katzenbach & Smith, 1993. The discipline of teams, HBR	
	13:00 - 15:25	Team formation exercise		
Jan 16 st	11:35 – 12:20	Introduction to International Business Strategy Business Models	3. Business Strategy, Formulation and Implementation from <i>The Management of Strategy in the Marketplace</i> , Chapter 3 4. Casadesus-Masanell & Ricart, 2011. How to design a winning business model, HBS	Q1 decisions (Mon, Jan 13 th , 1am)
	12:35 – 15:25	Executive briefings	Introduction of individual team members, roles, and goals for the simulation.	

Jan 23 rd	11:35 – 12:30	Situation Analysis	5. Steenburgh & Avery, 2010. Marketing Analysis Toolkit: Situation Analysis, HBS 6. Ghemawat & Rivkin, 2006. Creating Competitive Advantage, HBS	Q2 decisions (Mon, Jan 20 th , 1am) Business Model due
	12:45 – 15:25	Executive briefings	Presentation of business model	
Jan 30 th	11:35 – 12:05	Quiz 1	Readings 1-6	Q3 decisions (Mon, Jan 27 th , 1am)
	12:05 – 12:30	Global strategy and positioning	7. Gupta and Govindarajan, 2000. Managing Global Expansion: A conceptual framework, BHZ 8. Ghemawat, P. Managing differences: The central challenge of global strategy, 2007, HBR	
	12:45 – 15:25	Executive briefings	Key decisions and results of Q3 Plan for Q4	
Feb 06 th	11:35 – 12:30	Implementing strategies using financial performance measures	9. Financial Reporting: A user's perspective, <i>The Management of Strategy in the Marketplace</i> , Ch. 8	Q4 decisions (Mon Feb 3 rd , 1am)
	12:45 – 15:25	Executive briefings	Key decisions and results of Q4 Plan for Y2 Review of preliminary pro-forma statements	
Feb 13 th	11:35 – 12:30	Preparing a business plan Strategic Alliances	10. Obtaining Venture Capital by Writing and Presenting a Business Plan, <i>The Management of Strategy in the Marketplace</i> , Ch. 9 11. Mankins & Steele, 2005. Turning Great Strategy into Great Performance, HBR 12. Kanter, 1995, Collaborative advantage, HBR	Peer evaluations due Work on business plan
	12:45 – 15:25	Executive briefings	Review of pro-forma statements and executive summary Outline of business plan presentation	
Feb 20 th		Reading week		
Feb 27 th	11:35 – 15:25	Venture Capitalist Fair		Due on WebCT Friday February 24 th Hard copy of business plan due in class
March 06 th	11:35 – 12:05	Quiz 2	Readings 7-12	
	12:05 – 12:30	Managing Strategy	13. Sull, 2007. Closing the gap between strategy and execution, Sloan MR 14. Tichy & Bennis, 2007. Making Judgment Calls, HBR	Q5 decisions (Mon, March 3 rd , 1am)

	12:45 – 15:25	Executive briefings	Key decisions and results of Q5 Plan for Q6	Peer evaluation 2 due
March 13 th	11:35 – 12:30	Leveraging Competitive Advantage through Innovation	15. Bower & Christensen, 1995. Disruptive Technologies: Catching the Wave, HBR 16. Kim & Mauborg, 1999. Creating new market space, HBR 17. Wind & Crook, 2009. From Mental Models to Transformation: Overcoming inhibitors to change, <i>Rotman Magazine</i>	Q6 decisions (Mon, March 10 th , 1am)
	12:45 – 15:25	Executive briefings	Key decisions and results of Q6 Plan for Q7	
March 20 th	11:35 – 12:30	Strategy Implementation	18. From Strategy to Implementation, <i>Strategy: Create and Implement the Best Strategy for your Business</i> , Ch 5.	Q7 decisions (Mon, March 17 th , 1am)
	12:45 – 15:25	Executive briefings	Key decisions and results of Q7 Plan for Q8	
March 27 th	11:35 – 12:05	Quiz 3	Readings 13-18	Q8 decisions (Mon, March 24 th , 1am)
	12:05 – 12:30	Class conclusion		
	12:45 – 15:25	Executive briefings	Results of simulation Review report to the board presentation	
April 3 rd	11:35 – 15:25	Report to the board presentation		Peer evaluation 3 due
April 8 th	5pm			Letter to successor due

* This course outline may change during the course of the semester. The instructor will communicate changes in the classroom.

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.

Medical certificate

Please note that in all occasions that call for a medical certificate you must use or furnish the information demanded in the standard university form.

<http://www1.carleton.ca/registrar/forms/>

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 WDN = Withdrawn from the course

ABS = Student absent from final exam

DEF = Deferred (See above)

FND = (Failed, no Deferred) = Student could not pass the course even with 100% on final exam

Academic Regulations, Accommodations, Etc.

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 Accommodations

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical

conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your **Letter of Accommodation** at the beginning of the term, and 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 me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (*if applicable*).

- The deadlines for contacting the Paul Menton Centre regarding accommodation for final exams for the December 2013 exam period is November 8, 2013 and for the April 2014 exam period is March 7, 2014.

For Religious Obligations:

Students requesting academic accommodation on the basis of religious obligation should make a formal, written request to their instructors for alternate dates and/or means of satisfying academic requirements. Such requests should be made during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist, but no later than two weeks before the compulsory event.

Accommodation is to be worked out directly and on an individual basis between the student and the instructor(s) involved. Instructors will make accommodations in a way that avoids academic disadvantage to the student.

Students or instructors who have questions or want to confirm accommodation eligibility of a religious event or practice may refer to the Equity Services website for a list of holy days and Carleton's Academic Accommodation policies, or may contact an Equity Services Advisor in the Equity Services Department for assistance.

For Pregnancy:

Pregnant students requiring academic accommodations are encouraged to contact an Equity Advisor in Equity Services to complete a letter of accommodation. The student must then make an appointment to discuss her needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first academic event in which it is anticipated the accommodation will be required.

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 expulsion; suspension from all studies at Carleton; suspension from full-time studies; a refusal of permission to continue or to register in a specific degree program; academic probation; and a grade of Failure in the course, 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 <http://www2.carleton.ca/sasc/advisingcentre/academic-integrity/>.

Assistance for Students:

Student Academic Success Centre (SASC): www.carleton.ca/sasc

Writing Tutorial Services: <http://www1.carleton.ca/sasc/writing-tutorial-service/>

Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS): www.carleton.ca/sasc/peer-assisted-study-sessions

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.
 - Please note that you will be able to link your CONNECT (MyCarleton) account to other non-CONNECT accounts and receive emails from us. However, 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 CONNECT address. Therefore, it would be easier to respond to your inquiries if you would send all email from your connect account. If you do not have or have yet to activate this account, you may wish to do so by visiting <https://portal.carleton.ca/>
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Important Dates & Deadlines – Winter 2014**January 2, 2014**

University reopens.

January 6, 2014

Winter-term classes begin.

January 17, 2014

Last day for registration for winter term courses.

Last day to change courses or sections (including auditing) for winter term courses.

Students who have not deposited (via automated upload) the final copy of their thesis to the office of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs must register.

January 31, 2014

Last day for withdrawal from winter term and winter portion of fall/winter courses with full fee adjustment.

February 17, 2014

Statutory holiday. University closed.

February 17-21, 2014

Winter Break, no classes.

March 1, 2014

Last day for receipt of applications from potential spring (June) graduates.

Last day for receipt of applications for admission from candidates who wish to be guaranteed consideration for financial assistance (including Carleton fellowships, scholarships and teaching assistantships) administered by Carleton University. Candidates whose applications are received after the March 1 deadline date *may* be considered for the award of a fellowship, scholarship or teaching assistantship.

April 8, 2014

Winter term ends.

Last day of fall/winter and winter term classes.

Last day for academic withdrawal from fall/winter and winter term courses.

April 9-10, 2014

No classes or examinations take place.

April 11-26, 2014

Final examinations in winter term and fall/winter courses may be held. Examinations are normally held all 7 days of the week. Please note that examinations will not be held on April 18-20.

April 15, 2014

Winter Co-op Work Term Reports are due.

April 18, 2014

Statutory holiday. University closed.