



Fall/Winter 2021 Course Syllabus

MOS 3367 A Section 001, 002 and 003 **Introduction to Fraud Examination** Course Mode (In-Person)

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1. Course Information:

1.1 Class Location and Time:

In-Person: Section 001 Wednesdays 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm UCC Room 63
Section 002 Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm UCC Room 65
Section 003 Thursdays 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm UC Room 1110

Course Description:

This course is designed to provide students with an exposure to fraud awareness, prevention, and detection issues. This exploration of commercial crime and fraud topics in business will benefit students studying to become professionals in accounting, finance, human resources, management, and marketing.

Antirequisite(s): MOS 3396 if taken in 2012-2013, 2013-2014

Prerequisite(s): Enrolment in 3rd or 4th year of BMOS

1.2 Accessibility:

DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies strives at all times to provide accessibility to all faculty, staff, students, and visitors in a way that respects the dignity and independence of people with disabilities. Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 519-661-2147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.

More information about "Accessibility at Western" is available at: <http://accessibility.uwo.ca>

1.3 Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that Western University is located on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Attawandaron peoples, on lands connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum.

With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers. We acknowledge historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples (e.g. First Nations, Métis and Inuit) endure in Canada, and we accept responsibility as a public institution to contribute toward revealing and correcting miseducation as well as renewing respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through our teaching, research, and community service.

<https://indigenous.uwo.ca/initiatives/docs/indigenous-land-acknowledgment.pdf>

1.4 Senate Regulations

Senate Regulations state, “unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision 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.”

This regulation is in regard to the COURSES required.

Students not in BMOS are permitted to enroll in up to 1.0 MOS courses, per the Academic Timetable.

2. Course Materials

Principles of Fraud Examination, Custom edition, Joseph T. Wells.

Wiley ISBN-: 9781119548034

Also available as e-book: <http://ca.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-111880323X.html>

Additional readings will be posted on OWL

3. Course Objectives and Format

The DAN Department of Management and Organizational Studies as a whole draws upon an evidence-based management approach. Evidence-based management is the systematic process of gathering evidence from multiple sources, critically appraising the evidence, and using that evidence in making and evaluating management decisions to improve organizational performance.

3.1 Course objectives

To provide students with an introduction to occupational fraud and abuse.

3.2 Course format

This course is taught using lectures, case studies, group activities, and group presentations. Students are expected to participate in group activities. It is expected that all readings will be completed, and all assigned problems will be attempted prior to class, and that each student will come to class prepared to discuss the material.

4. Learning Outcomes

- Identify and analyze occupational fraud and abuse including misappropriation of cash, non-cash assets, corruption, and financial statement fraud by demonstrating knowledge on how the frauds occur and how they are concealed
- Identify and evaluate the professional responsibilities and risks inherent in the completion of fraud examinations
- Be familiar with fraud theories and apply them to real life scenarios to assist in identifying fraud risk factors and present recommendations to strengthen preventive and detection controls

5. Evaluation

In class group assignments (2@5%)	10%
Group case report and presentation	10%
Participation	5%
Midterm exam	35%
Final exam	<u>40%</u>
	100%

Exams are mixed **in format**. Each exam, in total, will be scheduled for 2.0 **hours, consist of a blend of multiple choice, short answer, problems and cases. They are closed book examinations. Dictionaries are NOT allowed into the examinations.**

CALCULATORS

Only non-programmable calculators will be allowed into the exams. If you are unsure, please ask your professor.

Electronic devices of any kind (including cell phones, smart watches, and calculators) are NOT permitted at exams.

The midterm exam (35% of course grade) is scheduled for Friday October 15, 2021 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Room Location to be announced. The final exam (40% of course grade) will be scheduled by the Registrar during the December exam period. The final exam is cumulative.

Students are responsible for material covered in the lectures as well as the assigned chapters/sections in the text. Exams will not be returned to students but may be reviewed by contacting your Instructor.

Group In class assignments (2@5%)

These assignments will be short cases and discussion questions that will give students the opportunity to apply the theories and concepts of the course. These are scheduled at the beginning of class the week of September 27, 2021 and the week of November 15, 2021. There are no make ups for this assignment. Students with documented absences will have the grades allocated to the midterm exam and/or the final exam.

Presentation (10%)

In groups of 4-5, students will select an actual fraud case and apply the concepts and theories discussed in the course. Groups will be required to present during class time the week of on November 22, 2021. Teams may want to narrow their choices of actual fraud cases to two or three as no two teams may choose the same case. Each team must submit their choice of case to the instructor by November 15, 2021 to ensure there are no duplications. If more than one team chooses the same case, it will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Marking key and additional details will be provided in class. **Students must attend class the day of the presentation. Non documented absences will result in a zero grade.**

Participation (5%)

Regular participation and attendance are key to the success of this course. Participation can take many forms such as:

- answering the assignment questions
- providing relevant background information based upon personal experiences
- relating current events linked to the material being discussed
- asking relevant questions
- providing clarification of points and issues

Students are **REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ALL COMPONENTS** of this course. There are no exceptions to this. Extra assignments to improve grades **will NOT** be allowed.

Grades will not be adjusted on the basis of need. It is important to monitor your performance in the course. Remember: You are responsible for your grades in this course.

The DAN Department has a grade policy which states that for courses in the 3000-4000 range, the class average must fall between 72% and 77% for all sections of a course taught by the same instructor. In very exceptional circumstances only, class averages outside this range may be approved by the Undergraduate Chair or Chair. Class averages are not grounds for appeal.

6. Lecture and Examination Schedule

Please see OWL for a detailed lecture schedule.

7. Student Responsibilities

Students should familiarize themselves with Western University Senate Regulations, please see: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/academic_policies/index.html.

Material covered in lectures will not always be the same as material covered in the textbook. These two sources should be viewed as complimentary and not redundant. As such, students who want to do well in this course are **strongly encouraged** to attend lectures on a regular basis. Please note that the instructor will not be providing copies of lectures notes or overheads. Therefore, if you miss a lecture, you should try to obtain this material from another student.

7.1 Respect

Please act respectfully towards the classroom, the Professor and your fellow students. Acting respectfully means arriving on time, turning off phones, avoiding private discussions during lectures, refraining from viewing non-course material on your laptops, and cleaning up after yourself. Acting respectfully provides a better learning experience for everyone.

Private in-class discussions are distracting to students and the Professor. If other students are distracting your attention from the material, you should ask them to be quiet. If you feel uncomfortable doing this (or the problem persists), please see the instructor.

Late arrivals are also distracting. Please try to arrive on time for classes.

7.2 No Recording of Classes

Students are not permitted to record any portion of a class, audio or video, without the prior written permission of the professor.

7.3 Copyright Notice

Lectures and course materials, including power point presentations, outlines, and similar materials, are protected by copyright. You may take notes and make copies of course materials for your own

educational use. You may **not** record lectures, reproduce (or allow others to reproduce), post or distribute lecture notes, wiki material, and other course materials publicly and/or for commercial purposes without my written consent.

8. Exam Policies

- Bring student identification to exams.
- Nothing is to be on/at one's desk during an exam except a pencil, an eraser, and the individual's student card
- Do not wear baseball caps to exams
- Do not bring music players, cell phones, beepers, or other electronic devices to exams

9. E-mail Policies

The following policies apply to all emails between students and the Professor. Please respect the fact that the Professor receives hundreds of emails from students and must deal with those emails in a fair and organized manner. Unacceptable emails will receive a reply saying only "Please see Email Policies on the course outline".

9.1 UWO.CA Email Addresses Only

For privacy reasons, students must use their Western email accounts to contact the Professor. The Professor will not respond to emails from non-uwo.ca addresses (e.g. hotmail.com, gmail.com, etc.).

9.2 Subject Line Must Include Course and Section Number

The subject line of emails must contain the name or number of the course, and the section number in which the student is enrolled. The Professor teaches different courses and sections and cannot properly respond to questions if he does not know which course or section you are enrolled in.

9.3 Acceptable Emails

- questions about the course content or materials
- asking to set up an appointment to ask questions or review an exam
- notification of illness or other special circumstances
- providing constructive comments or feedback about the course

9.4 Unacceptable Emails

- questions that may be answered on OWL or on this course outline
- asking when grades will be posted
- asking what grade a student received
- asking where or when an exam is scheduled or the material covered on an exam
- requests for grade increases, extra assignments, or reweighting of course components

10. Attendance

IN-PERSON: It is expected that students will attend all classes. The professor does not provide access to lecture notes. Students are encouraged to obtain missed lecture notes from a fellow student.

10.1 Short Absences.

If you miss a class due to minor illness or other problems, check your course outlines for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or exam. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow the missed lectures notes from a classmate.

10.2 Extended Absences.

If you are absent more than approximately two weeks or if you get too far behind to catch up, you should consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses. The Academic Counsellors can help you to consider the alternatives. At your request, they can also keep your instructors informed about your difficulties.

11. Grade Fairness

Fairness requires that all students be treated equally and be evaluated using the criteria set out in this course outline. The evaluation criteria are based on actual achievement and not on how hard a student has tried.

Claims by students of an excellent academic history, good attendance record, need to obtain or maintain a scholarship, desire to be admitted to Ivey or graduate school, or other personal issues, cannot be used to justify a higher grade in the course or a reweighting of course components. There is no extra work or assignments available for extra credit or to “make up” for a course component that was missed or performed poorly.

12. Posting of Grades

Midterm exam grades will be posted on OWL once the grades are available. Final exam grades and final course grades are not posted on OWL and are available once they have been posted by the Registrar under “Academic Summary” at the Student Centre website.

13. University Policy Regarding Illness

13.1 Illness

For details on the Academic Consideration for Student Absences (including accommodation, illness, and self-reported absences (SRAs)), go to:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_illness.pdf

The current Illness Policy is available here (subject to change):

https://dan.uwo.ca/undergraduate/course_information/IllnessPolicy.pdf

13.2 Make Up Examinations

The student must write a make-up exam if the regularly scheduled exam is missed for reasons for which adequate documentation is received by the instructor (this documentation must be supplied by the Academic Counseling office).

The date and time of the make-up examination will be set by the instructor, who will communicate the date to the student.

If a student is unable to meet the scheduled make-up as agreed, then the student is responsible for obtaining new accommodations from Academic Counselling, and seeking a new make-up date with the instructor within a reasonable time frame.

14. University Policy on Cheating and Academic Misconduct

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offenses. Students are urged to read the section on Scholastic Offenses in the Academic Calendar. Note that such offenses include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course

without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or elsewhere. If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate, consult your instructor. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" will not be accepted as an excuse.

A copy of guidelines about how to avoid cheating can be obtained from the Office of the Ombudsperson, Room 3135 WSSB, (519) 661-3573, ombuds@uwo.ca.

Cheating on exams will not be tolerated; students are referred to the university policy on scholastic offenses. Looking at the test of another student, allowing another student to view your exam, or obtaining information about a test in advance are all examples of cheating.

Students found cheating will receive a zero (0%) on that exam. A number of safeguards will be employed to discourage cheating. For example, examination supervisors (proctors) of the tests may ask students to move to another seat during the exam, cover their paper, avert their eyes from other students' papers, remove baseball caps, etc. This is not meant as a personal affront nor as an accusation of cheating, rather as vigilant attempts at proctoring.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offense include refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

15. Procedures For Appealing Academic Evaluations

1. In the first instance, all appeals of a grade must be made to the course instructor (informal consultation).
2. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal must be sent to the Undergraduate Chair: Student Affairs of the Department of Management and Organizational Studies.
3. If the response of the Undergraduate Chair is considered unsatisfactory to the student, he/she may then appeal to the Dean of the Faculty in which the course of program was taken.
4. Only after receiving a final decision from the Dean may a student appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic. A Guide to Appeals is available from the Office of the Ombudsperson.

16. Support Services

16.1 Support Services

The Registrar's office provides you with information on services, courses, student finances, resources, latest news, as well as Student Central's hours of operation at <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>

Student Support Services (***including the services provided by the USC listed here***) can be reached at: <http://westernusc.ca/your-services/>

Academic Support & Engagement can be reached at: <http://academicsupport.uwo.ca>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Health and Wellness: <https://www.uwo.ca/health/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

Academic Concerns.

If you are in academic difficulty, it is strongly recommended that you see your academic counsellor.