'Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility' (ADMS 3660 Section G)

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Required Text: Business and Society: Ethics, Sustainability and Stakeholder Management, Carroll, Brown, and Buchholtz, 10th Canadian Edition (2018), Cengage Learning: ITP Nelson Publisher.

There may also be supplemental readings distributed to students or posted on the course website throughout the semester.

Important Dates: <u>SEPT 23RD</u>: Last date to enroll in Term courses without instructor's permission;

NOV. 6TH : Last date to drop course without receiving a grade.

Please refer to Moodle site for additional info https://registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/dates/fw20

MID-TERM EXAM: THURSDAY Oct. 8TH 7:00 PM ; Room: online check Moodle

READING DAYS: READING WEEK OCT 10-16

MAKE UP MID TERM TEST: SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION: N/A FOR ONLINE COURSE

Mid-Term Review Session for case: APP. Oct 22 THURSDAY 7:05 PM ZOOM SESSION

Special Dates:

Internet Course Moodle Website URL: https://moodle.yorku.ca/

NOTE ON MAKE UP TEST:

This test is **ONLY** for students who missed the mid-term for an urgent and valid reason. Students must advise me of having missed the mid-term exam by the end of THE DATE OF THE MIDTERM and must provide a completed "Attending Physician's Statement" (http://www.atkinson.yorku.ca/Council/Students/physicianStatement.pdf) TO THE FRONT DESK of room 282 Atkinson prior to writing the make up test which must include the name and phone number of a contact person who can verify the reason for absence. Students who fail to take either the mid-term or the make-up mid-term test will receive a grade of 0 on that test, with no exceptions. (including emergencies, family or friend celebrations, transportation difficulties, work-related matters, documented medical/health related absences, or for any other reason).

Additional Notes Group Case Analysis Assignment (60%):

The major assignment will cover all of the material in the course. No additional materials beyond the course will be required. The assignment will involve the ethical analysis of a case as well as possibly a few short essay questions. Instructions will be provided on how to submit the assignment.

Late assignments and late peer assessments will be subject to a grade deduction in accordance with standard policy. This assignment will be completed in groups of no more than 5 students. The final assignment mark has two components:

- 1. The Final paper assignment mark will be worth 80% of total assignment grade of 60% [48%]
- 2. The peer assessment mark will be worth 20% of total assignment grade of 60%. [12%]

The goal of this assignment is to help you develop critical cooperative team work skills. It will test your ability to inspire and motivate other team members towards a common group goal and measure of the ethical skills you have learned through the course.

Course Description: This course introduces students to the relevance and importance of ethics and social responsibility in business. Important learning objectives are to increase students' awareness and understanding of ethical issues in business, and to provide students with useful conceptual tools to guide analysis and decisions. The ultimate intent of the course is to leave students better equipped to identify, think critically about, and resolve ethical issues that are encountered in one's working life at the individual, organizational, and societal levels.

Some of the conceptual tools and frameworks to be discussed throughout the course include:

- Ethics versus the Law
- Moral Responsibility
- Moral Theory, Reasoning, and Development
- Ethical Decision-Making
- Corporate Social Responsibility Theory

The course will apply these conceptual tools and frameworks to the treatment by business of their various stakeholder groups including: shareholders; employees; consumers; suppliers, the natural environment, communities, and governments. The course concludes with a discussion of how companies can better establish ethical corporate cultures (e.g., compliance and ethics programs).

Learning Objectives:

- a. To enhance awareness and increase understanding of the nature of business ethics in the Canadian as well as global business environment.
- b. To examine the ethical implications of business practices from a stakeholder perspective.
- c. To increase awareness of the challenges of business social responsibility.
- d. To develop critical thinking skills via the application of concepts and theories to business cases.

Student Assignments and Grading:

Assignment	Grade Weight	Due Date
1) Mid-Term Case Exam	30%	OCT. 8 TH (THURSDAY 7:00 PM)
2) Short Quizzes	20%	Quizzes are over the course as indicated
3) Case Analysis Assignment	40%	<u>Due Friday NOV. 27TH 12:00 NOON</u>
4) Peer evaluation	10%	Peer evaluation on the basis of the final case
TOTAL	100%	

1) Personal Ethical Dilemma AND Quizzes (20% in Total)

- a) Students will be required to submit an actual ethical dilemma that they have encountered in a work environment. Please refer to the website and/or class PowerPoint for details The write-up should include two parts: Part A a brief description of the situation, the central issue or dilemma, and the possible options (clearly identify them); Part B how the dilemma was resolved including any remaining issues. Dilemmas may be selected for discussion throughout the course (but not returned to students) **No more than 1 page**.
- b) Students will be required to submit their opinion on an ethical question. No more than 1 page
- c) Students will be required to answer several short quizzes based on the text and class PP presentations. There will be a 5 minute time limit on each quiz.

2) Mid-Term (20%)

The midterm will be a timed case analysis relating to your syntheses of the concepts learned to date. The case will have up to 5 questions which will be revealed in the course of the first few days of the course

3) Group Case Analysis Assignment (50%)

The final exam will be a take home case done within the context of a group. Each group will be an average of 5 students. All communications of a group can be managed through online facilities. The purpose of the group is to simulate a real-life problem-solving experience where cooperation and teamwork are needed. The groups will be formed by me after the midterm exam. The final case mark will be 50% of the final mark.

4)Peer Evaluation (10%)

The peer evaluation will be your assessment of the group members as well as their assessment of you in response to 4 questions on the peer evaluation form. There will also be a space for comments supporting your observations. See below for more details

5) Class Participation

This component is covered and included in the peer evaluation Failure to contribute could impact borderline grades
While there is no formal class participation grade, you are still expected to contribute to online discussions as well as answer the survey questions. The instructor reserves the right to verify the extent to which students have visited the Moodle course website in order to access the course material. Note, past experience suggests that students who fail to access the site and engage with the material do poorly

SESSION	Week of	Topic	Readings/Cases
Session 1	SEPT. 7	Introduction to Business Ethics	Readings: Chapter 1
		and Social Responsibility	Video Case: Parable of the Sadhu
		What is business ethics?	
		 What is social responsibility? 	
		Ethics versus the law	
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Session 2	SEPT. 14	Ethical Frameworks	Readings: Chapters 7 & 8
	Quiz 1 Sept. 17	Moral responsibility	Note: Ethical Dilemma Assignment Due
		Moral development	
		Moral theory	
Session Sur	mmary: During this session,	the basic tools are provided for engaging in ethica	al analysis and decision making. A number of topics are
covered su	ch as the stages of moral dev	velopment, moral responsibility, and the moral re-	asoning process. The question of who is or should be a
	-		dards one can use to engage in ethical decision-making,
		_	dards initially covered will include: core values; relativism;
and egoism	J		
Session 3	SEPT. 21	Ethical Frameworks	Readings: Chapters 7 & 8
	Quiz 2 Sept. 24	Moral reasoning process	Case 10: Pay Day Loans
		Moral theory	<i>' '</i>
case and de	etermining whether the firm SEPT. 28	Corporate Social Responsibility	Readings: Chapters 2 & 3
30331011 4	Quiz 3 Oct. 1	Social responsibility theory	 Additional Handout (on course website):
		Stakeholder theory	Milton Friedman's "The Social
		·	Responsibility of Business is to Increase its Profits"
			Mark Schwartz and David Saiia, "Should
			Firms Go 'Beyond Profits'? Friedman
			versus Broad CSR" Business and Society
			Review, 2012, 117(1): 1-31
Session Sur	nmary: This session moves t	he discussion from moral standards to the dehate	e over the proper extent of a business firm's obligations
towards so Following t the law, or students sh CSR. In the when prosp textile firm	ciety. The preliminary issue this question, the key issue to are there additional ethical anould not only understand CS first case, the public drug file pective customers are too pooks factories following a devast	asked is as follows: Are firms even capable of being be debated follows: Is business merely obligated and/or philanthropic obligations as well, as reflect SR theory, but formulate their own position on the rem Merck must decide whether to develop a drug bor to pay for the medicine. In the second case, Cotating fire.	ng held morally responsible, or only their agents? It to maximize profit for its shareholders while obeying ted by The Body Shop? By the end of the session e CSR debate. Two video cases help assess appropriate that can cure millions of people of river blindness, even EO Aaron Feuerstein must decide whether to relocate his
Session 5	OCT. 5	Employees: Obligations	Readings: Chapter 17
		Greed and conflicts of	Case 9: To Hire or not to Hire
		interest	
		 Insider trading 	
		Theft and fraud	
		Whistle-blowing	
standards a and the cha We then re Martha Ste	and CSR theory) to a variety of allenge of behaving ethically efer to the topic of conflicts of wart case examines the issue	of topics, typically focusing on particular stakehold in the workplace. We begin by discussing the not of interest including giving and receiving gifts and	revious frameworks initially discussed (i.e., moral ders. The first stakeholder group involves employees, tion of greed versus self-interest, and ask 'Is greed good?' entertainment, insider trading, and theft and fraud. The es with a debate over when it is permissible or even sconduct.
Session 6	• 1	THURSDAY OCT. 8 at 7:00 PM MID TER	M CASE EXAM
		DEADING WEEK OCT 10 TO	16

READING WEEK OCT 10 TO 16

Session 7	OCT. 19	Employees: Rights	 Readings: Chapters 18, & 19
	Quiz 4 Oct. 22	Discrimination and	Case 34: Looks Discrimination at A and F
		harassment	Case 39: Workplace Spying
		Privacy	
		Health and safety	
is discussed,			ective. The issue of discrimination and sexual harassment of employees versus the rights of employers to monitor
Session 8	OCT. 26	Consumers: Protection	Readings: Chapter 14
	GROUPS	Consumer protection	Case 21: McDonalds – The Coffee
	RELEASED	Product recalls	Spill
	er's obligations are presente	-	Is their customers or clients. Various positions on e), due care (i.e., seller take care), or social cost (i.e.,
Session 9	NOV. 2	Consumers: Marketing	Readings: Chapter 13
		Marketing ethics	Case 5: Direct to consumer Advtg.
		Pricing, quality, labeling	Case 20: Big Pharma's Marketing Tactics
Session Sur	nmary: The ethical issues in	volved in marketing products and services to cor	nsumers are discussed. Special attention to marketing to
	· ·	= :	products (e.g., cigarettes or alcohol), are covered.
Session 10	NOV. 9	Global Business Ethics and	Readings: Chapter 9 and 10
		Review	Case 17: Chiquita Bananas
		Bribery	Case 15: Nike Inc.
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RELEVANT UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Deferred Exams: Deferred standing may be granted to students who are unable to write their final examination at the scheduled time or to submit their outstanding course work on the last day of classes. Details can be found at http://myacademicrecord.students.yorku.ca/deferred-standing

As communicated to the University community on March 13, 2020, Senate Executive has agreed to waive until further notice the requirement for students to submit an Attending Physician's Statement in support of a request for deferred standing or petitions

In order to apply for deferred standing, students must register at http://apps.eso.yorku.ca/apps/adms/deferredexams.nsf

Followed by handing in a completed DSA form and supporting documentation directly to the main office of the School of Administrative Studies (282 Atkinson) and add your ticket number to the DSA form. The DSA and supporting documentation must be submitted no later than five (5) business days from the date of the exam. These requests will be considered on their merit and decisions will be made available by logging into the above mentioned link. No individualized communication will be sent by the School to the students (no letter or e-mails).

Students with approved DSA will be able to write their deferred examination during the School's deferred examination period. No further extensions of deferred exams shall be granted. The format and covered content of the deferred examination may be different from that of the originally scheduled examination. The deferred exam may be closed book, cumulative and comprehensive and may include all subjects/topics of the textbook whether they have been covered in class or not. Any request for deferred standing on medical grounds must include an Attending Physician's Statement form; a "Doctor's Note" will not be accepted.

Academic Honesty: The Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies considers breaches of the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty to be serious matters. The Senate Policy on Academic Honesty is an affirmation and clarification for members of the University of the general obligation to maintain the highest standards of academic honesty. As a clear sense of academic honesty and responsibility is fundamental to good scholarship, the policy recognizes the general responsibility of all faculty members to foster acceptable standards of academic conduct and of the student to be mindful of and abide by such standards. Suspected breaches of academic honesty will be investigated and charges shall be laid if reasonable and probable grounds exist.

Students should review the York Academic Honesty policy for themselves at:

http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/document.php?document=69

Students might also wish to review the interactive on-line Tutorial for students on academic integrity, at:

https://spark.library.yorku.ca/academic-integrity-what-is-academic-integrity/

Grading Scheme and Feedback Policy: The grading scheme (i.e. kinds and weights of assignments, essays, exams, etc.) shall be announced, and be available in writing, within the first two weeks of class, and, under normal circumstances, graded feedback worth at least 15% of the final grade for Fall, Winter or Summer Term, and 30% for 'full year' courses offered in the Fall/Winter Term be received by students in all courses prior to the final withdrawal date from a course without receiving a grade, with the following exceptions:

Note: Under unusual and/or unforeseeable circumstances which disrupt the academic norm, instructors are expected to provide grading schemes and academic feedback in the spirit of these regulations, as soon as possible. For more information on the Grading Scheme and Feedback Policy, please visit: http://www.yorku.ca/univsec/policies/document.php?document=86

In-Class Tests and Exams - the 20% Rule: For all Undergraduate courses, except those which regularly meet on Friday evening or on a weekend, tests or exams worth more than 20% will not be held in the two weeks prior to the beginning of the official examination period. For further information on the 20% Rule, please visit: http://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/limits-on-the-worth-of-examinations-in-the-final-classes-of-a-term-policy/

Reappraisals: Students may, with sufficient academic grounds, request that a final grade in a course be reappraised (which may mean the review of specific pieces of tangible work). Non-academic grounds are not relevant for grade reappraisals; in such cases, students are advised to petition to their home Faculty. Students are normally expected to first contact the course director to discuss the grade received and to request that their tangible work be reviewed. Tangible work may include written, graphic, digitized, modeled, video recording or audio recording formats, but not oral work. Students need to be aware that a request for a grade reappraisal may result in the original grade being raised, lowered or confirmed. For reappraisal procedures and information, please visit the Office of the Registrar site at: http://myacademicrecord.students.vorku.ca/grade-reappraisal-policy

Accommodation Procedures: LA&PS students who have experienced a misfortune or who are too ill to attend the final examination in an ADMS course should not attempt to do so; they must pursue deferred standing. Other students should contact their home Faculty for information. For further information, please visit: http://ds.info.yorku.ca/academic-support-accomodations/

Religious Accommodation: York University is committed to respecting the religious beliefs and practices of all members of the community, and making accommodations for observances of special significance to adherents. For more information on religious accommodation, please visit: https://w2prod.sis.yorku.ca/Apps/WebObjects/cdm.woa/wa/regobs

Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities (Senate Policy)

The nature and extent of accommodations shall be consistent with and supportive of the integrity of the curriculum and of the academic standards of programs or courses. Provided that students have given sufficient notice about their accommodation needs, instructors shall take reasonable steps to accommodate these needs in a manner consistent with the guidelines established hereunder. For more information, please visit the Counselling and Disability Services website at http://www.yorku.ca/dshub/

York's disabilities offices and the Registrar's Office work in partnership to support alternate exam and test accommodation services for students with disabilities at the Keele campus. For more information on alternate exams and tests please visit http://www.yorku.ca/altexams/

Please alert the Course Director as soon as possible should you require special accommodations.

Students who engage in <u>academic dishonesty</u> can be subject to disciplinary action under the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty. Lack of familiarity with the Senate Policy and Guidelines on Academic Honesty does not constitute a defence against their application. Some academic offences can also constitute offences under the Criminal Code of Canada, which means that you, as a student, may also be subject to criminal charges.

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As a student at York University, you have a responsibility to not only understand, but also play an important part in upholding the integrity of the academic experience. The Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies at York University supports the International Center for Academic Integrity's <u>definition of academic integrity</u>. That is, you will be committed to acting in all academic matters, even in the face of adversity, with honesty, trust, fairness, courage, respect and responsibility.

How can you demonstrate academic integrity in the completion of your course?

- Respect the ideas of others: Your course work should represent your own knowledge and ideas. You should not falsely claim credit for ideas that are
 not your own, by presenting another's work as yours. If you are quoting, paraphrasing, or summarizing another person's work in order to support your
 own ideas, identify the work and the author through proper citation practices. For more information about how to cite properly, use the Student
 Papers and Academic Research Kit (SPARK). You can improve your writing, research, and personal learning abilities through the Learning Commons.
- Respect your peers: Know when you are allowed to collaborate. Ask your instructor about what group work entails when it comes to the sharing of
 work. In test situations and assignments, don't steal or give answers to your peers. Cheating and aiding in a breach of academic honesty are both
 against York University's academic honesty policy.
- Respect your course instructor(s): Understand what the instructors are asking of you in class, in assignments, and in exams. If you are unsure, ask your
 professor or teaching assistant. They are committed to making you feel supported, and want to assess you fairly and with integrity. Please do not
 submit the same piece of work for more than one course without your instructor's permission.
- Respect yourself: When you act with integrity, you know that your work is yours and yours alone. You do not allow others to impersonate you on tests
 and exams. You do not buy or otherwise obtain term papers or assignments. You do the work. As a result, you know that you earned the grades that
 you receive, so you can be proud of your York degree. By acting with integrity in your course work, you are also practising a valuable professional skill
 that is important in all workplaces.
- Take responsibility: If you have acted in an academically dishonest way, you can demonstrate courage and take responsibility for your mistake. You can admit your mistake to your course instructor as soon as possible.

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Turnitin

To promote academic integrity in this course, students will be normally required to submit their written assignments to Turnitin (via the course Moodle) for a review of textual similarity and the detection of possible plagiarism. In so doing, students will allow their material to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used only for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of the Turnitin service are described on the Turnitin.com website.

Notice Regarding Zoom Meetings

Your course may involve the use of Zoom. Zoom is an online videoconferencing software that can be used to host lectures, tutorials or virtual office hours in real time.

Please note that Zoom is hosted on servers in the U.S. Zoom meeting content (e.g., video, audio and text chat) has been restricted to only pass through servers in Canada and US data centres; it will not pass through international data centres, such as those in China. Although it is not possible to exclude the US data centres at this time, Zoom is developing this functionality and will implement it as soon as possible. All audio, video, screen-sharing and text content will be encrypted in transit between your device and Zoom's servers, which will prevent unauthorized third parties from intercepting the content of your Zoom meeting. For more information, please visit Zoom at YorkU.

Privacy At the moment, the name you use with Zoom and metadata about how you use the application will be stored on servers outside of Canada. If you have privacy concerns, you can disable both audio and video. You can also provide only your first name or a nickname when you join a session. If you choose to rename yourself, please let your instructor or TA know immediately.

You can rename yourself in 4 easy steps.

- 1. After entering the Zoom meeting, click on the **Participants** icon at the bottom of the window.
- 2. Find your name in the Participants list on the right side of the Zoom window
- 3. Hover over your name and click the **Rename** button.
- 4. Enter the name that you would like to use in the Zoom meeting, and click OK.

Please note that lectures and/or tutorial sessions may be recorded so that they can be made available to students who are not able to attend class. Zoom is configured in such a way that all participants will be automatically notified when a session is being recorded. In other words, a session cannot be recorded without you knowing about it. If you do not wish to be seen or heard during a recorded session, please keep your camera and/or microphone turned off.

Participation. Inappropriate or disrespectful language in the chat panel will not be tolerated.

You may also participate through Zoom's nonverbal feedback features. These features can be accessed by clicking on the **Participants** icon at the bottom of the window. Once the **Participants** sidebar is opened, you will see the option to **Raise Hand.** By clicking on **Raise Hand,** a blue hand will be raised. Please

click on the **Raise Hand** button again to lower your hand once your question has been answered. You are tasked with using the various Zoom features in a responsible manner. Your course instructor and/or TA will reserve the right to remove anyone who does not behave accordingly.



Student conduct

Students, course instructors and staff have a joint responsibility to create and maintain a welcoming and inclusive learning environment. All students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the <u>Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities</u>. Whether online or in-person, students and course instructors are expected to cultivate and sustain a professional relationship characterized by mutual respect and courtesy. In all classrooms, any <u>disruptive and/or harassing behaviour</u> will not be tolerated. To ensure that you adhere to the rules of the virtual classroom, please review what counts as proper 'netiquette' (the basic rules for communicating with others in online spaces) by consulting the <u>student guide to e-learning</u>.

If you experience an inappropriate online incident that makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, please contact your course instructor immediately.