

ADMS 4590 Comprehensive Cases and Multi-Subject Accounting Problems
Course Outline
Fall 2024
ALL SECTIONS

Course Day/Time & Course Director Information:

Section	Day/Time	Delivery method/Location Students MUST only attend the section to which they are enrolled.	Instructor (office hours are by appointment)	Start Date
A	Fridays 11:30 am-2:30 pm	Blended (see details below) Keele Campus Location: Note: Sessions 3, 5 & 9 are held on Zoom. Audio and video are required. Your camera MUST be on otherwise you will NOT receive participation marks	Bartosz Amerski (bartosza@yorku.ca)	Sep 6
B	Tuesdays 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Blended (see details below) Keele Campus Location: Note: Sessions 3, 5 & 9 are held on Zoom. Audio and video are required. Your camera MUST be on otherwise you will NOT receive participation marks	Bartosz Amerski (bartosza@yorku.ca)	Sep 10

Course Format/Delivery Method:

Most class meeting times will take place in live synchronous format on the days and times listed above in the chart at the Keele Campus locations. However, this course is a blended (BLEN) course which means some class meeting times will take place over Zoom synchronously at the listed days and times. Zoom class meeting times will not be recorded. Zoom classes and Campus classes should be treated of equal importance and all students are expected to attend both. The designated Campus classrooms will be available in case students would like to attend Zoom from campus. Should students choose this option, they should bring headphones in case other students also make use of the room. All students are expected to be on camera during Zoom meetings. Details of computing and technical requirements for this course are provided below.

For details of which classes will take place on campus/Zoom, refer to the detailed course schedule below.

Please note that all exams for this course are conducted in-person on Keele Campus. There will not be any online options for writing exams.

Land Acknowledgment

York University recognizes that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships with the territories upon which York University campuses are located that precede the establishment of York University. York University acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat. It is now home to many First Nation, Inuit, and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region ([LA&PS Land Acknowledgement](#)).

Course Website:

Please refer to <https://eclass.yorku.ca>

Course Overview:

This is a capstone course intended to integrate various accounting disciplines, including financial and management accounting, assurance, finance and tax through the use of cases. Through group video, class group discussions and individual case writing, students are expected to develop a solid foundation in the application of technical knowledge to business scenarios that is required of entry level professional accountants.

Since class participation is essential in a case study setting, students are strongly encouraged to participate in both small group and large group discussions. To facilitate class discussions, students are expected to have read the respective cases prior to each session and completed the pre-class activities.

Learning Objectives:

After completion of this course, students should be able to distinguish between substance and form of an accounting problem, be able to understand how management motivations influence their choice of accounting policies and the impact on audit planning. In situations when there are clear indications that certain standards apply, students are expected to be able to apply case facts to those specific standards; in situations where there are no specific guidance, students are expected to be able to analyze the issue based on first principles.

Furthermore, students should be able to identify and choose among different quantitative tools, perform the calculations with precision, to help them analyze, incorporating qualitative factors and make appropriate recommendations given some management decision-making scenarios.

Finally, students are expected to develop an understanding of an accountant's role in different contexts (public practice, controllership, advisory, not-for-profit) and be able to make appropriate recommendations based on supported analyses.

Specifically, the following learning objectives will be achieved:

Technical competency:

- Integrate analysis of financial reporting issues, for routine and non-routine transactions, with assurance, and tax implications.
- Integrate analysis of finance transactions that small and large companies may encounter on a routine basis, with financial reporting, assurance, and tax implications
- Integrate analysis of management decisions that small and large companies may encounter on a routine basis, with financial reporting, assurance, and tax implications.

Enabling competency:

- Take into consideration ethical and professional conduct when analyzing cases
- Break down complex problems into sub-problems for analysis
- Write business memos in a professional manner
- Present analysis in front of a group with confidence
- Develop self-discipline in managing course work
- Develop leadership skills and teamwork skills in group work

Prerequisites:

This course enables students to apply their technical knowledge to complex accounting problems. Students will be required to interrelate the knowledge obtained from individual subject areas in order to identify problems, analyze data and formulate recommendations for action.

Prerequisites: 1) For students in an Honours program, 78 credits including AP/ADMS 3510 3.00, AP/ADMS 3530 3.00, AP/ADMS 4510 3.00 (or AP/ADMS 4511 3.00 or AP/ADMS 4520 3.00), AP/ADMS 4551 3.00 (or AP/ADMS 4515 3.00), and AP/ADMS 4561 3.00 (or AP/ADMS 3520 3.00).

2) for other students, these above-listed courses and an average grade of C+ or better in AP/ADMS 3585 3.00 and AP/ADMS 3595 3.00. Course credit exclusions: None.

PLEASE NOTE: THE SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DE-ENROL ANY STUDENT WHEN IT IS DETERMINED THAT A STUDENT HAS REQUESTED A COURSE WITHOUT HAVING THE NECESSARY LISTED PREREQUISITES.

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING PREREQUISITES SHOULD BE CLEARED PRIOR TO REGISTRATION.

Course Materials:

1. Course Kit (CK) – MUST BE PURCHASED

Instructions on how to pay for the course kit will be posted to the eClass site. The course kit consists of cases studies with detailed solutions. The cases will be released by the instructor on a timed basis to students. The cases will be used as practice questions and as assessments within the course. **Payment for these cases will be processed through the YorkU Bookstore. A link will be posted on eClass. The cases will be distributed by your instructor NOT by York Bookstore. Failure to pay for these cases will make you ineligible to write the mid-term and final exams. To complete this course you MUST pay for this course kit and you will be required to submit proof of purchase.**

2. Course Website (CW) - All other cases will be posted on the eClass page.

3. The CPA Canada Handbook. Available online through York Library (<https://eduknotiaca.ezproxy.library.yorku.ca/Knowledge/Home.aspx?productID=1>)

4. Recommended Optional Text

Intermediate Accounting, 13th Canadian Edition, Volume 1 & 2, By Donald E. Kieso, Jerry J. Weygandt, Terry D. Warfield, Irene M. Wiecek, and Bruce McConomy (Note: earlier versions may not be acceptable; if you have an earlier version, contact your course director to discuss).

Computing and Technical Requirements

Several platforms will be used in this course (e.g., eClass and Zoom).

Students will need a working computer to access Zoom classes. If need be, students may use computers in the YorkU libraries. Students will need a microphone and camera for Zoom classes.

For campus classes, students are highly encouraged to bring and use a laptop in class.

Students shall note the following:

- Zoom is hosted on servers in the United States and Canada. Recordings done since May 1, 2022 are stored in Canada. For more information, please refer to the notes on [Zoom Privacy and Security](#) provided by Information Security at York.
- If you have privacy concerns about your data, provide only your first name or a nickname when you join a session.
- The system is configured in a way that all participants are automatically notified when a session is being recorded. In other words, a session cannot be recorded without you knowing about it.

Here are some useful links for student computing information, resources, and help:

- [Student Guide to eClass](#)
- [Zoom@YorkU Best Practices](#)
- [Zoom@YorkU User Reference Guide](#)
- [University Information Technology \(UIT\) Student Services](#) □ [Student Guide to eLearning at York University](#)

To determine Internet connection and speed, there are online tests, such as [Speedtest](#), that can be run. If you need technical assistance, please consult the [University Information Technology \(UIT\) Student Services](#) web page. For more specific assistance, please write to askit@yorku.ca.

Use of Generative AI:

In this course, all work should be completed by you and you alone (other than allowable group work as specified on the course outline or during class). As such, you are not allowed to use generative artificial intelligence (AI), such as ChatGPT, to help you complete any of your work in this course (e.g., tests, papers, assignments, presentations, etc.). If you do not know whether an online resource or tool can be used in this course, please contact your instructor for guidance. Any use of generative AI in this course will be considered a breach of the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty.

Course Evaluation:

Class Participation (5.5%) and Class Pre-work (4.5%)	10%
Group Case Assignment Oct 6 @ 11:59 pm	10%
Midterm Test – Saturday October 26th from 6 to 9pm at DB 2114 / 2116 / 2118	30%
Group Presentation – Session # 11 (ppt slides due 1 hour before class)	10%
Final Exam – Date and Time TBD by the Registrar	40%
Course weight total	100%

Ungraded Mandatory Activities:

Mock Midterm* & Final Exams	0%
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A mock midterm required to be written before session 6 and will be assessed as part of class pre-work

Course Assessment Descriptions

Class Participation and Class Pre-work

This component of the course grade will be evaluated based on two components: class pre-work (9 submissions x 0.5% each = 4.5%) and in-class participation (5.5%).

Class pre-work: Commencing in Session 2, prior to each class students will be assigned pre-work which must be submitted to eClass prior to class (**11:59pm the night before class**). Prework will often consist of preparing a case outline, submitting specific case write-ups. Details about the required prework will be provided on the course website and also announced in class.

Class Participation: All students are expected to contribute by actively engaging in both group and class discussions. Students failing to attend classes on a regular basis and hence not participating in group and class discussions will receive a failing participation grade.

Participation will be monitored by your instructor and include the following class activities:

- Partaking in class discussions (quality over quantity)
- Participation polls during zoom sessions
- Group and individual submissions assigned and submitted to eClass

Sessions 3, 5 and 9 – will be held on Zoom. To receive participation marks, your camera must be turned on for the entire lecture, if your camera is off, your participation marks for a specific Zoom session will be zero.

Group Case Assignment

In groups of 3, students will be required to complete an analysis of a case which will be of comparable length and difficulty to cases covered in class. The case and requirements will be posted on eClass by the end of Session 3. Details of the group assignment requirements will also be reviewed during class time. The report will be maximum 6 pages size 12 font, single spacing with 1-inch margins. All calculations should be in excel and the excel sheets are not considered part of the 6-page maximum. Students should form their own groups & contact the instructor if they cannot find group members.

Midterm Test and Final Exam

The Midterm Test and the Final Exam will each consist of timed case simulation(s). The midterm will be 2 hours. The length of the final exam will be announced in class/e-class. Refer to the detailed course schedule for the midterm date and time. Students should reference the CPA Handbook to analyze financial accounting issues and may use the Income Tax Act (ITA) to analyze tax issues if needed. Students will complete case simulations in Microsoft Word and Excel and the examinations will take place on campus in computer labs. Students are expected to bring fully charged laptops as backup. Handwritten examinations will not be accepted.

There are no make-up exams or alternate sittings of the midterm.

Group Presentation

Groups of approximately 5 students will prepare a live class presentation on an assigned case and also attend a live question and answer period. Presentation requirements will be posted on the eClass and reviewed in class. Students should form their own groups & contact the instructor if they cannot find group members. Students may like to work with the same students as they did earlier in the course for the group assignment & merge with another group to form a larger team for the presentation.

Experiential Learning Event Reflection

One event exclusive to ADMS 4590 students may be held during the SU24 term as part of the group presentations. Students will be required to attend the event and engage with industry professionals. A reflection will be required to be

completed and submitted after the event which will be assessed based on completion. More information will be shared once the event is finalized.

Late Work Policy

Late submissions are in general not allowed. In the event of extenuating circumstances, students are to contact their course director proactively about how to meet deadlines.

Missed Exams:

If you are unable to complete the midterm examination at the pre-specified time you must inform the instructor via email within 48 hours of the exam. If a midterm examination is missed due to a valid reason such as illness or other reason approved by the Course Director, the weight of the grade of the midterm will be reallocated to the final exam. Late submissions of the midterm will not be accepted.

Course Director has the right to refuse acceptance of the APS.

Academic Honesty and Integrity:

In this course, we strive to maintain academic integrity to the highest extent possible. Please familiarize yourself with the meaning of academic integrity by completing SPARK's [Academic Integrity module at the](#) beginning of the course. Breaches of academic integrity range from cheating to plagiarism (i.e., the improper crediting of another's work, the representation of another's ideas as your own, etc.). All instances of academic dishonesty in this course will be reported to the appropriate university authorities, and can be punishable according to the [Senate Policy on Academic Honesty](#).

Turnitin

To promote academic integrity in this course, students will be normally required to submit their written assignments to Turnitin (via the course eClass site) 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.

Violation of academic honesty is a serious offense. Be sure to read the University's policy in the following link: <http://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/academic-honesty-senate-policy-on/>

Please also refer to the above section of the outlining regarding use of generative AI in the course.

Final Exam Review:

Review of final exams will be handled in-person or remotely through Zoom during the formal exam viewing period. To request a review, email your course Director. Deadlines for exam review are set at the end of each term but are normally completed by the end of the month following the exam period. Students should contact the School of Administrative Studies (416-736-2100) after the deferred exam period has passed.

Grading

The grading scheme for this course conforms to the 9-point system used in undergraduate programs at York University. For a full description of the York grading system, visit the York University [Academic Calendar](#).

GRADE	GRADE POINT	PERCENT RANGE	DESCRIPTION
A+	9	90-100	Exceptional
A	8	80-89	Excellent
B+	7	75-79	Very Good
B	6	70-74	Good
C+	5	65-69	Competent

C	4	60-64	Fairly Competent
D+	3	55-59	Passing
D	2	50-54	Marginally Passing
E	1	(marginally below 50%)	Marginally Failing
F	0	(below 50%)	Failing

Tentative Course Schedule **These dates are subject to change (All on Campus unless marked otherwise)**

Session & Date	Lecture Objectives	Case & Student Preparatory Work (Note: Additional class pre-work at the discretion of the instructor will be announced in eClass)	Related Technical Topics and Handbook Sections
Session 1 A – Sep 6 B - Sep 10	Developing Professional Judgment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Performing an integrative case analysis - what does that mean? - Understanding the CPA Way - Application of the CPA Way to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Stakeholder analysis Financial Reporting Analysis Reconciling and dealing with uncertainty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Fine-tuning Your Research Skills o CPA Canada Handbook (Accounting and Audit) 	Read the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Case: Fantasyfootball.net Course Website - Introduction and case framework Approach (Course Website) - CPA Way documents (Course Website) - Applying the CPA Way to Analyze a Financial Accounting Issue (Course Website) - Stakeholder Analysis in Case writing (Course Website) Watch the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Video: Accessing & Searching the CPA Standards and Guidance Collection (Course Website) 	Fantasy Football Financial reporting: Revenue recognition, Goodwill & intangibles (ASPE: Section 3400, 3064)

<p>Session 2</p> <p>A – Sep 13 B – Sep 17</p>	<p>Achieving depth in financial reporting analysis with integration of various other technical competency areas. (Management accounting, tax, finance, audit, strategy and governance)</p> <p>Application of the CPA Way to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial reporting analysis • Stakeholder analysis • Audit planning • Written Communication 	<p>Read and submit an outline for the following: Case: – Atomic Excellence (Course website)</p>	<p>Atomic Excellence Financial Reporting: Revenue recognition, Intangible assets, Impairment (IFRS: 15, IAS 36, IAS 28)</p> <p>Assurance: Materiality, Risk of Material Misstatement at Overall Financial Statement Level (RMM at OFSL) (CAS 315, CAS320)</p>
<p>Session 3</p> <p>A – Sep 20 B – Sep 24</p> <p>REMOTE SYNCHRONOUS CLASS</p>	<p>Integration of financial reporting analysis with various other technical competency areas (management accounting, tax, finance, assurance, strategy and governance)</p> <p>Application of the CPA way to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial reporting analysis • Stakeholder analysis • Audit procedures • Critique of internal controls • Ethics 	<p>Read and submit an outline for the following: Case: King Fitness (course website)</p>	<p>King Fitness Assurance: independence, materiality, OFSL level risk, Approach, Controls</p> <p>Financial Reporting: Revenue recognition, Leases, Free Rent, lawsuits, signing bonus, Site research costs,</p> <p>Strategy and Governance: Risk analysis</p>

<p>Session 4</p> <p>A- Sep 27 B- Oct 1</p>	<p>Integration of financial reporting analysis with various other technical competency areas (management accounting, tax, finance, assurance, strategy and governance)</p> <p>Application of the CPA way to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial reporting analysis • Stakeholder analysis • Audit procedures • Critique of internal controls • Ethics 	<p>Read and submit an outline for the following:</p> <p>Case: Hemp Co. (Course website)</p>	<p>Hemp Co.</p> <p>Financial Reporting: Government Assistance, Revenue, Goodwill and Intangible Assets, Asset Retirement Obligations, Property, Plant and Equipment, Impairment of Long Lived Assets, Leases (ASPE Section 3400, 3064, 3110, 3061, 3063, 3065)</p> <p>Management Accounting: Cost/Volume-Profit Relationships</p> <p>Assurance: Internal Controls</p>
<p>GROUP ASSIGNMENT DUE Oct 6, 2024 @ 11:59 PM</p>			
<p>Session 5</p> <p>A – Oct 4 B – Oct 8</p> <p>REMOTE SYNCHRONOUS CLASS</p> <p>Session A – no class on Oct 11 – due to mid-term</p>	<p>Integration of financial reporting analysis with various other technical competency areas (management accounting, tax, finance, assurance, strategy and governance)</p> <p>Application of the CPA Way to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial reporting - • Stakeholder analysis • Decision making • Audit planning 	<p>Read and submit an outline for the following:</p> <p>Case: Chang ESL Academy (Course website) -</p>	<p>Chang ESL Academy</p> <p>Financial Accounting: Revenue, Intangible Assets (ASPE Section 3400, 3064)</p> <p>Assurance: RMM at OFSL level, Materiality and Audit Approach</p> <p>Management Accounting: Cost-volume profit analysis, sensitivity analysis</p>

<p>Session 6</p> <p>A – Oct 25 B – Oct 22</p> <p>No in-person Class</p> <p>Asynchronous Class</p>	<p>MOCK MIDTERM EXAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-hr case to prepare for the midterm • Write individually at home <p>The case will be released several days before session 6 – on Oct 18, 2024</p>	<p>Mock Exam (Course Kit)</p>	
<p>Session 7</p> <p>Midterm Test</p> <p>ALL SECTIONS</p>	<p>Date & Time Saturday October 26th from 6 to 9pm</p> <p>Location: Keele Campus Computer Labs DB 2114 / 2116 / 2118</p> <p>Students must bring a fully charged laptop as a backup.</p>		
<p>Session 8</p> <p>A- Nov 1 B- Oct 29</p>	<p>Integration of financial reporting analysis with various other technical competency areas (management accounting, tax, finance, audit, strategy and governance)</p> <p>Application of the CPA Way to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial reporting • Stakeholder analysis • Decision making • Audit planning <p>Designing performance measures</p>	<p>Read and submit an outline for the following:</p> <p>- Case: CinePro (Course website)</p>	<p>Cinepro</p> <p>Financial Reporting: Revenue, Intangible assets, Impairment of Financial Assets, Assets Held for Sale. (IFRS 15, IAS 38, IFRS 5)</p> <p>Management Accounting: Cost-volume-profit analysis</p> <p>Strategy and Governance: Mission and Vision, Performance measures, Governance</p>

<p>Session 9</p> <p>A – Nov 8 B – Nov 5</p> <p>REMOTE SYNCHRONOUS CLASS</p>	<p>Integration of Financial reporting analysis with various other technical competency areas (management accounting, finance, audit, strategy and governance)</p> <p>Application of the CPA Way to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial reporting analysis • Stakeholder analysis • Decision making • Audit procedures 	<p>Read and submit an outline for the following: Case: Composting Toilets Inc (course website)</p>	<p>Composting Toilets Management Accounting: Quantitative (margin per unit) and Qualitative analysis Cash Flow</p>
<p>Session 10</p> <p>A- Nov 15 B- Nov 12</p>	<p>Integration of Financial reporting analysis with various other technical competency areas (management accounting, tax, finance, audit, strategy and governance)</p> <p>Application of the CPA Way to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial reporting analysis • Stakeholder analysis • Decision making <p>Critique of internal controls</p>	<p>Read and submit an outline for the following: Case 10 – Environmentally Friendly Diapers (Course website)</p>	<p>Environmentally Friendly Diapers Financial Accounting: Inventory, property plant and equipment, Contingent liabilities, revenue (ASPE 3031, 3061, 3290, 3400)</p> <p>Management Accounting: NPV analysis- future viability of a product line</p> <p>Assurance: Internal controls</p>

<p>Session 11</p> <p>A – Nov 22 B – Nov 19</p>	<p>Integration of Financial reporting analysis with various other technical Competency areas (management accounting, finance, audit, strategy and governance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>Case - TBD – Group Presentations</p> <p>Group Presentations & Event – timing and details TBD</p>	
<p>Session 12</p> <p>A – Nov 29 B – Nov 26</p>	<p>Integration of financial reporting analysis with various other technical competency areas (management accounting, tax, finance, audit, strategy and governance)</p> <p>Application of the CPA Way to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial reporting • Stakeholder analysis • Critique of corporate governance <p>MOCK FINAL EXAMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write individually at home • Case will be released several days prior to the final exam 	<p>Read and submit an outline for the following: Case: Bobbin Family Adventure Farm Ltd. (course website)</p> <p>Read and submit case response - Case 12b – Mock Final Exam - TBD (Course Kit)</p>	<p>Bobbin Family Adventure Financial Accounting: Revenue, Asset Retirement Obligations, Financial Instruments (ASPE Section 3400, 3110, 3856)</p> <p>Audit: Procedures</p> <p>Management Accounting Cost-volume-profit analysis, break even analysis</p>

Session 13 - ALL SECTIONS – ON CAMPUS
Common Final Exam – DATE & TIME TBD
Exam Period: Dec. 5 -20

Students will write 2 mock final exams in preparation for the final exam. Solutions will be provided for self marking.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY POLICY & INFORMATION

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>

Any request for deferred standing on medical grounds must include an Attending Physician's Statement form; a "Doctor's Note" will not be accepted. <https://secure.students.yorku.ca/pdf/attending-physicians-statement.pdf>
DSA Form: http://www.registrar.yorku.ca/pdf/deferred_standing_agreement.pdf
(Unless suspended by the University)

In order to apply for deferred standing, students must register at <https://sas-app.laps.yorku.ca>

Followed by handing in a completed DSA form and supporting documentation directly to the main office of the School of Administrative Studies (282 Atkinson) or by email at apsas@yorku.ca 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.

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: <https://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/academic-honesty-senate-policy-on/>

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

Last date to add a course without permission of instructor: Sep 18, 2024

Last date to add a course with permission of instructor: Oct 2, 2024

Last date to drop a course without receiving a grade: Nov 8, 2024

If you withdraw between Nov 9 – Dec 3, the course remains on your transcript without a grade and is notated as “W”.

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:

<https://secretariatpolicies.info.yorku.ca/policies/grading-scheme-and-feedback-policy/>

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-aterm-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.yorku.ca/grade-reappraisalpolicy>

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 reasonable and appropriate accommodations to adherents for observances of special significance. Should any of the dates specified in this syllabus for course examinations, tests, or deadlines conflict with a date of religious significance, please contact the instructor within the first three (3) weeks of class. If the date falls within the formal examination periods, you must complete and submit a Religious Accommodation for Examination Form at least three (3) weeks before the start of the exam period.

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 <https://accessibility.students.yorku.ca/>

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.

Student Conduct in the Learning Environment

York University is committed to fostering teaching and learning environments that are free of disruptive and/or harassing behaviour, are physically safe, and conducive to effective teaching and learning. Students and instructors are expected to maintain a professional relationship characterized by courtesy, civility, and mutual respect and to refrain from actions disruptive to such a relationship. Individuals who fail to adhere to such standards and who violate University or public law may be subject to disciplinary action by the University.

For more information, see the policies on [Disruptive and/or Harassing Behaviour in Academic Situations](#), the [Student Conduct and Responsibilities](#), and the [Code of Student Rights & Responsibilities](#).

Netiquette for eClass and Online Learning

Students and instructors 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 [Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#). Please review and familiarize yourself with behaviours that support "netiquette" in virtual classrooms by consulting the [Guide to Netiquette](#) and [Student Guide to eLearning](#).

Student Support and Resources

To help you succeed academically, York University offers a wide range of resources and services. Everything from writing workshops and peer mentorship to wellness support and career guidance is available to fulfill our LA&PS students' needs. Explore the links below to access these on-campus resources:

- [Academic Advising](#) is available to provide students support and guidance in making academic decisions and goals.
- [Student Accessibility Services](#) are available for support and accessibility accommodation when required.
- [Student Counselling, Health & Wellbeing](#) offers workshops, resources, and counselling to support your academic success.
- [Peer-Assisted Study Sessions \(PASS\) Program](#) provides student study sessions for students to collaborate and enhance their understanding of course content in certain courses.
- [Student Numeracy Assistance Centre at Keele \(SNACK\)](#) supports students in courses involving math, stats, and Excel.
- [The Writing Centre](#) provides multiple avenues of writing-based support including drop-in sessions, one-to-one appointments, a Multilingual Studio, and an Accessibility Specialist.
- [ESL Open Learning Centre \(OLC\)](#) supports students with building proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking English.
- [Learning Skills Services](#) provides tips for time management, effective study and learning habits, keeping up with coursework, and other learning-related supports.
- [Learning Commons](#) provides links to supports for time management, writing, study skills, preparing for exams, and other learning-related resources.
- [Roadmap to Student Success](#) provides students with timely and targeted resources to help them achieve academic, personal, and professional success.
- [Office of Student Community Relations \(OSCR\)](#) is responsible for administering the [Code of Student Rights & Responsibilities](#) and provides critical incident support.
- [goSAFE](#) is staffed by York students and can accompany York community members to and from any on-campus location, such as the Village Shuttle pick-up hub, parking lots, bus stops, or residences.

For a full list of academic, wellness, and campus resources visit [Student Support & Resources](#).