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BSAD 494 Business Strategy & Decisions Summer 2025

# BSAD 494 Business Strategy & Decisions Global Campus

### **Interactive Online Format**

This course follows an interactive online format and has Thursday deadlines. You are expected to login regularly during the course to participate in the online discussions. Please plan accordingly. **Please review the Dates & Deadlines widget on the right side of your course in LearningHub for the last day to withdraw for a full refund.** 

### **Instructor Contact**

Please refer to course in LearningHub for the teacher contact information.

#### **Communication with the Instructor**

It is important to remember that while the Internet is available 24 hours a day, your instructor is not. You can expect that your instructor will respond to e-mail message to you within *2 business days* during the week and may not be available to respond on weekends.

#### **Other Assistance**

| Username and password assistance                | helpdesk@andrews.edu       | (269) 471-6016       |
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# **Part 1: Course Information**

#### **Course Description**

The goal of this integrative and interdisciplinary course is to enable students to draw together all the concepts and theories from business core courses and develop a strategic plan for a business case via the analysis of strategic and organizational problems and issues.

This is a Capstone Course; it is recommended for students to take FNCE317 prior to enrolling in BSAD494.

#### **Prerequisites**

FNCE 317 Business Finance.

#### **Required Text/Material**

Required texts are essential for learning and understanding the course material. Textbooks are not included in the course cost unless specified otherwise. You can purchase your textbook from <u>bookstore.andrews.edu</u>, <u>vitalsource.com</u>, or any other textbook supplier. For financial aid payment, contact your financial advisor at the university where you are completing your degree.

David, F. R., & David, F. R. (2022). Strategic management a competitive advantage approach, concepts and cases. Pearson Education. eText ISBN: 9780135203736

# **Credit Hour and Commitment**

This course is offered for 3 semester credits; therefore, it is expected that you will spend 135 total hours on this course. This translates to a steady 9 hours each week. You'll spend your time reading, watching the recorded lectures and videos, accessing instructional materials including chapter PowerPoints, interacting with your instructor and classmates, and completing assignments and exams.

A recommended weekly schedule to divide your time is provided:

Readings and Videos: 4 hours

Interactive Discussions: 2 hours

Case Analysis Assignments: 2 hours

## **Program Learning Outcomes**

The School of Business Administration at Andrews University offers a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. The school has identified the following intended student learning outcomes (ISLOs) for these programs:

- 1. Students will be able to apply the major business theories and concepts to inform decision-making. (Critical Thinking, Business Core & Scholarship Areas)
- 2. Students will be able to communicate complex ideas. (Critical Thinking & Communication Areas)
- 3. Students will be able to implement the elements of a high performing team. (Teamwork Area)
- 4. Students will be able to employ decision-support tools in organization problem-solving. (Analytical Tools Area)
- 5. Students will be able to apply the strategic planning process to formulate innovative solutions to complex business problems. (Critical Thinking, Communication & Business Core Areas)
- 6. Students will apply a Christian (Adventist) perspective to evaluating the social and ethical responsibilities of business. (Communication & Environment Areas)

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

- 1. Determine and evaluate the Vision, Mission, and Business Models in use by, and appropriate for, organizations of all sizes and sectors (for-profit and not- for-profit).
- 2. Given relevant data, analyze the key economic features and competitive structure of an industry
- 3. Integrate and apply the knowledge and skills gained in earlier business courses, such as economics, accounting, marketing, management science, information systems, and human resource management to strategic problems.
- 4. Given relevant environmental and strategic information, choose ethically appropriate and socially-responsible courses of action for an organization.

## **Mental Health Support**

Andrews University seeks to foster belonging and care. It is not uncommon for students to face challenges that hinder academic progress, like academic stress, sleep disturbances, managing multiple responsibilities, relationship issues, anxiety or feelings of despair or depression. If you or someone you know is grappling with any of these concerns, we urge you to seek assistance. The university offers valuable, free resources that can help address these problems effectively.

- If you are struggling with this class, please contact the course instructor as soon as possible.
- Contact your academic advisor if you are struggling in multiple classes or unsure whether you are making the most of your time at, or unsure what academic resources are available at Andrews University
- Students in the U.S., access <u>Andrews Telehealth</u> for new medical, counseling therapy, psychiatry, and diet & nutrition support to <u>schedule a consultation</u>.
- If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, contact Academic Live Care 24/7 remote crisis services at 1-866-349-5575.
- Contact 911 for life threatening emergencies.

Additional information and resources are at the <u>Global Campus Student Wellbeing webpage</u>.

# **Part 2: Course Methods and Delivery**

# Methods of Instruction

Methods of instruction include assigned readings from the textbook and the course material, short essays and reflections on the reading, short open book quizzes on the readings, interactions with the instructor via blogs, and two exams. Regular participation in the course is essential to good performance.

## **Technical Requirements**

- Computer: PC (Win 10 or newer) or MAC (10.14 or better)
- A webcam with microphone, and speakers (or plug in headset)
- Internet: 2.4 Mbps or faster DSL, cable or Wi-Fi connection
- Browser: Current version of Chrome or Firefox
- Software: Office 2013 or newer (<u>Office 365 available here</u>)

#### LearningHub Access

This course is delivered online through LearningHub at <u>http://learninghub.andrews.edu</u>

Your username and password are your Andrews username and password. You need to activate your username and password to access LearningHub. Please do this online here: <u>Username Activation</u>, if you haven't already. If you need assistance, call or email us: (269) 471-6016 or <u>helpdesk@andrews.edu</u>.

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# **Part 3: Course Requirements**

**Important Note**: This online class is **not** self-paced. You can arrange your schedule flexibly during each week, but you MUST participate each week. You are expected to "show up" to class by interacting in the discussion forums a minimum of two times per week. In addition, assignments are due regularly each week. Adequate Internet access during the duration of the course is critical for your participation. To be successful, plan to spend time daily on the course.

# **Assessment Descriptions**

## **Discussion Forums**

Discussion forums are opportunities for you, the course instructor and your classmates to engage in robust online conversations. In some instances, where one student is enrolled in a course, discussions will be with the instructor. Those conversations are most often based on academic topics and questions. They are integral to the course and provide avenues for enriching knowledge as well as constructing knowledge through thoughtful dialogue with peers and instructors.

Some discussions are formal in nature and call for thorough scholarship. They hold to the same academic standards for originality and honesty as other academic work (e.g. papers, essays, quizzes and exams). Whenever appropriate, any idea or statement in a discussion forum that is not your own original work should be referenced, according to the style guide adopted by your academic discipline (e.g. APA, MLA, Chicago, etc.).

There may also be forums in the course in which the discussions are informal. Such discussions may include personal introductions and opportunities to know more about other participants in the course as well as academic topics. Informal forums are great for sharing interests, observations and encouragements with classmates.

For each forum in this course you will be required, unless otherwise instructed, to create an initial post and, at least, two replies to classmates. Course weeks [after the first week] begin on Friday and end on Thursday. The initial post is due by 11:55 pm on Sunday of the week the discussion is assigned. Replies to classmates are due by 11:55 pm on Thursday of the week the discussion is assigned.

# Mid-term Exam – Financial calculations

This proctored exam will require you to show your ID. You will have two hours to complete it. In this exam, you will demonstrate your knowledge of financial analysis and calculations. The first part of the exam will be short essay questions about financial analysis. The second part of the exam will require completion of several financial calculations using the numbers provided. Calculations should be done on the computer using MS Word and you must show your work. Once complete, you will upload one document containing the question responses as well as the financial calculations to the dropbox provided. <u>The exam will be open book/open notes.</u>

# Strategic Audit Report Case Study

You have been hired by your approved company to complete this audit report. This report and presentation is to provide the findings to the CEO and board of directors on your findings and recommendations for future growth of the organization.

The final portion of the assignment will be a PowerPoint and a video presentation of yourself (8-10 mins). Use the audit report to build the presentation bullets and highlights for the CEO and board of directors.

You will select a business to research and create a strategic Audit Report Case Study that you will work on and submit portions of throughout the term. Do not use an organization you have researched in another course; use only original research and material. It is recommended you select a publicly traded company (stocks) for your strategic audit company. Public traded companies are required to make all of their financial information and board of director's information available to the general public, which makes it easier for you to collect the data needed for your strategic audit report.

Additional details for completing the overall final project as well as the increments you will complete and submit throughout the term can be found in the Learning Hub classroom.

#### **Rubrics** Rubric for Discussion Posts

|   | 20 Points   | 17 Points  | 14 Points  | 10 Points  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| <b>CRITICAL</b><br>ANALYSIS               | Discussion postings display an<br>excellent understanding of the<br>required readings and<br>underlying concepts including<br>correct use of terminology.<br>Postings integrate an outside<br>resource, or relevant research,<br>or specific real-life application<br>(work experience, prior<br>coursework, etc.) to support<br>important points.<br>Well-edited quotes are cited<br>appropriately.<br>No more than 10% of the<br>posting is a direct quotation. | Discussion postings repeat<br>and summarize basic, correct<br>information, but do not link<br>readings to outside<br>references, relevant research<br>or specific real-life<br>application and do not<br>consider alternative<br>perspectives or connections<br>between ideas.<br>Sources are not cited. | Postings are largely personal<br>opinions or feelings, or "I<br>agree" or "Great idea",<br>without supporting<br>statements with concepts<br>from the readings, outside<br>resources, relevant research,<br>or specific real-life<br>application.  | Discussion postings<br>show little or no<br>evidence that readings<br>were completed or<br>understood.   |
| PARTICIPATION                             | Discussion postings actively<br>stimulate and sustain further<br>discussion by building on<br>peers' responses including<br>building a focused argument<br>around a specific issue, asking<br>a new related question or<br>making an oppositional<br>statement supported by<br>personal experience or related<br>research.  | Discussion postings<br>contribute to the class's<br>ongoing conversations as<br>evidenced by affirming<br>statements or references to<br>relevant research, asking<br>related questions, or making<br>an oppositional statement<br>supported by any personal<br>experience or related<br>research.       | Discussion postings<br>sometimes contribute to<br>ongoing conversations as<br>evidenced by affirming<br>statements or references to<br>relevant research, asking<br>related questions, or making<br>an oppositional statement<br>supported by any personal<br>experience or related<br>research. | Discussion postings do<br>not contribute to<br>ongoing conversations<br>or respond to peers'<br>postings.<br>There is no evidence of<br>replies to questions.          |
| TIMELINESS                                | Discussion postings are<br>distributed throughout the<br>module (not posted all on one<br>day or only at the beginning or<br>only on the last day of the<br>module).  | Discussion postings respond<br>to most postings of peers<br>within a 48-hour period.   | Discussion postings respond<br>to most postings of peers<br>several days after the initial<br>discussion.  | Discussion postings are<br>at midpoint or later in<br>the module or<br>contributions are only<br>posted on the last day<br>of the module.                              |
| ETIQUETTE IN<br>DIAGLOGUE<br>WITH PEERS   | Written interactions on the<br>discussion board show respect<br>and sensitivity to peers' gender,<br>cultural and linguistic<br>background, sexual orientation,<br>and political and religious<br>beliefs.  | Written interactions on the<br>discussion board show<br>respect and interest in the<br>viewpoints of others.   | Some of the written<br>interactions on the<br>discussion board show<br>respect and interest in the<br>viewpoints of others.  | Written interactions on<br>the discussion board<br>show disrespect for the<br>viewpoints of others.  |
| QUALITY OF<br>WRITING AND<br>PROOFREADING | Written responses are free of<br>grammatical, spelling or<br>punctuation errors. The style of<br>writing facilitates<br>communication.  | Written responses are largely<br>free of grammatical, spelling<br>or punctuation errors.<br>The style of writing generally<br>facilitates communication.   | Written responses include<br>some grammatical, spelling<br>or punctuation errors that<br>distract the reader.  | Written responses<br>contain numerous<br>grammatical, spelling<br>or punctuation errors.<br>The style of writing<br>does not facilitate<br>effective<br>communication. |

|                    | 4 Exceeds<br>Expectations  | 3 Meets<br>Expectations   | 2 Approaching<br>Expectations  | 1 Below<br>Expectations   | o Far Below<br>Expectations             |
|--------------------|--|---|--|---|---|
| CLAIM &<br>SUPPORT | Establishes a<br>credible and<br>convincing claim to<br>answer each<br>question.<br>Cites sufficient and<br>relevant evidence to<br>fully support the<br>claim.              | Establishes a clear<br>and plausible claim<br>to answer each<br>question.<br>Cites mostly strong<br>evidence that<br>supports the claim.  | Establishes a claim<br>to answer each<br>question that needs<br>more development.<br>Refers to some<br>evidence from the<br>text that loosely or<br>vaguely supports the<br>claim. | Attempts to establish<br>a claim that is<br>unclear or<br>disconnected from<br>the topic; or does not<br>answer each<br>question.<br>Includes almost no<br>evidence from the<br>text; evidence is<br>based on personal<br>experience or<br>unconnected sources. | No claim present or<br>evidence present |
| DEVELOPMENT        | Analyzes the<br>relevance and<br>strength of the<br>evidence in<br>supporting the claim.   | Clearly explains the<br>connections between<br>the selected evidence<br>and the claim.  | Explains the<br>connection between<br>some evidence and<br>the claim; some<br>explanations revolve<br>around personal<br>feelings rather than<br>analysis.                         | Attempts to explain<br>some connections<br>between evidence<br>and claim in an<br>unclear or<br>disconnected way.   | No development<br>present               |
| CONVENTIONS        | Demonstrates a<br>strong command of<br>English conventions<br>with few, minor<br>errors.<br>Uses language and<br>tone that are<br>appropriate to<br>audience and<br>purpose. | Demonstrates a<br>working command of<br>English conventions<br>with some errors that<br>do not inhibit<br>reader's<br>comprehension.<br>Uses language and<br>tone that are<br>academic. | conventions with   | Attempts to use some<br>English conventions,<br>though errors<br>frequently inhibit<br>reader's<br>comprehension.<br>Uses informal<br>language and tone.  | Writing is<br>incomprehensible.         |

### Midterm Financial Analysis Questions Rubric

# Case-Study Analysis Grading Rubric

|  | Performance Rating  |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| Evaluation<br>Dimensions                                   | Beginning   | Competent  | npetent Accomplished  |  |  |
| Dimensions   | 1 2   | 3 4  | 5 6   |  |  |
| Identification of<br>Issues                                | of the case or identifies problems and<br>issues that are not based on facts of the<br>case; displays little understanding of the<br>issues, key problems, and the company's  | in the case; demonstrates an acceptable<br>understanding of the company's issues,  | Presents accurate and detailed<br>descriptions of the problems and issues<br>central to the case; provides a well-<br>focused diagnosis of strategic issues and<br>key problems that demonstrates an<br>excellent grasp of the company's present<br>situation and strategic challenges;<br>descriptions are compelling and<br>insightful; provides a thorough and<br>effective executive summary.   |  |  |
| Industry<br>Analysis                                       | firm operates (market size, competitors,<br>key success factors, etc.) including cross-<br>functional areas; provides no or little<br>documentation and analysis of the<br>competitors in the industry, demonstrates  | With few exceptions, identifies the nature<br>and attractiveness of the industry in which<br>the firm operates (market size,<br>competitors, key success factors, etc.)<br>including cross-functional areas; provides<br>adequate documentation and analysis of<br>the competitors in the industry,<br>demonstrates research capability and a<br>basic grasp of the industry's current<br>situation. Presents an explanation of how<br>the company fits in the industry and<br>formulates an adequate scenario that<br>supports the development of the case<br>analysis. | Clearly identifies the nature and<br>attractiveness of the industry in which the<br>firm operates (market size, competitors,<br>key success factors, etc.) including cross-<br>functional areas; analysis of the major<br>competitors in the industry,<br>demonstrating research capability and an<br>excellent grasp of the industry's current<br>situation. Presents a compelling<br>explanation of how the company fits in the<br>industry and formulates a scenario that<br>supports the development of the case<br>analysis. |  |  |
| Stakeholder<br>Perspectives                                | Does not identify or explain the<br>perspectives of any stakeholders involved<br>in the case, or explanation is flawed in<br>many respects; fails to recognize any<br>differences between the interests of the<br>various stakeholders.   | With a few minor exceptions, adequately<br>identifies and summarizes the<br>perspectives of the principal stakeholders<br>involved in the case; outlines some<br>conflicts of interest between company<br>stakeholders.  | Clearly and accurately examines the<br>unique perspectives of multiple key<br>stakeholders in the case; demonstrates<br>insightful analysis of strategic tensions or<br>conflicts of interest between the<br>stakeholders.  |  |  |
| Connections to<br>Theoretical and<br>Empirical<br>Research | Makes little or no connection between the<br>issues and problems in the case and<br>relevant theoretical and empirical<br>research, or the connections identified are<br>weak or inaccurate in many respects.   | Identifies and outlines connections<br>between some of the issues and problems<br>in the case and relevant theoretical and<br>empirical research; the connections<br>identified are adequately elucidated.   | Makes appropriate, insightful, and<br>powerful connections between the issues<br>and problems in the case and relevant<br>theory and empirical data; effectively<br>integrates multiple sources of knowledge<br>with case information.  |  |  |
| Analysis and<br>Evaluation                                 | Simply repeats facts identified in the case<br>and does not discuss the relevance of<br>these facts; fails to draw conclusions, or<br>conclusions are not justified or supported;<br>does not present relevant research or<br>data; shows no critical examination of<br>case issues.              | Provides an acceptable analysis of most of<br>the issues and problems in the case; in<br>most instances, analysis is adequately<br>supported by theory and empirical data;<br>appropriate conclusions are outlined and<br>summarized.  | Structures a balanced, in-depth, and<br>critical assessment of the facts of the case<br>in light of relevant empirical and<br>theoretical research; constructs insightful<br>and well-supported conclusions using<br>reasoned, sound, and informed<br>judgments.  |  |  |
| Action Plans   | Has difficulty identifying alternatives and<br>appropriate courses of action; few if any<br>alternatives are presented, infeasible<br>actions are proposed, action plans are not<br>supported, or actions do not address the<br>key issues and problems in the case.                              | Outlines and summarizes some<br>alternative courses of action to deal with<br>most of the issues and problems in the<br>case; in most instances, proposed action<br>plans are outlined, are feasible, and based<br>on relatively sound theory and evidence.  | Effectively weighs and assesses a variety<br>of alternative actions that address the<br>multiple issues central to the case;<br>proposes detailed plans of action; action<br>plans are realistic and contain thorough<br>and well-reasoned justifications.  |  |  |
| Evaluation of<br>Consequences                              | Displays limited awareness and/or<br>understanding of the consequences of<br>action plans; fails to identify implications<br>and consequences of proposed action<br>plans; identified outcomes do not follow<br>from proposed action plans, or outcomes<br>are not related to issues in the case. | Demonstrates acceptable analysis of the<br>results of proposed action plans;<br>adequately outlines and summarizes the<br>implications and consequences resulting<br>from alternative courses of action; with a<br>few minor exceptions, identified<br>consequences of action plans are related<br>to key issues in the case.  | Objectively and critically reflects upon<br>alternative plans of action; effectively<br>identifies, thoroughly discusses, and<br>insightfully evaluates the implications and<br>consequences resulting from the proposed<br>action plans; identifies consequences are<br>tied to the key issues central to the case.  |  |  |

| Overall Performance Rating on Case-Study Analysis |       |  |
|---|-------|--|
| Evaluation Criteria                               | Score |  |
| Identification of Issues                          |       |  |
| Industry Analysis                                 |       |  |
| Stakeholder Perspectives                          |       |  |
| Connections to Theoretical and Empirical Research |       |  |
| Analysis and Evaluation                           |       |  |
| Action Plans                                      |       |  |
| Evaluation of Consequences                        |       |  |
| Total Score                                       |       |  |

#### **Exams**

There is one proctored exam in this course. You will have two hours to complete it. In this exam, you will demonstrate your knowledge of financial analysis and calculations. The first part of the exam will be short essay questions about financial analysis. The second part of the exam will require completion of several financial calculations using the numbers provided. Calculations should be done on the computer using MS Word and you must show your work. Once complete, you will upload one document containing the question responses as well as the financial calculations to the dropbox provided. <u>The exam will be open book/open notes.</u>

Please read the important information about taking exams and how online proctoring works at our <u>exams page</u>. Sign up for a date to take the exam as early as possible. You may sign up as early as one month before the last date of the exam window. Spaces fill quickly. Therefore, it is best to sign up as early as possible. You can sign up at <u>Calendly</u> for your exam time. There will be prompts throughout your course to sign up as well.

Please note that an exam code is never released to the student. All students must present photo identification before each exam session. Exams can only be proctored after a deadline with approval directly from the instructor to the Testing Center. Your instructor must email <u>onlineexams@andrews.edu</u> or call 269-471-6566. No exam is returned to the student for review. To aid in studying for future exams, you may request the instructor to provide summary feedback on an exam.

# Schedule:

All times in the schedule are for the U.S. Eastern Time Zone. All assignments are due Thursdays in the week assigned unless otherwise noted.

**Acadeum students:** You MUST submit academic work by the drop/add date of this course to verify your attendance in this course. That deadline is likely earlier than the deadline for the first assignment.

| Week             | Lessons   | Readings and Videos  | Assignments  | Outcomes<br>Met |
|------------------|---|--|--|-----------------|
| Intro            | These items will need to be<br>completed before you will have<br>access to the rest of the course | Orientation<br>Course Overview<br>Introductions<br>Academic Integrity  | Student Introductions<br>Academic Integrity Quiz<br>Academic Integrity Statement   |                 |
| 1<br>May 12 – 15 | Course Introduction<br>Chapter 1 - Nature of Strategic<br>Management                              | No Readings<br><u>Watch:</u><br>Video: What is Business Strategy<br>Video: How to Make Better Decisions<br>Video: How IKEA Became Sweden's<br>National Brand   | Student Introductions and<br>Course Expectations<br>Discussion Forum 1: Building<br>Your Business on Faith<br>Due Thursday, May 22 | SLO 1, 3, 4     |
|                  |   | Read:   Chapter 1   Chapter 1 PowerPoint   Watch:   Video Lecture: Chapter 1   Video: What is Corporate-Level Strategy?  |  |                 |
| 2<br>May 16 – 22 | Chapter 2 – Business Vision<br>and Mission  | Read:   Chapter 2   Chapter 2 PowerPoint   Watch:   Video Lecture: Chapter 2   Video: How to Write a Mission Statement   Video: How to Write a Vision Statement  | Discussion Forum 2:<br>Organization Purpose  | SLO 1           |
| 3<br>May 23 – 29 | Chapter 3 – The External<br>Assessment  | Read:   Chapter 3   Chapter 3 PowerPoint   Watch:   Video Lecture: Chapter 3   Video #1 for Discussion Forum 3: U.S.   cyberattack 'a serious, ongoing problem   Video #2 for Discussion Forum 3:   Ransomware attack takes down LA   hospital for hours   Video #3 for Discussion Forum 3: How   one ransomware attack cost £45m to fix | Discussion Forum 3: Cyber-<br>Security (External Threat)<br>Strategic Audit Case Study<br>Report: The External                     | SLOs 2, 3, 4    |

| Week                     | Lessons   | Readings and Videos  | Assignments   | Outcomes<br>Met |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------|
| 4<br>May 30 –<br>June 5  | Chapter 4 - Internal Assessment   | Read:   Chapter 4   Chapter 4 PowerPoint   Article: Groceries Prove a Pandemic Bright   Spot for BP and Shell   Watch:   Video Lecture: Chapter 4   Video: How to Perform a SWOT Analysis  | Discussion Forum 4: Customers,<br>Demographic, Brand<br>Recognition, Loyalty<br>Strategic Audit Case Study<br>Report: The Internal                                    | SLOs 2, 3       |
| 5                        | Chapter 5 – Strategies in Action  | Read:  | Discussion Forum 5: Social  | SLOs 2, 3       |
| June 6 – 12              | Strategy as a Choice  | Chapter 5<br>Chapter 5 PowerPoint<br><u>Watch</u> :<br>Video lecture: Chapter 5<br>Video: Strategic Planning Process<br>Video: Amazon Business Strategy<br>Video - TED Talk: Strategy as a Choice                                    | Media & the Role of Technology<br>Strategic Audit Case Study<br>Report: Analyze and<br>Recommend Strategies<br>Mid Term Exam - Financial<br>Analysis and Calculations | SLOs 2, 3       |
| 6<br>June 13 – 19        | Chapter 6 - Strategy Analysis<br>and Choice                               | <u>Read</u> :<br>Chapter 6<br>Chapter 6 PowerPoint<br><u>Watch</u> :<br>Video lecture: Chapter 6<br>Video: AT&T to merge Warner Media unit<br>with Discovery   | Discussion Forum 6: Ethics &<br>Employee Health   | SLO 4           |
| 7<br>June 20 – 26        | Chapter 7 - Implementing<br>Strategies Management and<br>Marketing Issues | Read:   Chapter 7   Chapter 7 PowerPoint   Watch:   Video lecture: Chapter 7   Video: The future of shopping: what's in store?   Video: The Rise and Fall of American Malls   Video: The Secret Behind Coca- Cola Marketing Strategy | Discussion Forum 7: Positive<br>and Negative Strategy of Your<br>Audit Company  | SLO 3           |
| 8<br>June 27 –<br>July 3 | Chapter 8 – Implementing<br>Strategies Finance and<br>Accounting Issues   | Read:   Chapter 8   Chapter 8 PowerPoint   Watch:   Video Lecture: Chapter 8   Video: How Red Bull Makes Money   Video: Could digital currencies put banks<br>out of business?   | Discussion Forum 8: Historical<br>Percentage Use and Scale<br>Strategic Audit Case Study<br>Report: Evaluation and Control  | SLO 3           |
| 9<br>July 4 – 10         | Chapter 9 - Strategy Evaluation<br>and Governance                         | <u>Read</u> :<br>Chapter 9<br>Chapter 9 PowerPoint<br><u>Watch</u> :<br>Video Lecture: Chapter 9<br>Video: Why Starbucks Failed in Australia   | Discussion Forum 9: Evaluation<br>and control<br>Strategic Audit Report: Strategic<br>Posture and Corporate<br>Governance   | SLO 3           |

| Week                     | Lessons  | Readings and Videos   | Assignments   | Outcomes<br>Met              |
|--------------------------|--|---|---|------------------------------|
| 10<br>July 11 – 17       | Chapter 10 – Business Ethics,<br>Environmental Sustainability,<br>and Corporate Social<br>Responsibility | <u>Read</u> :<br>Chapter 10<br>Article: Four Crucial Principles That Guide<br>Christian Business Ethics<br><u>Watch</u> :<br>Video Lecture: Chapter 10  | Discussion Forum 10: Four<br>Crucial Principles That<br>Guide Christian Business<br>Ethics<br>Strategic Audit Report: The<br>Internal Environment   | SLO 4                        |
| 11<br>July 18 – 24       | Chapter 11 – Global and<br>International Issues  | <u>Read</u> :<br>Chapter 11<br><u>Watch</u> :   | Discussion Forum 11: Brexit –<br>Impact on Company Strategy<br>Discussion Forum 12: Choices<br>and Business Decisions   | SLOs 2, 3<br>SLOs 1, 3       |
|                          | Think with Strategy  | Video Lecture: Chapter 11<br>Video for Discussion Forum 11: How Brexit<br>is Changing the EU<br>Video for Discussion Forum 11: Gravitas:<br>Britain Finally Exits from the European<br>Union<br>Video: Me or We: Cultural Differences<br>Between the East and West<br>Video - TED Talk: It Pays to Think with<br>Strategy |   |                              |
| 12<br>July 25 –<br>Aug 1 | Corporate Culture<br>Final Strategic Audit Case Study<br>and Presentation                                | <u>Watch</u> :<br>Video: Simon Sinek: Corporate Culture<br>Video: Case Presentation Guidelines<br>Video: Inside a Steel Plant Facing Layoffs  | Discussion Forum 13: Strategic<br>Management Perspective<br>Strategic Audit Case Study<br>Report: Executive Summary<br>Final Draft Strategic Audit Case<br>Study<br>Final Strategic Audit Case Study<br>Report Video Presentation<br>Final Strategic Audit Case Study<br>Report PowerPoint Slides | SLOs 1, 3<br>SLOs 1, 2, 3, 4 |

## **Completing Assignments**

All assignments for this course will be submitted electronically through LearningHub unless otherwise instructed.

# **Part 4: Grading Policy**

# **Graded Course Activities**

| Percent % | Description            |
|-----------|------------------------|
| 35        | Discussion Forum       |
| 45        | Case Analysis          |
| 20        | Mid-term Exam          |
| 100       | Total Percent Possible |

# **Viewing Grades in LearningHub**

- Click into the course.
- Click This Course in the top menu
- Select Grades in the drop-down

| Letter Grade | Percentage |
|--------------|------------|
| А            | 93-100%    |
| A-           | 90-92%     |
| B+           | 88-89%     |
| В            | 83-87%     |
| В-           | 80-82%     |
| C+           | 78-79%     |
| С            | 73-77%     |
| C-           | 70-72%     |
| D            | 60-69%     |
| F            | 0-59%      |

### Letter Grade Assignment

# Part 5: Course Policies

# Withdrawal and Incomplete Policies

You can view the current withdrawal policy online on our <u>Withdrawal Page</u>. You can view the Incomplete Policy on our <u>Incomplete Page</u>.

## Late Work and Discussion Forum Policy

Due dates for all assignments are clearly listed in both the LearningHub course space and the syllabus. We understand that as adult online learners, you may sometimes face challenges in meeting deadlines. This policy aims to provide flexibility while maintaining course integrity.

## Late Submissions

- Students who anticipate submitting work after the due date must communicate with their instructor prior to the deadline whenever possible.
- Late work may be accepted until the last day of the class, subject to instructor approval.
- Approved late submissions will incur a 10% deduction of the earned points.
- Acceptance of late work without prior communication is at the instructor's discretion.

## **Communication Process**

- 1. If you need to submit work late, email your instructor as soon as possible before the due date.
- 2. Explain your situation and propose a new submission date.
- 3. Wait for your instructor's response and follow their guidance.

## **Extenuating Circumstances**

- In cases of unexpected emergencies or extenuating circumstances, contact your instructor as soon as you're able.
- Depending on the situation, the instructor may waive late penalties or grant extensions.

#### **Discussion Forums**

- The participatory nature of forums requires timely engagement for meaningful interaction.
- Late discussion posts will generally not be accepted.
- In rare and exceptional circumstances, instructors may consider accepting a late forum post, but this is at the instructor's discretion.
- If you anticipate being unable to participate in a forum by the deadline, you must communicate with your instructor immediately. However, please note that extensions for forum participation are rarely granted.

We encourage open communication throughout the course. If you're struggling with deadlines or course load, please reach out to your instructor proactively to discuss your options.

### **Maintain Professional Conduct Both in the Classroom and Online**

The classroom is a professional environment where academic debate and learning take place. Your instructor will make every effort to make this environment safe for you to share your opinions, ideas, and beliefs. In return, you are expected to respect the opinions, ideas, and beliefs of other students—both in the face-to-face classroom and online communication. Students have the right and privilege to learn in the class, free from harassment and disruption.

#### Netiquette

In this course you will communicate with your classmates and instructor primarily in writing through the discussion forum and e-mail.

"Online manners" are generally known as "netiquette." As a general rule, you should adhere to the same classroom conduct that you would "off-line" in a face-to-face course. Some examples of proper netiquette are:

- 1. Avoid writing messages in all capital letters. THIS IS GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD AS SHOUTING.
- 2. Be careful what you put in writing. Even if you are writing an e-mail message to one person, assume that anyone could read it. Though you may send an e-mail to a single person, it is very easy to forward your message to hundreds or thousands of people.
- 3. Grammar and spelling matter. Online courses demand the same standard of academic communication and use of grammar as face-to-face courses.
- 4. Never use profanity in any area of an online course. The transcripts of online course discussion forums, e-mail, and chat sessions are savable.
- 5. When responding to messages, only use "Reply to All" when you really intend to reply to all.
- 6. Avoid unkindly public criticism of others. Publicly criticizing others in an inappropriate way is known as "flaming." Consider this course a practice forum for selecting your verbiage thoughtfully and professionally.
- 7. Use sarcasm cautiously. In the absence of nonverbal cues such as facial expressions and voice inflections, the context for your sarcasm may be lost, and your message may thus be misinterpreted.

8. In a face-to-face setting, our tone of voice and facial expressions may convey as much of our meaning as the words we use. In a written message, the subtext of your meaning may be confused or misinterpreted. Write clearly. Use active verbs.

[Source: University of Maryland, Communications Department]

#### **Academic Accommodations**

Students who require accommodations may request an academic adjustment as follows:

- 1. Read the <u>Andrews University Disability Accommodation information</u>
- 2. Download the <u>Accommodations Request Form here</u>. Email the completed form and disability documentation (if any) to <u>disabilities@andrews.edu</u>.
- 3. Work with the Disability Office to learn what support is available online and be ready to show your disability contract for the current semester to the exam proctor at the start of any exam session, if extra time is allowed.

#### **Commitment to Integrity**

As a student in this course, and at the university, you are expected to maintain high degrees of professionalism, commitment to active learning, participation in this course, and integrity in your behavior in and out of this online classroom.

#### **Commitment to Excellence**

You deserve a standing ovation based on your decision to enroll in, and effectively complete this course. Along with your pledge of "commitment to Integrity" you are expected to adhere to a "commitment to excellence." Andrews University has established high academic standards that will truly enhance your writing and communication skills across the disciplines and in diverse milieu with many discourse communities in the workplace.

#### Honesty

Honesty in all academic matters is a vital component of personal integrity. Breaches in academic integrity principles are taken seriously. Acts of academic dishonesty as described in the University <u>Bulletin</u> are subject to incremental disciplinary penalties with redemptive intent. Repeated and/or serious offenses will be referred to the Committee on Academic Integrity for further recommendations on penalties.

#### **AI Generated Work**

Student work may be submitted to AI or plagiarism detection tools in order to ensure that student work product is human created. The submission of AI generated work constitutes plagiarism and is a violation of the Andrews University academic integrity standards for students.

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