

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. **Identify and delineate** theoretical terms and concepts with regards to starting a business.

Course Evaluation Details:

1. **Participation Quizzes**, DUE: Throughout term (see OWL 'Tests & Quizzes' for details).
2. **Founder's Pitch Presentation**, DUE: Third week of term on your presentation day.

This is your opportunity to synthesize what has been covered in class so far and at least begin to propose your business idea (to be developed further with your interim and final business plans later on in the term). This may not be the business idea you develop in the end for class, but it will give you the chance to propose it early on and receive feedback and advice.

Fill-in single-slide "Founder's Pitch" template and memorize for your 30 second pitch presentation. In addition, be ready to answer questions around (a) the specific problem you are addressing and (b) the

7. **Final Business Plan**, DUE: The written plan is due Friday, March 22nd at 11:55pm.

The final business plan should include the following sections (subsections are described (with examples) in the www.futurpreneur.ca business plan writer tool):

- a) Company profile (updated)
- b) Market Research (updated)
- c) Sales & Marketing
- d) Operations
- e) Financials

See rubric on OWL for more information.

8. **Final Business Pitch**, DUE: The written plan is due Friday, March 22nd at 11:55pm. The oral presentations will take place starting Monday, March 25th until the end of term (Monday-Friday).

3:00 min presentation; marks (1 out of 10, or 10%) will be automatically lost if you go over 3minutes so practice, practice, practice and time yourself when you do. See slide template on OWL due

Weekly Schedule:

Week	Topic	Guests	Readings
1	Introduction; Resource Review; You and I		

Course/University Policies

1. The website for Registrarial Services is <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>.

In accordance with policy, the centrally administered e-mail account provided to students will be considered the individual's official university e-mail address. It is the responsibility of the account holder to ensure that e-mail received from the University at his/her official university address is attended to in a timely manner.

2. **Academic Offences**

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, in the Academic Calendar (westerncalendar.uwo.ca).

Plagiarism

Student work is expected to be original. Plagiarism is a serious academic offence and could lead to a zero on the assignment in question, a zero in this course, or your expulsion from the university. You are plagiarizing if you insert a phrase, sentence or paragraph taken directly from another author without acknowledging that the work belongs to him/her. Similarly, you are plagiarizing if you paraphrase or summarize another author's ideas without acknowledging that the ideas belong to someone else. All papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between Western University and Turnitin.com (www.turnitin.com).

Re-submission of Previously Graded Material

Without the explicit written permission of the instructor, you may not submit any academic work for which credit has been obtained previously, or for which credit is being sought, in another course or program of study in the University or elsewhere.

Use of Statistical Pattern Recognition on Multiple Choice Exams

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

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distract other students from learning. From time to time, your professor may ask the class to turn off all computers, to facilitate learning or discussion of the material presented in a particular class. **Unless explicitly noted otherwise, you may not**

documentation is to be submitted to academic counsellors within five (5) business days of their return to academic responsibilities. Any such documents will be retained in the student's file, and will be held in confidence in accordance with the University's Official Student Record Information Privacy Policy. Once the petition and supporting documents have been received and assessed, appropriate academic considerations shall be determined by academic counseling, in consultation with the student's instructor(s). Academic considerations may include extension of deadlines, waiver of attendance requirements for classes/labs/tutorials, arranging Special Exams or Incompletes, re-weighting course requirements, or granting late withdrawals without academic penalty. Academic considerations shall be granted only where the documentation indicates that the onset, duration and severity of the illness are such that the student could not reasonably be expected to complete their academic responsibilities. (Note

A request for relief against a mark or grade must be initiated with the instructor as soon as possible after the mark is issued. In the event that the instructor is not available to the student, or fails to act, or if the matter is not resolved satisfactorily with the instructor, a written request for relief must be submitted to the Chair of the Department within three weeks of the date that the mark was issued. In the case of a final grade in a course, the written request for relief must be submitted to the Chair of the department by January 31st (for first-term half courses) or June 30th (for second-term half courses or full-year courses)

8. Support Services

Health and Wellness:

Information regarding health and wellness-related services available to students may be found at <http://www.health.uwo.ca/>.

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western (<http://www.health.uwo.ca/>) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

There are various support services around campus and these include, but are not limited to:
Student Development Centre -- <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/ssd/>
Ombudsperson Office -- <http://www.uwo.ca/ombuds/>

9. Student Code of Conduct

The purpose of the Code of Student Conduct is to define the general standard of conduct expected of students registered at Western University, provide examples of behaviour that constitutes a breach of this standard of conduct, provide examples of sanctions that may be imposed and set out the disciplinary procedures that the University will follow. For more information, visit <https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/board/code.pdf>