

# .....COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE: Business Communications (BUS 130)  
CLASS SECTION: 003  
TERM: Fall 2023 (Mon. & Wed. 2:30-4:20 p.m.)  
COURSE CREDITS: 3  
DELIVERY METHOD(S): Face-to-face

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For COVID-19 information please visit <https://legacy.camosun.ca/covid19/index.html>.

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*Camosun College requires mandatory attendance for the first class meeting of each course. If you do not attend, and do not provide your instructor with a reasonable explanation in advance, you will be removed from the course and the space offered to the next waitlisted student.*

## INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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*As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.*

## CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

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This course will assist learners to develop effective business skills in oral presentation, written correspondence and teamwork. Learners will develop the ability to analyze their audience and message purpose in the creation and delivery of all business communication.

[https://calendar.camosun.ca/preview\\_course\\_nopop.php?catoid=7&coid=12096](https://calendar.camosun.ca/preview_course_nopop.php?catoid=7&coid=12096)

PREREQUISITE(S): One of: C in English 12; C in Camosun Alternative  
CO-REQUISITE(S): N/A  
EXCLUSION(S): N/A

## COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

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By the end of this course, the successful student will be able to do the following:

1. Communicate professionally and effectively in written, spoken, and visual forms within a business context.
  - Analyze an audience, determine the message purpose, choose an appropriate communication channel, and develop the message accordingly
  - Deliver effective oral presentations
  - Write and format standard business correspondence for a variety of distribution channels
  - Use appropriate business tone and approach (direct/indirect)
  - Analyze appropriate use of emerging technologies
  - Use self-assessment and peer review to evaluate the quality of oral and business communications
2. Demonstrate the ability to work effectively in a team to compile and present a collaborative research-based project.
  - Demonstrate interpersonal and intercultural communication skills needed to work in diverse contexts
  - Clearly identify a business problem, analyze data, synthesize results, and present clear, realistic conclusions and recommendations in written and oral form
  - Identify, cite, and format reliable and credible sources for primary and secondary research using APA style

## REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

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**Textbook:** Guffey, M. E., Loewy, D., Griffin, E. (2022). *Business Communication: Process and Product* (7<sup>th</sup> Brief Canadian ed.). Cengage.

Textbook ISBN-13: 978-0-17-691018-1

E-Book ISBN-13-9780-17-691028-0

Students may purchase a hard copy of the text OR MindTap, an online product by the text publisher which includes an e-text. You may purchase MindTap either from the Cengage Publishing website with a Canadian credit card, or via the Camosun College Bookstore. Students are required to have a hard copy or e-text of the textbook. MindTap is *\*not\** a required resource, but students may find MindTap's extra practice useful. All assignments and graded work will be done via D2L.

If you buy MindTap, you need a **student registration URL and a course key** to access it and the online materials.

**Course Link URL:** <https://student.cengage.com/course-link/MTPPQ413ZMD2>

**Course Key:** MTPP-Q413-ZMD2

Note: If you have an earlier version of the text, it is your responsibility to find all relevant pages and information; not all content will be available in older versions.

Hard copies of the text are on reserve in the library on both Camosun campuses.

Fall 2023	Hardcopy New	Hardcopy Used	E-Book only (12 months)	E-Book + 12-month MindTap	Hardcopy + 12-month MindTap
<a href="http://Cengage.ca">Cengage.ca</a>	\$108.95 *	n/a	\$65.95	\$99.95	\$128.95
<a href="http://CamosunCollegeBookstore">Camosun College Bookstore</a>	\$112.90**	\$77.00	n/a (use publisher's site)	\$99.95	\$133.65

**Important notes:**

\*The publisher recommends you purchase from the Camosun Bookstore rather than the Cengage.ca site to ensure you get the correct version of the textbook.

\*\*Camosun Bookstore charges \$10 for shipping within Canada.

**COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION**

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The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

WEEK	DATES	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	TEXT	ASSIGNMENT/QUIZ
1	Sept. 4-8 *Sept. 4: No Class	-Introductions, Course Overview, D2L/MindTap	Ch. 1	<u>Sept. 10</u> : Ch. 1 Quiz
2	Sept. 11-15	-Professionalism: Listening, Nonverbal, & Etiquette Skills -Intercultural Communication -Assignment Info: How-to Presentations -Academic Integrity (Module & Quiz)	Ch. 2 & Ch. 3	<u>Sept. 11</u> : Academic Integrity Quiz (in class) <u>Sept. 17</u> : Ch. 2 & 3 Quizzes <u>Sept. 17</u> : Post Presentation Topic
3	Sept. 18-22	-Persuasive Messages -Business Presentations	Ch. 10 & Ch. 14	<u>Sept. 20</u> : Presentation Outline Due <u>Sept. 24</u> : Ch. 10 & 14 Quizzes
4	Sept. 25-29	-In-class Presentations -Planning Business Messages	Ch. 4 & Ch. 7	<u>Sept. 25 &amp; 27</u> : In-class Presentations

WEEK	DATES	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	TEXT	ASSIGNMENT/QUIZ
		-E-mails and Electronic Messages -Introduction to Team Project -APA Citations (& Quiz)		<u>Sept. 25</u> : APA Quiz (in class) <u>Oct. 1</u> : Persuasive Message Due <u>Oct. 1</u> : Ch. 4 & 7 Quizzes
5	Oct. 2-6 *Oct. 2: No Class	-In-class Presentations -Organizing & Drafting Business Messages -Revising Business Messages -Team Project: Topic & Team Contract	Ch. 5, Ch. 6	<u>Oct. 4</u> : In-class Presentations <u>Oct. 8</u> : Ch. 5 & 6 Quizzes
6	Oct. 9-13 *Oct. 9: No Class	-In-class Presentations -Informal Proposals -Team Project: Proposal	Ch. 13	<u>Oct. 11</u> : In-class Presentations <u>Oct. 11</u> : Team Contract Due <u>Oct. 15</u> : Ch. 13 Quiz
7	Oct. 16-20	-Midterm Review -Positive Messages -Team Project: Proposal	Ch. 8	<u>Oct. 16-18</u> : In-class Presentations <u>Oct. 18</u> : Team Proposal Due
8	Oct. 23-27	-Midterm Exam -Research, Documentation, Writing Reports	Ch. 11 & Ch. 12	<u>Oct. 23</u> : Midterm Exam (In class) <u>Oct. 29</u> : Ch. 11 Quiz
9	Oct. 30- Nov. 3	-Team Project: Writing, Data Analysis & Presenting	Ch. 12	<u>Nov. 5</u> : Ch. 12 Quiz <u>Nov. 5</u> : Team Progress Report Due <u>Nov. 5</u> : Team Self/Peer Evaluations Due
10	Nov. 6-10	-Formal Business Reports -Team Project: Work in class	Ch. 13	<u>Nov. 12</u> : Ch. 13 Quiz
11	Nov. 13-17 *No Class	-Negative Messages	Ch. 9	<u>Nov. 19</u> : Negative Message Due <u>Nov. 19</u> : Ch. 9 Quiz
12	Nov. 20-24	-Business Presentations	Ch. 14 (Review)	<u>Nov. 26</u> : Team Presentation Outline Due <u>Nov. 26</u> : Team Draft Report Due
13	Nov. 27- Dec. 1	-Team Presentations -Team Project: Final Report Writing		<u>Dec. 3</u> : Team Final Report Due
14	Dec. 4-8	-Team Presentations -Team Project: Individual Reflection Memo		<u>Dec. 10</u> : Team Project Reflection Due

WEEK	DATES	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	TEXT	ASSIGNMENT/QUIZ
EXAM WEEK	Dec. 11-15	NO Final Exam for BUS 130		

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

## EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
<b>INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENTS</b>	26%
Individual Presentation Outline (5%)	
Individual Presentation (5%)	
Individual Written Assignment 1 (8%) (Persuasive Message)	
Individual Written Assignment 2 (8%) (Negative Message)	
<b>QUIZZES</b>	14%
APA and Academic Integrity Quizzes (4%)	
D2L Chapter Quizzes (10%)	
<b>MIDTERM</b>	25%
MC D2L Exam (20%)	
Written component (5%)	
<b>PROFESSIONALISM/PARTICIPATION/ATTENDANCE</b>	10%
<b>TEAM ASSIGNMENT</b>	25%
Contract (2.5%)	
Project Scenario (1.25%)	
Proposal (5%)	
Final Written Report (10%)	
Final Presentation (6.25%)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](#) policy for more information.

## COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

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### ASSIGNMENTS

The School of Business uses APA style for formatting assignments and citing references. Proper citations and formatting using APA style will be required. See current Camosun College Library APA Citation Style Guide (7<sup>th</sup> edition) available at: <https://camosun.libguides.com/apa7>

Where required by your instructor, submit all assignments into the D2L assignments by your last name. In-text citations for quotes, paraphrasing, and references must be consistent with APA standards. Grammar, spelling, style and APA formatting, citations and referencing will be assessed in your mark. All submitted work must be properly referenced to sources.

Unless otherwise specified, you are to submit your own work. Any work collaborated on (unless permitted by the course) will be considered in violation of the college's Academic Integrity policy. See Camosun College (2021) [Academic Integrity Policy](#)

### Instructor Course Policies.

a) Team Project Assignment. Teamwork in a key learning outcome for this course. The following policies are intended to promote team fairness and success.

- I. At their discretion, the instructor can remove students from a team for non-performance or failure to meet the agreements laid out in their team charter. While every effort is made to ensure fairness by speaking to students before removing them from a team, students who do not respond to instructor requests for such a meeting will be removed.
- II. Students who are removed from their team will lose their Professionalism score and will be required to do a make-up assignment of the equivalent grade value.

b) Grades

- I. Students are responsible for checking their grades for accuracy and completeness within seven days of release (ONE day for final grades). Any discrepancies, questions, or requests for re-assessment must be brought to the instructor during this time frame. Assignment reassessments and grade changes beyond these time frames are at the discretion of the instructor.

c) Communication

- I. Students must check D2L email at least once every two days and respond to instructor emails within two days.

## SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

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### DEADLINES and EXAMS

You must submit your assignments by the due date or as announced. A grade of zero will be assigned to late submissions. There are no additional assignments or make-up exams of any kind if you performed poorly on an assignment, midterm, or final exam.

**EXAM DATES WILL NOT BE RESCHEDULED.** Non-attendance on scheduled exam dates will result in a zero grade. All exams must be written at the scheduled times with the exception of students requiring an accommodation by CAL (the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#)). It is understood that emergency circumstances do occur (e.g. severe illness or family emergency); for such circumstances accommodation may be granted at the discretion of the instructor, provided the student:

- a) notifies the instructor in advance of the exam (not after), and
- b) provides documented evidence of the circumstance (e.g. medical certificate).

In most cases of an excused absence for an exam, an alternate exam will be scheduled for the student at the end of term.

Medical notes must be dated, signed, and be written on letterhead or prescription paper imprinted with the physician's name and address. Notes are accepted from Physician (GP or medical specialist), Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Counsellor and Aboriginal Elder.

Students registered through the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) should discuss timelines with their instructors at the beginning of each semester.

Do not make travel plans until the final exam schedules are finalized and posted. Please ask any family members who might make travel plans on your behalf to consult you before booking tickets. Travel plans are not an acceptable reason to miss an exam.

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

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Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

## SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

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Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	<a href="http://camosun.ca/advising">http://camosun.ca/advising</a>
Academic English Support	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/multilingual-student-support">https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/multilingual-student-support</a>
Accessible Learning	<a href="http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning">http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning</a>
Counselling	<a href="http://camosun.ca/counselling">http://camosun.ca/counselling</a>
Career Services	<a href="http://camosun.ca/coop">http://camosun.ca/coop</a>
Financial Aid and Awards	<a href="http://camosun.ca/financialaid">http://camosun.ca/financialaid</a>
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	<a href="http://camosun.ca/help-centres">http://camosun.ca/help-centres</a>
Indigenous Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/indigenous">http://camosun.ca/indigenous</a>
International Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/international/">http://camosun.ca/international/</a>
Learning Skills	<a href="http://camosun.ca/learningskills">http://camosun.ca/learningskills</a>
Library	<a href="http://camosun.ca/services/library/">http://camosun.ca/services/library/</a>
Office of Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/oss">http://camosun.ca/oss</a>
Ombudsperson	<a href="http://camosun.ca/ombuds">http://camosun.ca/ombuds</a>
Registration	<a href="http://camosun.ca/registration">http://camosun.ca/registration</a>
Technology Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/its">http://camosun.ca/its</a>
Writing Centre	<a href="http://camosun.ca/writing-centre">http://camosun.ca/writing-centre</a>

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

## COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

### Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>



### Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

### Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

### Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

### Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

### Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

### Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

Camosun College requires mandatory attendance for the first class meeting of each course. If you do not attend, and do not provide your instructor with a reasonable reason in advance, you will be removed from the course and the space offered to the next waitlisted student. For more information, please see the "Attendance" section under "Registration Policies and Procedures" (<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html>) and the Grading Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf>.

### Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

### Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services->

and-support/e-2.9.pdf and [camosun.ca/sexual-violence](http://camosun.ca/sexual-violence). To contact the Office of Student Support: [oss@camosun.ca](mailto:oss@camosun.ca) or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-370-3841

### Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

**Changes to this Syllabus:** Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.