 

COURSE SYLLABUS

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| BUS 480 (Online) |
| Management Capstone | |
| Fall | 2023 | |

Course Prefix & Number

Course Name

Term

# Course Information

## Instructor Information

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| **Instructor:** | Jim Servi |
| **Office:** | 104C Wausau, 449 Marshfield, & CPS 413 Stevens Point |
| **Physical Available Hours:** | 3:30 – 4:30 Wednesdays (rotating between Marshfield and Wausau so please email me in advance to confirm) |
| **Virtual Available Hours:** | 9:00 – 11:00 Mondays or any time that is flexible for you |
| **Office Telephone:** | (715) 680-0149 |
| **E-mail:** | jservi@uwsp.edu |
| **Expected Instructor Response Time:** | No more than 2 Business Days  (I’m available via email/Canvas messages, phone, text, or we can set up a Zoom meeting. Basically, whatever works best for you and I will get back in touch with you as soon as possible.) |

## Course Information

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| **Meeting Time & Location for face-to-face sessions (Section 1 of this course):** | 100% Online |
| **Meeting Time & Location for face-to-face sessions (Section 2 of this course):** | 100% Online |
| **Course Description:** | Advanced course in business administration using the case method to develop integrative problem-solving approaches to complex management problems. Analysis, formulation, and execution of business strategies.  Two short quotes from President Eisenhower, referring to his experience with military planning, give great insight:  “In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable.”  “Plans are nothing; planning is everything.”  Further, as the management scholar Peter Drucker wrote:  “Plans are only good intentions unless they immediately degenerate into hard work.”  Strategic planning---the focus of this class---is sometimes criticized because things never go exactly as planned. That’s oversimplifying; this doesn’t mean that we shouldn’t spend time on planning. Instead, we need to plan as best we can at present, and be prepared to make adjustments as conditions change.  While you refine your strategic planning skills, you will also be building other important skills for your future professional career. You will be practicing your business writing, presentation, teamwork and creativity skills. In both class discussions and your written work, I will expect careful reasoning and analysis. We will also focus on steps you can take now to boost your professional development, such as improving your resume, learning about LinkedIn and planning for a good start in your first professional position. |
| **Credits:** | 3.0 |
| **Prerequisites:** | All other undergraduate requirements |

## Textbook & Course Materials

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| **Required Text(s):** | Strategic Management: Text and Cases, Gregory Dess, Gerry McNamara, Alan Eisner, & Steve Sauerwald, McGraw Hill, 11th Edition, ISBN: 978-1-264-12432-9 or 978-1-266-00227-4  (10th Edition will also work for this class) |
| **Recommended Text(s):** | None |
| **Other Readings:** | Assigned in Class |
| **Other Required Materials / Applications:** | Computer and reliable Internet access |

## Course Technology

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| **Course Website:** | UWSP Canvas |
| **Other Websites:** | None |
| **Course Delivery:** | Online |
| **Delivery Mode Changes:** | Changes to course delivery may occur at any time during the term to address public health and safety concerns. |
| **Canvas Support:** | Click on the HELP button (  ) in the global (left) navigation menu and note the options that appear:   * Ask Your Instructor a Question *Submit a question to your instructor*   + Use Ask Your Instructor a Question sparingly; technical questions are best reserved for Canvas personnel and help as detailed below. * Chat with Canvas Support (Student) *Live Chat with Canvas Support 24x7!*   + Chatting with Canvas Support (Student) will initiate a *text chat* with Canvas support. Response can be qualified with severity level. * Contact Canvas Support via email *Canvas support will email a response*   + Contacting Canvas Support via email will allow you to explain in detail or even upload a screenshot to show your difficulty. * Contact Canvas Support via phone *Find the phone number for your institution*   + Calling the Canvas number will let Canvas know that you're from UWSP; phone option is available 24/7. * Search the Canvas Guides *Find answers to common questions*   + Searching the [Canvas guides](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10701) connects you to documents that are searchable by issue. You may also opt for [Canvas video guides](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-3891). * Submit a Feature Idea *Have an idea to improve Canvas?*   + If you have an idea for Canvas that might make instructions or navigation easier, feel free to offer your thoughts through this Submit a Feature Idea avenue.   Self-train on Canvas through the Self-enrolling/paced [Canvas training course.](https://uws.instructure.com/courses/45767) |
| **UWSP Technology Support:** | The Office of Information Technology (IT) provides a Service Desk to assist students with connecting to the Campus Network, virus and spyware removal, file recovery, equipment loan, and computer repair. You can contact the Service Desk via email at [techhelp@uwsp.edu](mailto:techhelp@uwsp.edu) or at (715) 346-4357 (HELP) or visit: [IT Service Desk.](https://www.uwsp.edu/infotech/Pages/ServiceDesk/default.aspx)  For technology instruction sheets, online support videos, and other related resources, go to: [UWSP Online Student Support.](https://www.uwsp.edu/online/Pages/Student-Support.aspx)  The university also provides a Technology Tutoring service in which tutors meet with students one-on-one to provide technology assistance. To receive help of this nature visit**:** [Tech Essentials Training.](https://www3.uwsp.edu/tlc/Pages/TechEssentials.aspx)  Additional tools designed to help students taking online or hybrid courses can be found at: [UWSP Online Student Orientation.](https://www.uwsp.edu/online/Pages/Online%20Student%20Orientation.aspx) |

# Learning Outcomes

## Course Goals

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| This class is intended to prepare you for leadership roles and greater responsibility in the business world. The goal is to gain a deeper understanding of strategy and challenge you to think outside of the box when it comes to analyzing internal and external factors related to strategy. You will do this by analyzing your personal experience, learning from your classmates, and understanding the theories and principles driving strategy and emerge with a strategic review and analysis of a company. You will present that strategic review to a group of local business leaders to get their insights and gain approval of your plan. |

## Course Learning Objectives

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| • Conduct an internal assessment of an organization’s capabilities, strengths, and weaknesses  • Conduct an external assessment of an organization’s competition and competitive environment  • Create a strategic assessment of an organization  • Work effectively as a group to navigate project requirements  • Present your findings in a succinct manner through executive summaries, strategic pitches, and presentations  • Complete professional development preparing you for the next step in your career |

## Academic Unit

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| **SBE Mission:** | The UW-Stevens Point School of Business and Economics creates career ready graduates and leaders through applied learning. We serve the businesses, economy, and people of the greater Central Wisconsin region. We specialize in preparing students for success by providing professional development experiences, access to employers, and in-demand skills.  The SBE achieves its mission by valuing:   * Talent development * Lifelong learning * Career preparation * On the job experiences * Community outreach * Regional partnerships * Continuous improvement |
| **Accreditation Commitment:** | SBE is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), a designation earned by only 5 percent of world business schools. Accreditation instills a culture of continuously improving our programs through connections with local business leaders, alumni and the community. |

# Course Policies

## Attendance

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| This course is completed entirely online with deadlines according to the course schedule except two mandatory requirements: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 from 5:00-8:00 CST for our class presentations on Zoom and one of the required Senior Banquets (either in-person on October 5 from 12:00-1:45 or via Zoom on October 17 from 5:30-6:45). |

## Late Work

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| Late work will be assessed a deduction of 10% per day, up to 50%, unless pre-approved for a valid reason. |

## Etiquette/Netiquette

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| 3.3.1 General Policy Guidelines  Etiquette/Netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly during on-campus/online components of a UWSP course. As the instructor, it is my goal to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for all students. Therefore, breaches of Etiquette/Netiquette are defined as any behaviors that are disruptive to the learning environment. The following examples provide a foundational description of Etiquette/Netiquette and breaches thereof:  • Displaying respect for others is required at all times. It is not required that you share the perspectives of your classmates, but rather that you do not discredit their right to have their own opinion. Expressing alternate viewpoints is important, but this should be done in a collegial manner.  • Side discussions (on-campus or online), listening to head phones, sleeping in class, and abusive language is considered disruptive behavior.  • No shouting, no profane language, no verbal or physical threats, no intimidation of any kind.  • Not arriving to class under the influence of any alcohol or drugs.  • Please come to class on time. Students should inform the instructor via email prior to class if he or she must arrive late or leave early.  • Cell phones, tablets, laptops, or any other electronic devices, while permitted in class, must be used in a way that is not disruptive to the class. Electronic devices are to be used only for note taking and to participate in class. Texting, checking social media, email, etc. is not permitted. If you are using technology inappropriately, you will be asked to put your device away for the remainder of the class session. If you or those around you appear severely distracted by an electronic device at any time, the instructor may ask you to show the content of your screen or to leave the classroom.  3.3.2 Penalties for Misconduct  The instructor reserves the right to ask students to leave the class or to issue grade penalties for misconduct. Grade penalties are not given lightly and not without clear and justifiable cause. Grade penalties will only be applied in cases where the student has, without question, diminished the learning environment for others. Students will always be notified via email, without delay, if they incur a grade penalty of any kind. Any continued disruptive behavior may result in a referral to the Dean of Students office. |

# Grading

## Grading Scheme

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| **Letter  Grade** | **Percentage Range  ( x = your score )** | | | | |
| A | 93.0% | ≤ | x | ≤ | 100.0% (or other max) |
| A- | 90.0% | ≤ | x | ≤ | 92.9% |
| B+ | 87.0% | ≤ | x | ≤ | 89.9% |
| B | 83.0% | ≤ | x | ≤ | 86.9% |
| B- | 80.0% | ≤ | x | ≤ | 82.9% |
| C+ | 77.0% | ≤ | x | ≤ | 79.9% |
| C | 73.0% | ≤ | x | ≤ | 76.9% |
| C- | 70.0% | ≤ | x | ≤ | 72.9% |
| D+ | 67.0% | ≤ | x | ≤ | 69.9% |
| D | 60.0% | ≤ | x | ≤ | 66.9% |
| F | 0.0% | ≤ | x | ≤ | 59.9% |

## Grading Notes (if provided)

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| Assessments  Strategic Review – 350 points (35%)  Team Collaboration – 50 points  Part – 1, 2, & 3 - 60 points for each  Presentation - 60 points  Strategic Review Rehearsal– 30 points  Strategic Review/Group Project Check-ins – 30 points  Discussion (Online Classroom) - 10 discussion forums @ 20 points each = 200 points (20%)  Professional Development Series – 100 points (10%)  Pro-Event Attendance – 100 points (10%)  Senior Banquet Attendance – 50 points (5%)  Video Check-ins – 50 points (5%)  Lunch with a Leader – 50 points (5%)  Assignments – 100 points (10%)  Memo Assignment – 20 points  Who I Am? – 20 points  Why Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Matter – 20 points  SBE Pre-Graduation Tasks – 20 points  Miscellaneous (check-ins, thank-you notes, etc.) – 20 points |
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## Points Available (Above)

# Coursework Descriptions & Commentary

## Exams

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| There are no exams for this course. |

## Quizzes

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| There are no quizzes for this course. |

## Assignments/Course Schedule

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| **Week of September 5, 2023 – September 10, 2023**  Review Instructor Introduction/Teaching Philosophy  Review Course Schedule and Class Syllabus  Review Class Project/Strategic Review  Online Classroom #1 – Complete Introductions and Understanding of Syllabus, Course Schedule, and Strategic Review (Due September 12 by 11:59pm)  Memo Assignment (Due September 12 by 11:59pm)  Who I Am Assignment (Due September 12 by 11:59pm)  **Week of September 11, 2023 – September 17, 202****3**  Review Chapter 1/Trends  I’ll post groups this week - Schedule time to meet with your Group for Class Projects  Begin Team Collaboration/Team Registration Form (Due September 19 by 11:59pm)  Complete Online Classroom #2 (Due September 19 by 11:59pm)  Select Pro-Events to attend this semester and put them on your calendar  Professional Development Series (PD #1 due September 19 by 11:59pm)  **Week of September 18, 2023 – September 24, 2023**  Review Chapter 2/Porters  Complete Online Classroom #3 (Due September 26 by 11:59pm)  Continue working on Strategic Review Part 1 (Due October 17 by 11:59pm)  **Week of September 25, 2023 – October 1, 2023**  Review Chapter 3  Complete Online Classroom #4 (Due October 3 by 11:59pm)  Professional Development Series (PD #2 due October 3 by 11:59pm)  Continue working on Strategic Review Part 1 (Due October 17 by 11:59pm)  **Week of October 2, 2023 – October 8, 2023**  Review Chapter 4  Complete Online Classroom #5 (Due October 10 by 11:59pm)  Complete Why Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Matters (Due October 10 by 11:59pm)  Continue working on Strategic Review Part 1 (Due October 17 by 11:59pm)  ***\*\*Senior Banquet Attendance Option #1: Tuesday, October 5 from 12:00 – 1:45 pm in DUC.\*\****  **Week of October 9, 2023 – October 15, 2023**  Review Chapter 5  Submit Strategic Review Part 1 (Due October 17 by 11:59pm)  Complete Online Classroom #6 (Due October 17 by 11:59pm)  **Week of October 16, 2023 – October 22, 2023**  Review Chapter 6  Complete Online Classroom #7 (Due October 24 by 11:59pm)  Continue working on Strategic Review Part 2 (Due November 14 by 11:59pm)  ***\*\*Senior Banquet Attendance Option #2: Tuesday, October 17 from 5:30 – 6:45 pm on Zoom\*\****  **Week of October 23, 2023 – October 29, 2023**  Review PACADI Framework/Tyson Case Study  Mid-semester Pro-event (Due October 27)  Complete Online Classroom #8 (Due October 31 by 11:59pm)  Continue working on Strategic Review Part 2 (Due November 14 by 11:59pm)  **Week of October 30, 2022 – November 5, 2023**  No Online Classroom  Submit Professional Development #3 (Due: November 7 by 11:59pm)  Continue working on Strategic Review Part 2 (Due November 14 by 11:59pm)  **Week of November 6, 2023 – November 12, 2023**  Review Chapter 7  Submit Strategic Review Part 2 (Due: November 14 by 11:59pm)  Complete Online Classroom #9 (Due November 14 by 11:59pm)  Continue working on Strategic Review Part 3 (Due: December 6, 2022 by 11:59pm)  **Week of November 13, 2023 – November 19, 2023**  Review Chapters 9-12  Complete Online Classroom #10 (Due November 21 by 11:59pm)  Continue working on Strategic Review Part 3 (Due: December 5 by 11:59pm)  **Week of November 20, 2023 – November 26, 2023**  Happy Thanksgiving!  **Week of November 27, 2023 – December 3, 2023**  Develop your Presentation  Submit Strategic Review Part 3 (Due: December 5 by 11:59pm)  **Week of December 4, 2023 – December 10, 2023**  Develop your Presentation  Project Presentation Rehearsals  Complete SBE Pre-Graduation Tasks (Due: December 12 by 11:59pm)  **Week of December 11, 2023 – December 17, 2023**  ***Project Presentations – These will be completed via Zoom on Tuesday, December 12 from 5:00-8:00 CST***  End of Semester Pro-events Deadline (Due December 15)  **Week of December 18, 2023 – December 22, 2023**  No Finals for this class |

## Smiley Professional Events – This section applies only to courses requiring Pro Events

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| **Smiley Professional Events** (or **Pro Events**) and the **Anderson Classroom to Career Center (C2C)** are flagship programs of the Sentry School.  Pro Events connect you to:   * *Campus* (e.g., academic coaching, student clubs); * *Community* (e.g., Rotary, Business Council): and * *Careers* (e.g., internships, networking).   As a Sentry School student, you will be able to choose from a wide variety of speakers, workshops and special events. With over 300 events per year on the Pro Events calendar, you will have significant flexibility in selecting your events. Whatever you choose, Pro Events will help you to make the most out of your time as a student and to prepare for transitioning into a successful career.  Find the Pro Events calendar in the new virtual C2C! Get started by either downloading the Suitable app in your preferred app store or by visiting **app.suitable.co**. Then log in with your UWSP email; be sure to give access to your camera and turn on notifications. Later in the semester, you will receive instructions on how to request that your Pro Events attendance credits be applied to your Sentry School classes with Pro Events requirements.  ***For this course, you must attend six official Pro Events.  Three events must be before the mid-semester cut-off of Oct. 27; an additional three events must be before the end-of-semester cut-off (Dec. 15).  If you go to extra events before the mid-semester cut-off, those credits will carry over into the second half of the semester.  Attendance at each event will count for 20 points towards your final grade.***  You may earn Pro Events credits by attending both live Zoom events and in-person events. For maximum schedule flexibility, check out the Anderson Center Canvas page for details on “Create Your Own” events and the “Lunch with a Leader” program. “Create Your Own” events include meetings with Career Advising, Financial Coaching or Academic Coaching staff. The “Lunch with a Leader” program allows you to set up a lunch (virtual or in-person) with a business expert to learn more about their industry, company and profession.  **Only students registered for 100% online or branch-campus classes have access to Pro Events recordings.** The number of videos available will be pro-rated based on the number of such courses in which you are enrolled. Video events must be completed one week before the general Pro Events cut-offs. **For Fall 2023, the video deadlines are Oct. 20 for the first half-semester and Dec. 8 for the second half-semester.**  Attendance at Pro Events will be confirmed within the Pro Events Tracker in the virtual C2C. Please allow a week for confirmation of attendance at events held outside the Sentry School, such as Career Services events. If you have a question about Pro Events attendance, please email [proevents@uwsp.edu](mailto:proevents@uwsp.edu) .  If you have multiple courses or affiliations with Pro Events requirements, it is your responsibility to make sure you have attended enough events for each course/affiliation. |

# Schedule

## Dates and Deadlines

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| The instructor will provide a tentative course schedule in a supplementary file. All provided course schedules are organized by week number in accordance with the official UWSP Academic calendar. A direct link to the UWSP Academic calendar can be found here: [UWSP Academic Calendar.](https://www.uwsp.edu/acadaff/Pages/AcademicCalendar.aspx) |

# Other Administrative Details

## ADA / Equal Access for Students with Disabilities

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| The American Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal law requiring educational institutions to provide reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. Links to UWSP’s policies regarding ADA, nondiscrimination, and Online Accessibility (IT & Communication Accessibility) can be found at: [UW Legal and Policy Information.](https://www.uwsp.edu/datc/Pages/uw-legal-policy-info.aspx)  UW-Stevens Point will modify academic program requirements as necessary to ensure that they do not discriminate against qualified applicants or students with disabilities.  The modifications should not affect the substance of educational programs or compromise academic standards; nor should they intrude upon academic freedom. Examinations or other procedures used for evaluating students' academic achievements may be adapted. The results of such evaluation must demonstrate the student's achievement in the academic activity, rather than describe his/her disability.  If modifications are required due to a disability, please inform the instructor and contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) to complete an Accommodations Request form. The DRC is located in room 108 in the Collins Classroom Center (CCC). For more information, call 715-346-3365 email [drc@uwsp.edu](mailto:drc@uwsp.edu), or visit: [Disability Resource Center](http://www.uwsp.edu/drc) |

## Nondiscrimination Statement

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| No person shall be discriminated against because of race, ethnicity, color, age, religion, creed, gender, gender identity, sexuality, disability, nationality, culture, genetic information, socioeconomic status, marital status, veteran’s status, or political belief or affiliation and equal opportunity and access to facilities shall be available to all. To address concerns regarding any of these issues please call 715‑346‑2606 or visit: [Equal Opportunity Human Resources](http://www.uwsp.edu/hr/Pages/Affirmative%20Action/About-EAA.aspx) |

## SBE Inclusivity Statement

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| It is my intent that students from diverse backgrounds and perspectives be well-served by this course, that students’ learning needs be addressed both in and out of class, and that the diversity that the students bring in and out of class be viewed as a resource, strength, and benefit. Every person has a unique perspective and we learn from hearing many of them, but not all perspectives are represented in course readings. So, learning depends upon all of you contributing to the class with your own opinions and perspectives. It is my intent to present materials and activities that are respectful of diversity: gender identity, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, nationality, religion, and culture. Your suggestions are encouraged and appreciated. Please let me know ways to improve the effectiveness of the course for you personally, or for other students or student groups.  If you have experienced a bias incident (an act of conduct, speech, or expression to which a bias motive is evident as a contributing factor regardless of whether the act is criminal) at UWSP, you have the right to report it. To do so, first go to the [Hate Bias Response Team website](https://www3.uwsp.edu/hbrt/Pages/default.aspx), then click the button that corresponds to the appropriate campus, and finally complete and submit the report. You may also contact the Dean of Students office directly at [dos@uwsp.edu](mailto:dos@uwsp.edu).  Further information on UWSP’s commitment to an inclusive campus can be found here: [Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion](https://www.uwsp.edu/equity-diversity-inclusion/?_ga=2.153240891.2061676798.1662211020-1646716202.1584973873) |

## Religious Beliefs Accommodation

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| It is UW System policy (UWS 22) to reasonably accommodate your sincerely held religious beliefs with respect to all examinations and other academic requirements. A direct link to this policy can be found here: [Chapter UWS 22 Accommodation of Religious Beliefs](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/uws/22). |

## Help Resources

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| This section offers help resources relating to academic tutoring, healthcare, counseling, and other matter of student wellbeing. For help recourse related to technology use, please see section 1.4 above.  The Tutoring and Learning Center helps with Study Skills, Writing, Technology, Math, & Science. The Tutoring and Learning Center is located at 234 Collins Classroom Center (CCC). For more information, call 715‑346‑3568 or visit: [Tutoring-Learning Center (TLC) at UWSP](https://www.uwsp.edu/tlc/Pages/default.aspx).  If you need healthcare, UWSP Student Health Service provides student-centered healthcare that empowers and promotes wellness for all UWSP students. Student Health Service is located on the 1st floor of Delzell Hall. For more information, call 715‑346‑4646 or visit: [UWSP Student Health Services.](http://www.uwsp.edu/stuhealth/Pages/default.aspx)  The UWSP Counseling Center is staffed with licensed mental health professionals dedicated to assisting students as they navigate difficult circumstances or resolve personal concerns. Therapy and consultation services are free of charge for registered students. The UWSP Counseling Center is located on the 3rd Floor of Delzell Hall. For more information, call 715-346-3553 or visit: [UWSP Counseling Center.](http://www.uwsp.edu/counseling/Pages/default.aspx)  In addition to the support services provided by Student Health Service and the UWSP Counseling, there are also professional support services available to students through the Dean of Students. Responding to students with care, concern, and resources is critical in supporting the success of our students and campus community, and therefore the Dean of Students maintains a list of resources that can provide support for a wide variety of situation. That list can be found here,  [Dean of Students Resources](https://www3.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/resources.aspx). Moreover, the Office of the Dean of Students supports the campus community by reaching out and providing resources in areas where a student may be struggling or experiencing barriers to their success. Faculty and staff are asked to be proactive, supportive, and involved in facilitating the success of our students through early detection, reporting, and intervention. As such, an instructor may contact the Office of the Dean of Students if he or she senses that a student is in need of additional support beyond what the instructor is able to provide. Simply put, the Dean of Students is here to help. If you are ever unsure of what to do or who to contact, contact the Dean of Students Office at 715-346-2611 or visit them online at [UWSP Office of the Dean of Students.](http://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/default.aspx)  UWSP students may also share a concern directly if they or another member of our campus community needs support, is distressed, or exhibits concerning behavior that is interfering with the academic or personal success and/or the safety of others. Please report any concerns of this nature at: [UWSP Dean of Students Anonymous Reports.](https://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/Anonymous-Report.aspx) |

## Emergency Response Guide

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| In the event of an emergency, follow UWSP’s emergency response procedures. For details on all emergency response procedures, please go to: [UWSP Emergency Guidebook pdf.](https://www3.uwsp.edu/emergency/Documents/UWSP%20Emergency%20Guidebook.pdf) |

## UWSP Community Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

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| UWSP values a safe, honest, respectful, and inviting learning environment. In order to ensure that each student has the opportunity to succeed, a set of expectations has been developed for all students, staff, and faculty. This set of expectations is known as the Rights and Responsibilities document, and it is intended to help establish a positive living and learning environment at UWSP. For more information, go to: [UWSP Community Bill of Rights and Responsibilities.](https://catalog.uwsp.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=422#section-1-communal-bill-of-rights-and-responsibilities) |

## University Attendance Policy

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| In addition to the course attendance policies determined by the instructor (noted above if applicable), the university provide standard guidelines by which students are to abide. All exceptions to the course attendance policy or the university guidelines should be documented in writing. A link to the university’s attendance guidelines can be found at: [University Attendance Policy.](https://www.uwsp.edu/regrec/Pages/Attendance-Policy.aspx) |

## University Drop Policy

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| You are expected to complete the courses for which you register. If you decide you do not want to take a course, you must follow the procedures established by the university to officially drop the course. If you never attend or stop attending a course and fail to officially drop, you will receive an F in the course at end of the semester. A link to the university’s drop policy can be found at: [University Drop Policy.](https://catalog.uwsp.edu/content.php?catoid=11&navoid=431&hl=add%2Fdrop&returnto=search#Drop/Add/Withdrawal_Procedures) |

## Academic Honesty

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| UW System policy (UWS 14) states that students are responsible for the honest completion and representation of their work, for the appropriate citation of sources, and for respect of others' academic endeavors. Students suspected of academic misconduct will be asked to meet with the instructor to discuss the concerns. If academic misconduct is evident, procedures for determining disciplinary sanctions will be followed as outlined in UWS 14. A direct link to this policy can be found here: [Chapter UWS 14 Student Academic Disciplinary Procedures.](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/uws/14) |

## Grade Reviews/Appeals

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| A formal grade appeal, also known as a Grade Review, can be requested in instances when the student feels that he or she was not provided a syllabus with a grading scale in a timely manner (i.e., the end of the second week of classes) and/or the instructor did not stick with the grading scale published in the syllabus. Questions of whether or not the instructor appropriately graded one or more of the course assignments, quizzes, exams, etc. are not matters to be decided by a formal grade appeal, but rather should be taken up with the instructor directly. Information on grade reviews can be found in the University Handbook, Chapter 7, Section 5. A link to the university’s policies on non-academic misconduct can be found at: [UWSP Grade Reviews/Appeals](https://www.uwsp.edu/acadaff/Pages/gradeReview.aspx). |

## Non-Academic Misconduct

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| Information on non-academic misconduct can be found in Chapters 17 and 18 of the Student Rights and Responsibilities Document. A link to the university’s policies on non-academic misconduct can be found at: [UWSP Non-Academic Misconduct](https://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/stu-conduct.aspx). |

## Confidentiality

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| Under FERPA, students cannot remain anonymous in a class. Students are permitted to know who else is in their class.  Learning requires risk-taking and sharing ideas. Please keep your classmates’ ideas and experiences confidential outside the classroom unless permission has been granted to share them.  This course may require students to post their work online using applications or services that have not been approved by UW-system. In this situation, the students work will only be viewable only by his or her classmates. None of the work submitted online will be shared publicly. Some assignments require account creation for online programs. The instructor of this course will not share your academic records (grades, student IDs). Confidentiality of student work is imperative, so you should not share the work of your peers publicly without their permission. By participating in these assignments, you are giving consent to sharing of your work with others in this class and you recognize there is a small risk of your work being shared online beyond the purposes of this course. Examples of additional risks include data mining by the company providing the service, selling of your email to third parties, and release of ownership of data shared through the tool. Please contact your instructor prior to the due date if you wish not to participate in these online assignments due to confidentiality concerns.  UW-System approved tools meet security, privacy, and data protection standards. For a list of approved tools, go to: [UWS Digital Learning Environment External Application Integration Requests](https://www.wisconsin.edu/dle/external-application-integration-requests/). Tools not listed on the website linked above may not meet security, privacy, and data protection standards. If you have questions about tools, contact the UWSP IT Service Desk at 715-346-4357. Links to the Terms of Use and Privacy Polices for tool used at UWSP be found at: <https://www.uwsp.edu/online/Pages/Privacy-and-Accessibility-Links.aspx>  Here are steps you can take to protect your data and privacy:   * Use different usernames and passwords for each service you use * Do not use your UWSP username and password for any other services * Use secure versions of websites whenever possible (HTTPS instead of HTTP) * Have updated antivirus software installed on your devices   Additional resources regarding information security at UWSP can be found at: [Terms of Use and Privacy Policies for Tools Used](https://www.uwsp.edu/online/Pages/Privacy-and-Accessibility-Links.aspx)  It is important for students to understand that faculty are required to report any incidents of maltreatment, discrimination, self-harm, or sexual violence they become aware of, even if those incidents occurred in the past, off campus, or are disclosed as part of a class assignment. This does not mean an investigation will occur if the student does not want that, but it does allow the university to provide resources to help the student continue to be successful. |

## Intellectual Property - A Guide to Student Recording & Sharing Class Content

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| Lecture materials and recordings for this class are protected intellectual property at UW-Stevens Point. Students in this course may use the materials and recordings for their personal use related to participation in this class. Students may also take notes solely for their personal use. If a lecture is not already recorded, you are not authorized to record my lectures without my permission unless you are considered by the university to be a qualified student with a disability requiring accommodation. [Regent Policy Document 4-1] Students may not copy or share lecture materials and recordings outside of class, including posting on internet sites or selling to commercial entities. Students are also prohibited from providing or selling their personal notes to anyone else or being paid for taking notes by any person or commercial firm without the instructor’s express written permission. Unauthorized use of these copyrighted lecture materials and recordings constitutes copyright infringement and may be addressed under the university's policies, UWS Chapters 14 and 17, governing student academic and non-academic misconduct. |

## Sample Coursework Permission

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| The instructor may wish to use a sample of your work or some of the feedback you provide on the course in future teaching or research activities. Examples: showing students an example of a well-done assignment; analyzing student responses on a particular question; discussing teaching techniques at a conference. If your coursework or feedback is used, your identity will be concealed. If you prefer not to have your work included in any future projects, please send the instructor an e-mail indicating that you are opting out of this course feature. Otherwise, your participation in the class will be taken as consent to have portions of your coursework or feedback used for teaching or research purposes. |

## Revision Clause

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| This syllabus, the provided schedule, and all aforementioned coursework, are subject to change. It is the student’s responsibility to check the course website for corrections or updates to the syllabus. Any changes will be clearly noted in a course announcement or through email. |