

# SYLLABUS

Read the syllabus after the Course Home News. Then proceed to the Week 1 Course Content for further preparations.

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Location                 Clearwater BT 119

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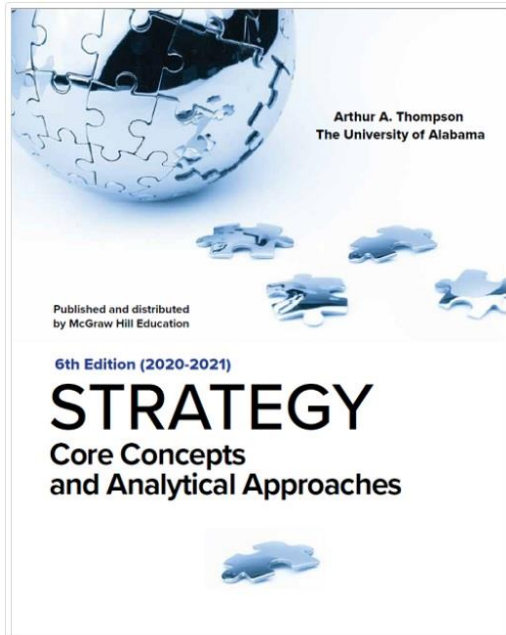
Email                     *Email professors first (follow chain of command)*

Main Office             Epi Center Room 2-305D

\* Capstone is team taught. Students run a simulated company reporting to the board of directors. Capstone is student-led and students must finish team self-selection by end of Week 1. Students should anticipate a response to MyCourses email and voice messages within 24 hours (max. 48 hour). If MyCourses is down or you are unable to upload your assignments, or if you have questions not related to this class, send correspondence directly to main SPC email accounts above.

Students are encouraged to make an appointment for office or other meeting times to assure availability (COVID-19 restrictions and requirements at that time will also be provided).

- **Required Text**



**BSG ValuePak:** Includes access for *The Business Strategy Game* (BSG) simulation and *Strategy: Core Concepts and Analytical Approaches* (6th Edition, 2020-2021) etext by Thompson, A. (McGraw-Hill). See: <http://www.bsg-online.com/> and Week 1 course content for the registration code to this course. Students may purchase access at the SPC bookstore or directly only at this BSG website (no mark-up). Students with financial aid can use the Book Line of Credit at the campus bookstore 30 days before the class starts.

The BSG code for this class is in the Week 1 **Business Strategy Game (BSG) Registration** information.

- **Course Description**

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**Prerequisite:** Student must have completed all major (core) courses in the College of Business Degree Program, with a grade of "C" or better and departmental permission.

**Description:** This course provides the opportunity for the student to demonstrate that she/he has learned the material from the program and can apply it in the real world. All program core courses must be completed before registering for capstone, and ideally it should be taken during the student's last semester at the college. It provides the student the opportunity to demonstrate proficiency in addressing business issues of today in a dynamic environment.

This is a 16 week course offered in fall and/or spring semesters only. 94 contact hours.

- **Objectives**



1. Demonstrate business acumen gained in degree program core courses to identify business strategic issues.
2. Analyze general methods and informed ethical approaches for dealing with business issues.
3. Develop potential solutions to address business strategic issues.
4. Implement detailed solutions to address business strategic issues.

- **Schedule**

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***Tentative Schedule - subject to change at anytime during the semester.***

For Excel file (to print with ease): [Schedule Fall 2020 Capstone 3 credit](#)

- **Format and Technology Requirements**

Students should have regular access to a computer that is connected to the Internet. It is strongly recommended that students have a broadband (high-speed) internet connection such as DSL or a cable modem. When viewing online videos or taking online exams, students should have an internet connection that is stable and will not drop their connection. Students without a stable high-speed internet connection should consider making arrangements to complete online requirements with alternative means (i.e. at one of the St. Petersburg College libraries, learning centers, or a similar facility) where a stable high-speed internet connection is available. See MyCourses System Check ([link](#)) for computer requirements for this learning management system. As always students should contact [SPC Technical Support](#) if having any issues with MyCourses.

A standard file format has been devised to apply to all classes in the College of Business to support file compatibility and sharing needs. Students are required to submit all assignments in Microsoft Office formats (Word, Excel and other Microsoft formats). No other formats (such as .RTF, .WPS, .PDF, etc) will be accepted. Students can get access to MS Office (FREE) through MySPC (see how to download at: <https://mycoursesupport.spcollege.edu/download-office-2016>). The college provides free self-paced technology tutorials at <https://mycoursesupport.spcollege.edu/technology-tutorials>.

It is required that all students must have access to a web camera and headset microphone to support video presentation and virtual meeting attendance. Students should arrange for the necessary equipment if they intend to earn full credit for those submissions or plan to attend meetings in-person (sign-up first come, first serve). Zoom requires use of a computer (not a mobile phone) to engage actively in shared screen, chat, polls, etc. but also the webcam is required to be on for entire meeting to earn attendance (all Zoom sessions will be recorded). Students will need knowledge of Zoom for remote meetings and presentations: [Join a Zoom Meeting](#) and [Zoom controls tutorial](#).

- **Time Commitment**

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This is a 6-credit course conducted over 16 weeks. In order to meet accreditation and learning standards, on average, students should expect to spend a minimum of 20 hours per week on course activities and assignments. Spending less time may be insufficient for success in this course.

- **Grading Policy**

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<b>Total without Comp Exam</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Overall BSG Simulation</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Quizzes (2)</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Exams (2)</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Strategic Plans (2)</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Company Presentation</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Peer Evaluations (2)</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Optional Comprehensive Exam</b>	<b>15</b>

Students must submit all of the assignments for each week by the deadline no later than 8:00 PM (EST) or they will not receive credit for the week. There will be absolutely no rights for exceptions to meeting these deadlines unless students have an official documented excuse (i.e. family death certificate, doctor's note, etc., see [SAP Appeal](#) process if extending more than one week). In the "business world", if you are late with your bid, you will not get the contract. The very same principal applies here. Please note that computer problems, sickness, travel, and lack of planning do not constitute an excuse for not making a deadline (do not procrastinate until the due date or these risks can have major impact on your performance). This may mean you will have to use computers on campus or somewhere other than your home, or submit the assignments or email submissions to the instructor's college e-mail account if MyCourses is down (should the need arise).

After verification of this documented excuse a late submission may be accepted as long as completed with 5 days from the original due date. Advance notice should be given to the board of directors whenever possible to arrange for further alternatives. Unapproved excuses carry a late penalty of - 10% per day late (approved exceptions do not have a grade deduction). Be sure to view all of the contents and expectations under each week's module as shown on the syllabus schedule to confirm you can meet them for proper completion and attendance for this course (plan your time accordingly).

Students should review the instructions and grading assessment rubrics included with assignments. Course grading is normally complete within 1 week from submission due date. The grading in this course is A  $\geq$ 90%; B  $\geq$ 80%; C  $\geq$ 70% any grade below 70% is not passing and will require you to take the class again when you have more time to devote to it's academic completion.

A grading curve may be applied at the instructor's discretion. Incomplete grades require students to complete all group assignments with a minimum of 80% of the course completed (anything less than

80% will result in the appropriate letter grade being recorded). In the event of an “I”, the board of directors will provide the terms for all remaining work to be completed; no later than the end of the sixth week of the next semester. After that time, a grade of “F” (or higher if the work that has been submitted is adequate to justify the higher grade) will be assigned.

- **Attendance Policy**

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Participation in the course is essential in order to avoid being withdrawn for non-attendance. Participation is defined as reading and preparing for weekly lessons, as well as completing and submitting all assignments on time. Additionally capstone students are required to have an active team role as a co-manager of their company which will require frequent course communications in a timely manner. The schedule (which includes spreadsheet to print) aligns to the course calendar, as well as each week's MyCourses lesson provides an overview of all assignments needed by their corresponding due date. ***Each action item is required for active participation and attendance*** in this course.

In this class there are two meetings that require attendance: Launch and Company Presentation. For the Launch Meeting you have the option of attending live (space permitting) or attending via Zoom. The launch meeting will be at the EpiCenter campus (directions at: <https://www.spcollege.edu/friends-partners/about/locations>). Information regarding the Company Presentations will be updated as available. Zoom participants are required to keep their webcamera on for the entire session to be in attendance. The attendance needs for the course will be further discussed at the launch meeting.

Students should review the college-wide attendance and financial aid policies included in the [syllabus addendum](#) (also linked in the last section of this syllabus). Additionally students need to review the student expectations regarding silencing or turning off all electronic devices during physical class meetings (authorized Zoom participants should mute microphone unless called on). All students will be held to the same practices of courtesy and respect as outlined further on the guidelines posted in the syllabus addendum. Students are expected to use professional communications with peers, as well as SPC administration and professors at all times.

Excused absences, of course, will not count against you. However students must contact the professor to make appropriate arrangements, along with provide them with supporting documentation accordingly. Advance notice should be given to the instructor whenever possible to arrange for alternatives (see grading policy for late submissions).

Lack of attendance can result in students being administratively withdrawn. Students are given a W in a course if two issues occur in Week 1 or 2, or are given a WF if issues occur at the 60% point (see last date to withdraw in the [academic calendar](#) to avoid this issue as it can result in serious financial aid and GPA consequences). If students are in their third attempt at completing a course, they will be given a WF grade at any point in the term if they fail to meet attendance requirements. Please see the student handbook and SPC [Student Right to Know](#) policies further as needed.

- **Academic Integrity**



Cheating, plagiarism, misrepresentation, conspiracy, fabrication, collusion, and other forms of academic honesty or misconduct are covered under the **Academic Honesty Guidelines** of the college in the [Student Right to Know Academic Policies](#). All students agree to this honor code upon enrollment at SPC in every course. Additionally students have the ethical obligation to not only comply to this honor code, but further report violations they may witness. As highlighted in the [syllabus addendum](#) (also linked in the last section of this syllabus), all course materials are copyrighted for use only within the course. Failure to meet the honor code and academic honesty and integrity policies of SPC can result in academic and disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the college.

The College of Business has a “0” tolerance policy for academic dishonesty and if the student is in violation, an “F” in the course can be applied. Understand that not properly giving credit to the sources used in your work, even when paraphrasing, is considered plagiarism and can result in not only a “0” for that assignment, but an “F” in the course. Furthermore individual submissions are expected to be completed by the individually registered student unless otherwise instructed (i.e. team assignments). Use of tutors (other than writing) is not acceptable at capstone. All communications, decisions, and other work in this class must be the student's own work.