

Fermanian School of Business BBU4080 International Business 3 Units

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PLNU Mission **⊗**To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

Fermanian School of Business Mission **⊗**

Character - Professionalism - Excellence - Relationships - Commitment - Innovation

As members of a vital Christian community, we strive to provide high quality business programs that equip students to make a positive impact in their workplace and community by connecting purpose to practice.

COURSE DESCRIPTION ★

This course provides an overview of business strategies, challenges and opportunities that exist in a global business environment. Students will explore the various economic, political, legal, social, and cultural contexts in which international businesses operate. In addition, students will develop a global business strategy, participate in a cross-cultural experience, and complete an in-depth research project on a specific country. Emphasis will be given to cross-cultural issues in management, marketing, and business ethics in an international setting.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES ★

The student who successfully completes this course will be able to:

- 1. Explain the main drivers of globalization and the changing nature of the global economy (PLO 1, E3 & F4).
- 2. Recognize the economic, ethical, and business implications of cultural change (PLO 1, 4 & F4).
- 3. Evaluate the policy instruments used by governments to influence international trade flows (PLO 1, F1 & F2).

- 4. Investigate and present on differences among countries and how differences can affect the ability to conduct business in an international arena (PLO 1, 3, E3, F1, F2 & F4).
- 5. Collaborate effectively in a team to formulate strategies and structures of decision-making in international business which reflect ethics and integrity (PLO 2, 4 & 5).

In order to achieve these objectives, the professor's goals are to assist you in: (1) using the information, concepts, and principles from this course to plan, prepare, and make informed decisions, (2) communicating your knowledge clearly in concise reports and presentations, and (3) building skills in international business problem solving, interpersonal communications, research, and fact-finding.

COURSE CREDIT HOUR INFORMATION (required for online and hybrid delivery ONLY)

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 3 unit class delivered over 16 weeks. It is anticipated that students will spend a minimum of 37.5 participation hours per credit hour on their coursework. For this course, students will spend an estimated 112.5 total hours meeting the course learning outcomes. The time estimations are provided in the Canvas modules.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND RECOMMENDED STUDY RESOURCES

- Hill, Charles, Global Business Today, 2024 McGraw-Hill Irwin (ISBN: 9781264943944
 - Various online articles and videos.

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING ★

Note: Clearly define a grading policy to avoid any confusion concerning expectations. It is most helpful if at least two things are present: 1) a point distribution and 2) a grading scale.

Sample assignment distribution by points:	Sample grade scale:	
Presentation 200 Final Exam 100 Quizzes 200 Case Studies 200 Projects. 300 Total 1,000 Note: Points must equal 1,000	A=93-100 A-=90-92 B+=87-89 B=83-86 B-=80-82 C+=77-79	C=73-76 C-=70-72 D+=67-69 D=63-66 D-=60-62 F=0-59

Multiple measures of evaluation are used in the course, allowing students opportunities to demonstrate their learning in more than one way, and giving consideration to individual learning styles. Course components that will be evaluated include:

Quizzes:

A total of twelve (12) chapter quizzes will be given. Students will have 15 minutes to complete 20 true / false and multiple-choice questions equaling a total of 20% of the grade. Students highest ten (10) quizzes will be used (10×20 pts = 200pts).

Case Study Assignments

A total of twelve (12) chapter quizzes will be given. Students will have 15 minutes to complete 20 true / false and multiple-choice questions equaling a total of 20% of the grade. Students highest ten (10) quizzes will be used (10 x 20pts = 200pts).

Final Project

The final assignments for this course are the Global Business Strategy Presentation. The purpose of the Final Projects is for students to culminate the learning achieved in the course. **Final Projects represent 17% of the overall course grade.**

INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments are to be submitted by the due dates. There will be a 10% reduction of possible points for **each day** an assignment is late, and assignments will **not be** accepted for credit four days after the due date. If missing assignments result in the failure to meet learning outcomes, you may receive a letter grade reduction on the final grade in addition to the loss of points for missing work. Assignments will be considered late if posted after the due date and time using Pacific Standard Time. No assignments will be accepted after midnight on Sunday night, the last day of class. Exceptions for extenuating circumstances must be pre-approved by the instructor and the program director.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) POLICY

The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., ChatGPT, iA Writer, Marmot, Botowski, GrammarlyGo, Perplexity, etc.) is prohibited in this course for any aspect of your work, including idea generation, drafting, editing, or final submissions. This course is designed to assess your independent critical thinking, writing, and research skills without the assistance of AI technologies. Violations of this policy will be treated as breaches of academic integrity.

CONTENT WARNING

I acknowledge that each of you comes to PLNU with your own unique life experiences. This contributes to the way you perceive various types of information. In [class name], all of the class content, including that which may be intellectually or emotionally challenging, has been intentionally curated to achieve the learning goals for this course. The decision to include such material is not taken lightly. These topics include [list topics]. If you encounter a topic that is intellectually challenging for you, it can manifest in feelings of discomfort and upset. In response, I encourage you to come talk to me or your friends or family about it. Class topics are discussed for the sole purpose of expanding your intellectual engagement in the area of [subject/major], and I will support you throughout your learning in this course.

TRIGGER WARNING

I acknowledge that each of you comes to PLNU with your own unique life experiences. This contributes to the way you perceive several types of information. In [class name], we will cover a variety of topics, some of which you may find triggering. These topics include [list topics]. Each time this topic appears in a reading or unit, it is marked on the syllabus. The experience of being triggered versus intellectually challenged are different. The main difference is that an individual must have experienced trauma to experience being triggered, whereas an intellectual challenge has nothing to do with trauma. If you are a trauma survivor and encounter a topic in this class that is triggering for you, you may feel overwhelmed or panicked and find it difficult to concentrate. In response, I encourage you to take the necessary steps for your emotional safety. This may include leaving class while the topic is discussed or talking to a therapist at the Counseling Center. Should you choose to sit out on discussion of a certain topic, know that you are still responsible for the material; but we can discuss if there are other methods for accessing that material, and for assessing your learning on that material. Class topics are discussed for the sole purpose of expanding your intellectual engagement in the area of [subject/major], and I will support you throughout your learning in this course.

LANGUAGE AND BELONGING

Point Loma Nazarene University faculty are committed to helping create a safe and hospitable learning environment for all students. As Christian scholars we are keenly aware of the power of language and believe in treating others with dignity. As such, it is important that our language be equitable, inclusive, and prejudice free. Inclusive/Bias-free language is the standard outlined by all major academic style guides, including MLA, APA, and Chicago, and it is the expected norm in university-level work. Good writing and speaking do not use unsubstantiated or irrelevant generalizations about personal qualities such as age, disability, economic class, ethnicity, marital status, parentage, political or religious beliefs, race, gender, sex, or sexual orientation. Inclusive language also avoids using stereotypes or terminology that demeans persons or groups based on age, disability, class, ethnicity, gender, race, language, or national origin. Respectful use of language is particularly important when referring to those outside of the religious and lifestyle commitments of those in the PLNU community. By working toward precision and clarity of language, we mark ourselves as serious and respectful scholars, and we model the Christ-like quality of hospitality.

If you (or someone you know) have experienced other forms of discrimination or bias, you can find more information on reporting and resources at www.pointloma.edu/bias.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCRIMINATION

In support of a safe learning environment, if you (or someone you know) have experienced any form of sexual discrimination or misconduct, including sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, know that accommodations and resources are available through the Title IX Office at pointloma.edu/Title-IX. Please be aware that under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, faculty and staff are required to disclose information about such misconduct to the Title IX Office.

If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact Counseling Services at counselingservices@pointloma.edu or find a list of campus pastors at pointloma.edu/title-ix or as shown in the PLNU Spiritual Care section of this syllabus.

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SPIRITUAL CARE

PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as a whole person. To this end, we provide resources for our Graduate and Adult Undergraduate students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith. At the Mission Valley (MV) campus we have an onsite chaplain who is available during class break times across the week. If you have questions or a desire to meet or share any prayer requests with the onsite chaplain, you may email Dr. Sylvia Cortez Masyuk at scortezm@pointloma.edu.

In addition, on the MV campus there is a prayer chapel on the third floor which is open for use as a space set apart for quiet reflection and prayer.

GPS ACADEMIC RESOURCES

PLNU offers the following free academic resources virtually for Graduate Professional Studies (GPS) Students. Visit myPLNU through the links below for more information.

- The GPS Writing Center offers:
 - o **Zoom Writers Workshops** offered each quad on a variety of helpful topics
 - o One-to-one appointments with the Writing Coach
 - o Microlearning YouTube Video Library for helpful tips anytime
 - o Research Help Guide to help you start your research
 - o The physical office is located on the third floor of the <u>Mission Valley Regional Center</u> off the student lounge
- Academic Writing Resources Course: Found on your Canvas Dashboard, this course is non-credit with 24/7 access, no time limits, and self-paced content. Watch a quick video run-through and take time now to explore!
- Grammarly: Students have unlimited FREE access to Grammarly for Education, a trusted tool
 designed to help enhance writing skills by providing real-time feedback, identifying areas for
 improvement, and providing suggestions. Grammarly's Generative AI is NOT available with our
 student accounts.
- <u>Tutoring</u>: Students have access to 24/7 live or scheduled subject tutoring through Tutor.com, including a Paper Drop-Off Service with feedback within 12 hours.

We are here to support you! Contact us anytime: **GPSWritingCenter@pointloma.edu**

NOTE: The following policies are to be used without changes:

STATE AUTHORIZATION (★ FOR FULLY ONLINE COURSES ONLY)

State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student's

responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location. Refer to the map on State Authorization to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY ★

Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

PLNU Recording Notification ★

In order to enhance the learning experience, please be advised that this course may be recorded by the professor for educational purposes, and access to these recordings will be limited to enrolled students and authorized personnel.

Note that all recordings are subject to copyright protection. Any unauthorized distribution or publication of these recordings without written approval from the University (refer to the Dean) is strictly prohibited.

PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY ®

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. For all student appeals, faculty and students should follow the procedures outlined in the University Catalog. See Adult Undergraduate Academic and General Policies for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

During the first week of class, you will be asked to submit an Academic Honesty Verification Statement. Submitting the statement is a requirement of this course. By submitting the Academic Honesty Verification Statement, you will be verifying all assignments completed in this course were completed by you. Carefully review the Academic Honesty Statement below.

Statement: "In submitting this form, I am verifying all the assignments in this course will be completed by me and will be my own work."

PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY **★**

PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center (EAC@pointloma.edu or 619-849-2533). Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will work with the student to create an Accommodation Plan (AP) that outlines allowed accommodations. Professors are able to view a student's approved accommodations through Accommodate.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that particular course. Accommodations are

not retroactive so clarifying with the professor at the outset is one of the best ways to promote positive academic outcomes.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to ensure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC. Students cannot assume that because they had accommodations in the past, their eligibility at PLNU is automatic. All determinations at PLNU must go through the EAC process. This is to protect the privacy of students with disabilities who may not want to disclose this information and are not asking for any accommodations.

COURSE MODALITY DEFINITIONS

- 1. Online Courses: These are courses with class meetings where all instruction and interaction is fully online.
 - a. Synchronous Courses: At least one class meeting takes place at a designated time.
 - b. Asynchronous Courses: All class meetings are asynchronous.
- 2. Hybrid Courses: These are courses with class meetings that take place both in the classroom and online synchronously and/or asynchronously.
- 3. In-Person Courses: These are courses that meet in person with the instructor and students in a physical classroom setting. With approval by the area dean, this may include up to 25% of qualified class interactions through a Learning Management System (such as Canvas).

PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY®

Face-to-Face BBA/BAOL Courses:

Regular and punctual attendance at all class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. Therefore, regular attendance and participation in each course are minimal requirements.

If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions, the faculty member will issue a written warning of de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university withdrawal date or, after that date, receive an "F" grade.

Students who anticipate being absent for an entire week of a course should contact the instructor in advance for approval and make arrangements to complete the required coursework and/or alternative assignments assigned at the discretion of the instructor. Acceptance of late work is at the discretion of the instructor and does not waive attendance requirements.

Refer to Academic Policies for additional detail.

USE OF TECHNOLOGY

In order to be successful in your course, you'll need to meet the minimum technology and system requirements; please refer to the <u>Technology and System Requirements</u> information. Additionally, students are required to have headphone speakers, microphone, or webcams compatible with their

computer available to use. Please note that any course with online proctored exams requires a computer with a camera (tablets are not compatible) to complete exams online.

Problems with technology do not relieve you of the responsibility of participating, turning in your assignments, or completing your class work.

FINAL EXAMINATION POLICY **⊗**

Successful completion of this class requires taking the final examination on its scheduled day.

COURSE SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS ⊗

Note: For each assignment, provide the following things:

- Description: Clear explanation of the assignment
- Requirements: Clearly identify all evaluation requirements for each assignment, including rubrics, if any, for assignments.
- Style standard: APA, Chicago, etc, if applicable.

DATE	CLASS CONTENT OR ASSIGNMENT	ASSIGNMENT
PRESENTED		DUE DATE
9/1/25	Course Overview	1/14/25
9/1/25	Week 1 Overview	1/23/25
9/7/25	Course Overview Video	1/26/25
9/7/25	Opening Assignment	1/30/25
9/7/25	Week 1 Overview Video	2//25
9/7/25	Sign up for Country Presentations	2/2/25
9/8/25	Week 2 Overview Video	2/6/25
9/8/25	Week 2 Overview	2/9/25
9/10/25	Chapter 1 Quiz	2/13/25
9/10/25	Closing Case- Chapter 1	2/12/25
9/10/25	Lecture Video and Response: Chapter 1	2/16/25
9/14/25	Chapter 2 Quiz	2/16/25
9/14/25	Closing Case- Chapter 2	2/12/25
9/14/25	Lecture Video and Response: Chapter 2	2/20/25
9/15/25	Week 3 Overview Video	2/23/25
9/15/25	Week 3 Overview	2/27/25
9/17/25	Closing Case- Chapter 3	3/2/25
9/17/25	Lecture Video and Response: Chapter 3	3/6/25
9/21/25	Chapter 4 Quiz	3/9/25
9/21/25	Closing Case Chapter 4	3/20/25
9/21/25	Country Presentation Peer Review #1	3/23/25
9/21/25	Lecture Video and Response: Chapter 4	3/27/25

9/21/25	Week 3 Wrap up Video	3/30/25
9/22/25	Week 4 Overview Video	4/3/35
9/22/25	Week 4 Overview	4/6/25
9/24/25	Chapter 5 Quiz	4/10/25
9/24/25	Closing Case Chapter 5	4/13/25
9/24/25	Lecture Video and Response: Chapter 5	4/24/25
9/28/25	Chapter 6 Quiz	4/29/25
9/28/25	Closing Case Chapter 6	
9/28/25	Country Presentation Peer Review #2	
9/28/25	Lecture Video and Response Chapter 6	
9/28/25	Week 4 Wrap up Video	5/6/25
9/29/25	Week 5 Overview Video	4/3/35
9/29/25	Week 5 Overview	4/6/25
10/1/25	Chapter 7 Quiz	4/10/25
10/1/25	Closing Case Chapter 7	4/13/25
10/1/25	Lecture Video and Response: Chapter 7	4/24/25
10/5/25	Chapter 8 Quiz	4/29/25
10/5/25	Closing Case Chapter 8	
10/5/15	Country Presentation Peer Review #3	
10/5/25	Lecture Video and Response Chapter 8	
10/5/25	Week 5 Wrap up Video	5/6/25
10/6/25	Week 6 Overview Video	
10/8/25	Week 6 Overview	
10/8/25	Chapter 9 Quiz	
10/8/25	Closing Case Chapter 9	
10/8/25	Lecture Video and Response: Chapter 9	
10/12/25	Chapter 10 Quiz	
10/12/25	Closing Case Chapter 10	
10/12/25	Country Presentation Peer Review #4	
10/12/25	Lecture Video and Response Chapter 10	
10/12/25	Week 6 Wrap up Video	
10/13/25	Week 7 Overview Video	
10/13/25	Week 7 Overview	
10/15/25	Chapter 11 Quiz	
10/15/25	Lecture Video and Response: Chapter 11	
10/19/25	Chapter 12 Quiz	
10/19/25	Country Presentation Peer Review #5	

10/19/25	Cross Cultural Interview (2 Options)	
10/19/25	Lecture Video and Response Chapter 12	
10/19/25	Week 7 Wrap up Video	
10/19/25	Week 8 Overview Video	
10/20/25	Week 8 Overview	
10/20/25	Final Exam	
10/25/25	Final Thoughts	
10/25/25	Week 8 Wrap up Video	
10/26/25	Bonus Points: IDEA Evaluation	
10/26/25	Country Presentations	