

# Fermanian School of Business BBU 4080 International Business 3 Units

#### **SPRING 2025**

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Meeting days: Mondays	eting days: Mondays Instructor: Robert Gailey, Ph.D.	
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<b>Final Exam:</b> During class on Monday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:45pm	Office hours (preferred times to schedule a meeting):	
	M/W: 1:00pm-2:30pm, T: 3-5:00pm, Th: 11:30am-1pm	
	I am also available for Zoom meetings or to meet before or	
	after class at campus as needed and when I am available.	

#### **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**

Upon completion of this course, students 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).

## REQUIRED TEXTS AND RECOMMENDED STUDY RESOURCES

- Hill, Charles, <u>Global Business Today</u>, Evergreen Release, 2024, McGraw-Hill Irwin (ISBN: 9781264943944)



- Additional real-time articles may be assigned during the course
- Access to *The Wall Street Journal, The Economist*, and/or *The Financial Times*. These are accessible via <u>PLNU's online library</u>.
- Calculator and computer. Bring your laptop to class.

## **Additional Resources**

- http://www.nytimes.com/pages/business/international/index.html
- http://globaledge.msu.edu

## ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

Students are expected to attend all class sessions, participate in class activities, complete exams as scheduled, and turn in assignments on time, or risk the loss of points.

Approximate points available are as follow:

Graded Event	Max Points Available (% of grade)	Notes
Opening Assignment	20 (2%)	Opening assignment during the "light" week of class
Chapter Quizzes	200 (20%)	10 x 20 pts (12 quizzes but only top 10 recorded)
Chapter Case Studies (Canvas)	200 (20%)	10 x 20 pts
Individual Country Presentations	100 (10%)	100 pts for class presentation and slide deck
Cross Cultural Interview	100 (10%)	100 pts for uploaded interview paper
Global Business Strategy (Team Project)	175 (17.5%)	100 pts for final presentation, 5x10pts for Steps 1-5, 25pts for group participation

Country Presentation Peer Reviews	80 (8%)	10prts x 8 – providing substantive response to peer presentation on each country
Final Exam	100 (10%)	To be taken the last day of class
Class Attendance / Participation / Survey	25 (2.5%)	Points for attendance, participation, and course evaluation
Total	1,000	

#### **GRADING SCALE**

Final grades will approximately follow this scale:

Α	930 – 1000 points	С	730 – 769 points
A-	900 – 929 points	C-	700 – 729 points
B+	870 – 899 points	D+	670 – 699 points
В	830 – 869 points	D	630 – 669 points
B-	800 – 829 points	D-	600 – 629 points
C+	770 – 799 points	F	599 points or less

## **INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS**

All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by the beginning of the class session when they are due—including assignments posted in Canvas. Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:scortezm@pointloma.edu">scortezm@pointloma.edu</a>. 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.

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) POLICY

You are allowed to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools (e.g, ChatGPT, iA Writer, Marmot, Botowski) to generate ideas and to create presentation materials (graphs, images) that will be submitted to be graded for this course. However, please do not use AI for substantive content that should be your original work. If you have any doubts about using AI, please gain permission from the instructor. Any work that utilizes AI-based tools must be clearly identified as such, including the specific tool(s) used. Please use the following sources to guide your citations when using AI.

- MLA Style Center: Citing Generative Al
- APA Style: How to Cite ChatGPT
- Chicago Manual of Style: Citing Content Developed or Generated by AI

## 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 <u>Adult Undergraduate Academic and General Policies</u> 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 619-849-2486). 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. The EAC makes accommodations available to professors at the student's request.

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 special accommodations.

## PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

Regular and punctual attendance at all class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. 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 drop 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 <a href="Academic Policies">Academic Policies</a> for additional detail.

#### **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:
  - Zoom Writers Workshops offered each quad on a variety of helpful topics
  - One-to-one appointments with the Writing Coach
  - Microlearning YouTube Video Library for helpful tips anytime
  - Research Help Guide to help you start your research
  - 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 noncredit with 24/7 access, no time limits, and self-paced content. Watch a quick video runthrough 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** 

#### **FINAL EXAMINATION POLICY**

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

# **COURSE SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS**

Week #	Day of Class	CLASS CONTENT OR ASSIGNMENT	Global Business Strategy
1	Monday	Review Syllabus and Course Assignments	
	Light Week	Opening Exercise	
	(online)	Group Project/Country presentation sign-ups	
2		MLK Day	No Class
3		Chapter #1: Globalization	
		<ul> <li>Lecture/Activity/Discussion</li> </ul>	
	Monday	Chapter Quiz #1	
	Monday	<ul> <li>Dr. Gailey's Country presentation</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Case Study/Exercise #1 due by midnight</li> </ul>	
		Global Business Strategy Selection	
4		Chapter #2: National Differences in Political,	Step #1 due in Canvas
		Economic, and Legal Systems	_
	Monday	Lecture/Activity/Discussion	
		Chapter Quiz #2	
		Case Study/Exercise #2 due by midnight	
5		Chapter #3: National Differences in Economic	
		Development	
		<ul> <li>Lecture/Activity/Discussion</li> </ul>	
	Monday	Chapter Quiz #3	
		Individual Country Presentation (1)	
		Case Study/Exercise #3 due by midnight	
6		Chapter #4: Differences in Culture	Step #2 due in Canvas
		Lecture/Activity/Discussion	
	Monday	• Chapter Quiz #4	
	Wienday	Individual Country Presentation (2)	
		Case Study/Exercise #4 due by midnight	
7		Chapter #5: Ethics, Corporate Social	
,	Responsibility, and Sustainability		
		Lecture/Activity/Discussion	
	Monday	Chapter Quiz #5	
8		Case Study/Exercise #5 due by midnight     Chapter #6: International Trade Theory	Sign up for Stop #2
Ó		Chapter #6: International Trade Theory	Sign-up for Step #3
	D. Company	Lecture/Activity/Discussion     Chapter Ovice #6	meeting – next week
	Monday	Chapter Quiz #6      Chapter Quiz #6	
		Individual Country Presentation (4)	
		Case Study/Exercise #6 due by midnight	
PLNU	Spring	Break	No class

9		Chapter #7: Government Policy and International Trade	Step #3 – group meets with professor
	Monday	<ul> <li>Lecture/Activity/Discussion</li> </ul>	
		Chapter Quiz #7	
		<ul> <li>Individual Country Presentation (5)</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Case Study/Exercise #7 due by midnight</li> </ul>	
10		Chapter #8: Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)	
		<ul> <li>Lecture/Activity/Discussion</li> </ul>	
	Monday	Chapter Quiz #8	
		<ul> <li>Individual Country Presentation (6)</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Case Study/Exercise #8 due by midnight</li> </ul>	
11		Chapter #9: Regional Economic Integration	
		<ul> <li>Lecture/Activity/Discussion</li> </ul>	
	Monday	Chapter Quiz #9	
		<ul> <li>Individual Country Presentation (7)</li> </ul>	
		Case Study/Exercise #9 due by midnight	
12		Chapter #10: The Foreign Exchange Market	Step #4 due in Canvas
		<ul> <li>Lecture/Activity/Discussion</li> </ul>	-
	Monday	Chapter Quiz #10	
		<ul> <li>Individual Country Presentation (8)</li> </ul>	
		Case Study/Exercise #10 due by midnight	
13		Chapter #11: The International Monetary	
		System	
	Monday	<ul> <li>Lecture/Activity/Discussion</li> </ul>	
		Chapter Quiz #11	
		<ul> <li>Individual Country Presentations (9)</li> </ul>	
14			Step #5
		Chapter #12: The Strategy of International	Turn in Final Paper –
	Monday	Business	presentation should
		Lecture/Activity/Discussion	incorporate feedback
		Chapter Quiz #12	from company
15		Cross-cultural Interview Due	Final Step #6
	Monday	Cross-cultural Interview Discussion	
	,	Global Business Strategy Presentations	
16		Final Exam: Monday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> during	
	Monday	class time	
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# Note:

The information in this syllabus is subject to change. I will announce changes in class and on Canvas early enough to give you time to meet assignments, etc. It is your responsibility to maintain your schedule, making the changes as necessary. I will not consider absence an excuse for not keeping your schedule updated. Check your PLNU e-mail and Canvas regularly.

## **COURSE COMPONENTS**

# A: Chapter Quizzes: 200 points (10 x 20 pts. each – 12 total, top 10 count – drop 2 lowest scores):

Twelve (12) chapter quizzes will be given during the semester (one/week). Students will have 20 minutes to complete 20 true/false or multiple-choice questions, worth 20 points/quiz. Students' highest ten (10) quizzes will be used (10 x20pts = 200pts) to calculate the final grade for this part of the class. The two lowest scores will not be tabulated in the final grade and, therefore, **there are NO make-up quizzes or alternative assignments if a student has to miss a quiz**. The total score from the top 10 quizzes equals a total of 20% of a student's overall grade for the class. Quizzes will be posted on canvas so you will need to have a way to access Canvas (electronic device) for these quizzes each week.

# **B: Individual Country Presentation: 100 points**

This assignment is to present to the class a 10-15 min over-view of a specific country and its global business opportunities as mentioned below. The day prior to presenting, each presenting student must post on CANVAS (in the Discussion area), their slides covering the points below. Students need to be prepared to answer questions on all points below during the Q+A after their presentation. Each student will present a different country allocated on a first come, first choice basis.

## Each country presentation should include:

- 1. Country overview: location, population, currency, language, religion, GDP etc.
- 2. Political economy and system
- 3. Economic status and development
- 4. Cultural values/norms
- 5. Global business opportunities
- 6. Managerial considerations include an investment grade (A-F)

# C. Country Presentation Peer Reviews: 80 points (8 x 10 points each)

For 8 weeks, each student will provide a reflection on your fellow classmate's country presentation. Feedback will cover: What unique piece of country knowledge did you learn? Reflect upon a specific data point given and provide pertinent feedback AND what question do you have for the presenter? (Minimum 100 words)

## D. Global Business Strategy (150 pts.) – see Appendix A:

This assignment is designed to utilize knowledge, skills and values learnt throughout the semester. It will require a comprehensive understanding of global business and how this knowledge can be applied to a real-world organization. Teams will be established to present a business strategy on "how to take a local company to a global scale" (no companies focused exclusively on alcohol are permitted). This will require an in-depth understanding of both the individual business and the international opportunities/challenges that businesses face to ensure a successful globalization of its product or service. Each team and organization needs to be selected early so as to maximize the opportunity for research and content application. Specific criteria and expectations will be outlined upon assignment of your team project once the companies have been selected. Some class time will be given to work on this assignment. Near the end of the semester, each group will present for 15-20 minutes to the whole class of the strategies you have designed for your group's selected organization. You then will field questions from the class and professor for 3-5 minutes. The group's overall grade will depend on the quality of the research, applicability to the class, and presentation skills utilized.

## E. Global Business Group Evaluation (25 points):

Students will evaluate themselves and their group members based on overall contribution to the project.

## F. Opening Class Assignment (20 points):

During the light week, students are expected to complete an initial assignment on Canvas related to Global Business.

## G. Chapter Case Studies (200 points):

For 10 weeks, you will respond to questions from the chapter case studies to encourage reading of the chapters and to consider real-world applications of the principles being studied. Each of these assignments is worth 20 points for a total of 200 points (or 20%) of the overall grade in the course.

## H. Cross-Culture Interview (100 points) – see Appendix B:

Students will conduct an informational interview of a first-generation immigrant/refugee who is an owner of a local business and then write a paper on what was learned. This interview is specially designed for you to grapple with cross-cultural considerations and differences between operating a business in another cultural context and the USA. More details will be given in class.

## I. Final Exam (100 pts):

A cumulative final exam on the course readings and discussions will be given at the assigned day/time as per the final examination schedule. This will test for comprehensive understanding of the textbook content, course discussions, and group project materials. The Final is scheduled for <u>May 5<sup>th</sup> during</u> regular class hours.

# J. Class Attendance / Participation / Survey (25 pts):

Students' final score / grade will be impacted by their attendance, participation in class, and completing the course evaluation at the end of the semester.

#### ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### LOMA WRITING CENTER

The Loma Writing Center exists to help all members of the PLNU community cultivate transferable writing skills to engage their academic, professional, personal, and spiritual communities. We work toward this goal by conducting one-on-one consultation sessions, supporting writing education across the PLNU community, and participating in ongoing writing center research.

Getting feedback from the Loma Writing Center while you're in the process of working on an assignment is a great way to improve the quality of your writing and develop as a writer. You are encouraged to talk with a trained writing consultant about getting started on an assignment, organizing your ideas, finding and citing sources, revising, editing for grammar and polishing final drafts, and more. For information about how to make in-person or online appointments, see <a href="Loma Writing Center webpage">Loma Writing Center webpage</a> or visit the Loma Writer Center on the first floor of the Ryan Library, room 221.

## 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 <a href="mailto:pointloma.edu/Title-IX">pointloma.edu/Title-IX</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:counselingservices@pointloma.edu">counselingservices@pointloma.edu</a> or find a list of campus pastors at <a href="mailto:pointloma.edu/Title-IX">pointloma.edu/Title-IX</a> or as shown in the PLNU Spiritual Care section of this syllabus. If you (or someone you know) have experienced other forms of discrimination or bias, you can find more information on reporting and resources at <a href="https://www.pointloma.edu/bias">https://www.pointloma.edu/bias</a>

#### 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 <a href="https://www.pointloma.edu/bias">www.pointloma.edu/bias</a>. You may report an incident(s) using the <a href="https://www.pointloma.edu/bias">Bias Incident Reporting Form</a>.

## **INSTRUCTOR'S BACKGROUND**

## **FAITH INTEGRATION IN THE CLASSROOM**

I am a follower of Christ who believes that successful businesses and nonprofits can be run with integrity, compassion, and ethics, as well as with sound business principles, and that, in fact, they go hand in hand. Your work life and actions can and should be used as a platform to model the love of Christ for others and for the most marginalized among us.

## **ABOUT PROFESSOR GAILEY**

Welcome! My name is Robert Gailey. You can view my PLNU page <a href="here">here</a> and my LinkedIn profile <a href="here">here</a>. I am in my 20th year teaching at PLNU and look forward to getting to know you this semester and sharing in the pursuit of learning about International Business.

## A little on my personal journey:

My wife, Wanda, and I have been married for over 32 years. I have a son, Josh, and a daughter, Teresa. Our family loves to travel, make friends with people from other cultures, and anything to do with animals.

I grew up as a missionary kid in <u>Eswatini</u> (formerly Swaziland), which is located in southern Africa. My wife and I (pre-kids) served as missionaries to <u>Malawi</u>, located closer to central Africa. I have worked for more than 20+ years in the field of microfinance, first with the Microcredit Summit Campaign, then with <u>World Relief</u>. I served as faculty advisor for PLNU's Microfinance Club. I also direct PLNU's <u>Center for International Development</u>, a place where students can engage businesses that seek to serve the least of these (poorest 3 billion people on earth). I currently serve on the Board of <u>Nazarene Compassionate Ministries</u>, <u>Inc.</u> (which partners with the church's <u>Compassionate Ministries</u>) and have served for several years on the board of <u>Lazarian World Homes</u>. I am a Boston sports team fan, having been born in Boston and attending college there.

## My educational background includes:

A BA in Business Administration from <u>Eastern Nazarene College</u> (graduated in 1992).

A Masters of Divinity in Inter-cultural ministry from <u>Nazarene Theological Seminary</u> (1997 grad).

A Ph.D. from the <u>School of Leadership and Education Sciences</u> at the <u>University of San Diego</u> (with a concentration in nonprofit management). I graduated from USD in 2010.

#### My personal passions:

The things that get me up in the morning and that I feel called by God to give my life towards are: poverty alleviation (particularly in Global South countries), local church engagement, seeing students decide to engage their skills, networks, enthusiasm, idealism, and hard work to address issues of poverty, compassion, and discipleship. I believe <u>business can be a powerful tool to help communities flourish</u>. I recently had a book (2021) published entitled: <u>Development in Mission: A Guide for Transforming Global Poverty and Ourselves</u> for Christians/Churches interested in helping address global poverty.

# Appendix A

## **Global Business Strategy**

Students will select a local company whose owner/founder is actively involved in the business's day-to-day operations. Students will complete an organizational summary (background) and develop plan for global expansion. Checkpoints in the form of assignments will help guide the progress of the project. Students are encouraged to challenge conventional wisdom or assumption about the current business strategy and invent a radically different way of entering into the global market.

## **Steps**

## 1. Selection

Students will research and find a local organization whose objective is to engage in a potential international expansion (develop an international strategy).

Areas that may be covered:

- Manufacturing in another country
- Distribution in another country
- International Outsource/Insource of services
- Other (specified and approved)

## <u>Students will upload the following information</u> to the assigned discussion board on Canvas:

- 1. Name of Business:
- 2. Contact Person Name and Position:
- 3. Contact Information (Phone/email):

# 2. Client Meeting #1

Meet with your contact from the organization and conduct an informational interview to collect information for your research. This can be done in person or via ZOOM.

#### Sample interview questions:

- How could this company expand internationally?
- What is the organization's major revenue source?
- What type of distribution channels does the organization use?
- What kinds of marketing strategies are used?
- Who is your consumer base?

## Students will upload the following information to the assigned discussion board on Canvas:

- 1. Organization mission:
- 2. Organization structure:
- 3. Financial information (revenue, supply, and demand, etc.):
- 4. Organization's international objectives/opportunities:
- 5. Three possible international strategic opportunities:
- 6. The one international strategic opportunity you plan to focus on:

#### 3. Meet with Professor

Set up a 15min meeting with me to discuss your chosen business and results of the first meeting. All group members must be able to attend and confirm their individual roles and responsibilities of the project moving forward.

## 4. Research & Class Update

Conduct in-depth research about the organization's international strategy. Create a detailed analysis of the selected countries (of international strategy):

## <u>Students will upload the following information</u> to the group assignment on Canvas:

- 1. What are the political, economic, legal, and cultural variables that will directly affect the international business strategy.
- 2. How will the organizational objectives best be met?
- 3. What is estimated project budget?
- 4. What challenges will the organization face using this strategy?
- 5. How will the strategy affect the organization's bottom line?
- 6. Create an estimated timeline for achieving the objectives, and assess risks and resources.
- Timeline:
- Estimated launch date:
- Project risk assessment:
- Required resources:
- 7. What is the estimated project budget (excluding direct student assistance)?
- 8. What are the potential risks of the project?
- 9. How will risks be managed?
- 10. What are the required resources needed to complete the project?

## **5. Client Meeting #2** (This can be done in person or via ZOOM)

1. Meet with your contact a final time, and give a mock presentation of your findings in order to receive feedback on your work.

## Students will upload the following information to the group assignment on Canvas:

2. A brief reflection of your most recent communication with your contact and the impact on your strategy moving forward

#### 6. Final Class Presentation

**Presentation:** Students will present their experience and findings to their classmates. The presentation should be a clear and concise summary of the company in which value was added, the opportunity that was identified, the implementation of the plan, how value was added, and the results/feedback received. The presentation should touch on all of the points covered in the previous discussions as well as the written paper. Students will present their findings to the class through a 15-20 minute digital live presentation (powerpoint, google slides, prezi, etc.). Be prepared to answer questions from the professor and the rest of the class.

# **Appendix B**

The purpose of this assignment is to engage with a person doing business who has more than one culture/country context experience to compare and contrast so you can learn from them.

You are to interview a first generation immigrant/refugee that has arrived in the US and is the owner/operator of a business. You also can interview a US citizen who is operating a business (and preferably living) in another country. The interview is to be conducted in person (not over email) and contact information for the person needs to be provided along with answers to the questions below.

The interview will be uploaded on CANVAS as a 3-4 page APA formatted Word document including 1) Contact name and details of person interviewed 2) Interview answers to questions below and 3) a paragraph or two on personal reflections of the interview content, **referencing what you learned** about different business/cultural contexts in relation to the course materials (textbook, lectures, class discussions).

This interview is specifically designed for you to grapple with inter-cultural considerations and differences between operating a business in another cultural context and the US.

## **Contact Details:**

Name of person, and the countries you are comparing

Name of company

Email, phone number, or web address of company/person

## **Questions to Ask:**

- 1. Describe how you came about owning a business in the US?
- 2. How did you go about deciding on the type of business?
- 3. What challenges have you experienced in your new country based on your background/heritage?
- 4. What are some regulatory differences between operating a business in the US compared to your country of origin? For example, taxes, licenses, political interference, etc.
- 5. What are some major cultural differences you have experienced running a business in the US?
- 6. Overall, how would characterize the opportunity of owning a business in the US vs. your country of origin?

The interview can be conducted in person (preferred) but can be done online if circumstances require it.